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OF THE

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ONTARIO

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AND MANY OF THE EARLY SETTLED FAMILIES.

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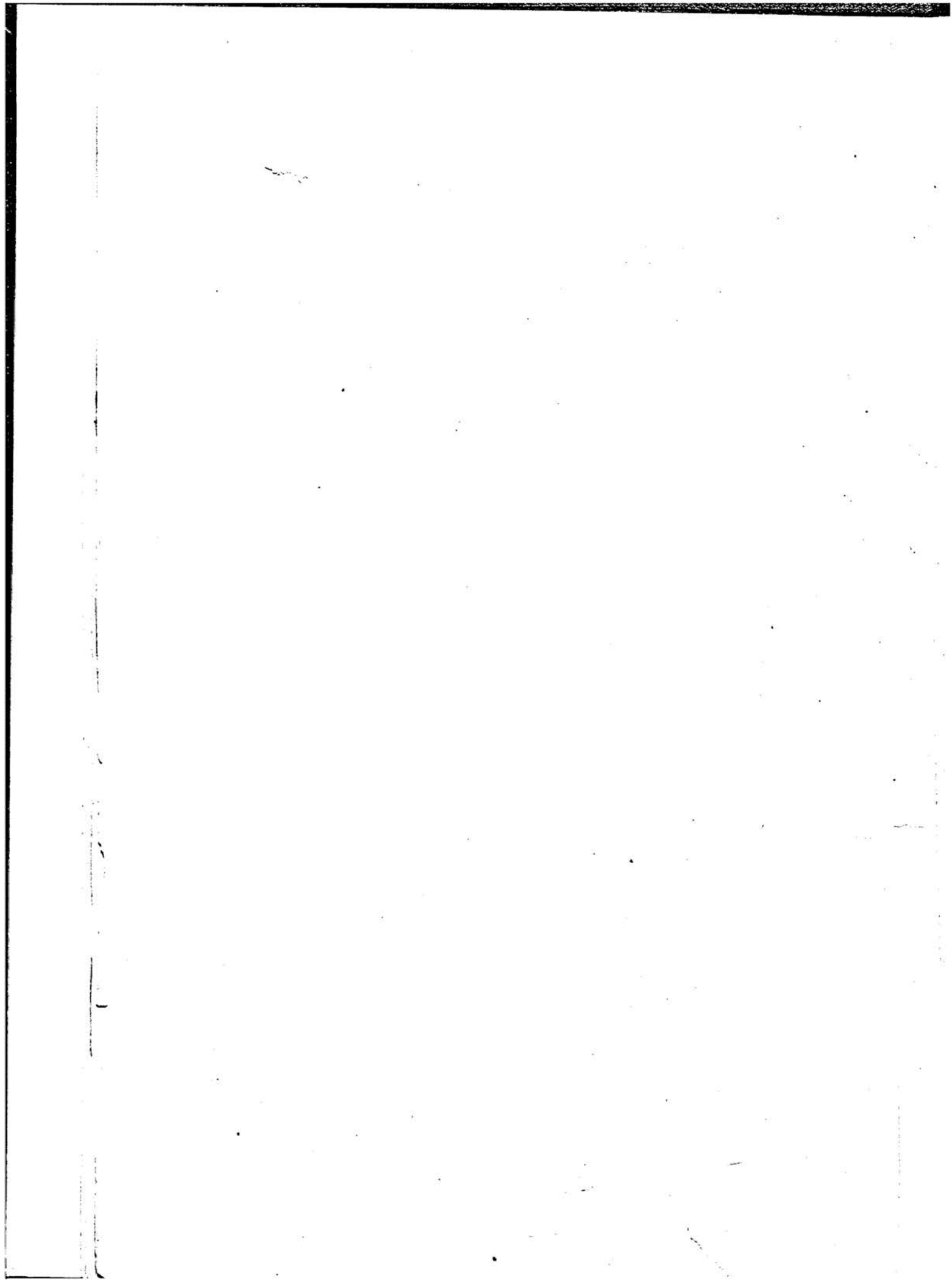
PREFACE.

THE importance of placing in book form biographical history of representative citizens—both for its immediate worth and for its value to coming generations—is admitted by all thinking people; and within the past decade there has been a growing interest in this commendable means of perpetuating biography and family genealogy.

That the public is entitled to the privileges afforded by a work of this nature needs no assertion at our hands; for one of our greatest men has said that the history of any country resolves itself into the biographies of its stout, earnest and representative citizens. This medium, then, serves more than a single purpose; while it perpetuates biography and family genealogy, it records history, much of which would be preserved in no other way.

In presenting the *COMMEMORATIVE BIOGRAPHICAL RECORD* to its patrons, the publishers have to acknowledge, with gratitude, the encouragement and support their enterprise has received, and the willing assistance rendered in enabling them to surmount the many unforeseen obstacles to be met with in the production of a work of this character. In nearly every instance the material composing the sketches was gathered from those immediately interested, and then submitted in typewritten form for correction and revision. The volume, which is one of generous amplitude, is placed in the hands of the public with the belief that it will be found a valuable addition to the library, as well as an invaluable contribution to the historical literature of the Province of Ontario.

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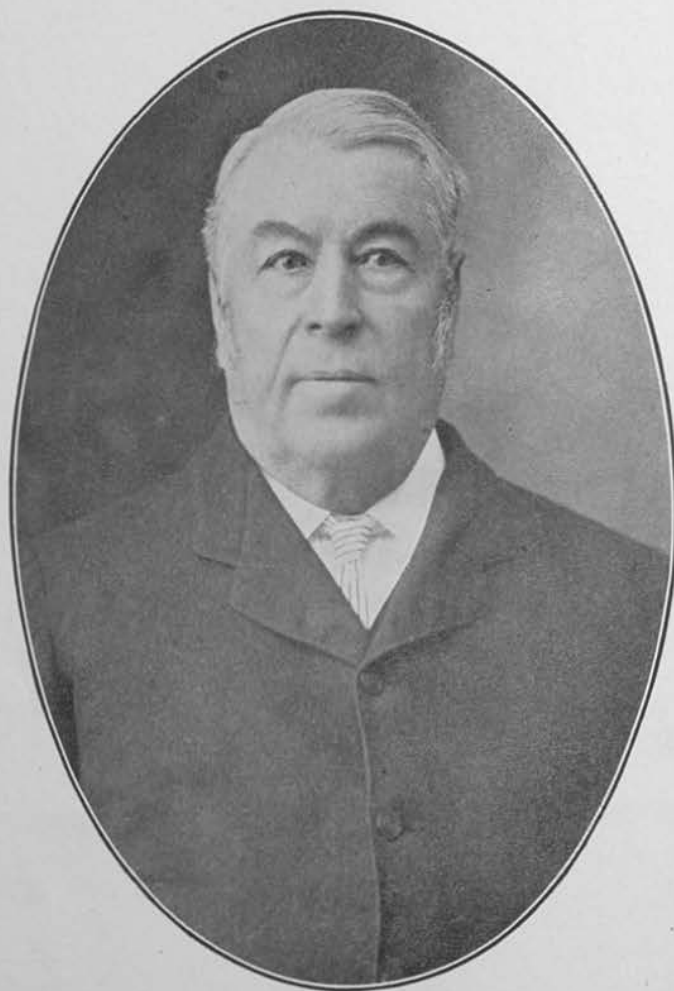
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HARLES ROBERT HORNE, Judge of the County Court of the County of Essex, was born on the island of St. Vincent, West Indies, January 22, 1835, eldest son of Charles Douglas and Isabella

Horne. The father was a barrister of Lincoln's Inn, although he never followed that vocation. He was a planter.

When a boy he was sent to England, and was educated at a private school. In 1856 he came to Canada and studied law in Toronto with Stephen Richards, Q.C., and Seeker Brough, Esq., Q.C. He was admitted as an attorney in Hilary term, 1862, and was called to the Bar in Michaelmas term of the same year. Shortly afterward he commenced practicing in County Essex, and went into partnership with the late Alexander Cameron, Esq., at Amherstburg. In 1864 he removed to Windsor, and in April, 1866, dissolved partnership with Mr. Cameron, and continued practice by himself. In 1877 he was elected to the office of mayor of Windsor, and remained in office for three years. He was a member of the board of education for twenty-one years, and was chairman thereof for several years. On the death of the late Judge Leggatt, in 1883, he was appointed Judge of the County Court of the County of Essex.

In October, 1864, Judge Horne married Caroline, widow of Rev. E. H. Dewar, and daughter of the late Major Elliott, collector of customs at Windsor. In August, 1902, he married his second wife, Laura Eliza Scott, daughter of the late James Scott, of Tyrconnell, Ont., who was a vessel owner of considerable prominence.

MICHAEL ANDREW McHUGH, Junior Judge of the County Court of the County of Essex, and Local Judge of the High Court, is a representative citizen of Windsor, whose record on the Bench has reflected credit on his native county.

The McHugh family is of Irish extraction. Patrick McHugh, the father of Judge McHugh, was the only one of a numerous family to emigrate to Canada. He was born in County Cavan, Ireland, where he grew to manhood and married. In 1840, with his young wife and three children, he embarked for Canada in a sailing-vessel, and arrived at Quebec after a voyage of seven weeks. He proceeded westward accompanied by two families whom he had known in Ireland, and eventually settled, in 1841, on what is now known as the McHugh homestead, consisting of the north half of Lot 11, North Middle Road, Maidstone. Several Irish families had settled on a line through Maidstone and the adjoining townships, forming what was afterward called the Irish settlement. Maidstone, which is now one of the most highly cultivated and productive townships of the county, was at the time referred to almost an unbroken wilderness, inhabited chiefly by wild beasts and bands of roaming Indians. It is difficult to realize at the present day the hardships and privations which the first settlers had to endure. The Middle Road was a mere cart-road cut through the woods. It required two days with an ox-team going to Sandwich for provisions and two more to return. The land was low and level, slightly diversified by small ridges, between which water remained standing the greater part of the year. The township was very heavily timbered with oak, elm, ash and sycamore. It required heroic courage on the part of men unaccustomed to the severity of Canadian winters, and ignorant of the methods of clearing land, to seek homes in such a wilder-

ness. But it is a pleasure to record that not one of these early Irish settlers failed to secure a comfortable livelihood for his family. Mrs. McHugh, whose maiden name was Catherine Curneyn, was a woman of strong character. A resolute will and indomitable courage, combined with a kind and generous disposition, were her chief characteristics. She bore her full share of the hardships incident to pioneer life, assisting her husband in all his laborious efforts to clear and till the soil. It is related that she frequently journeyed to Sandwich—a distance of eighteen miles—on foot to procure provisions for her family. Her chief ambition, however, was to secure for her children a liberal education, and to accomplish this object she labored unceasingly. Such were the uninviting conditions under which this family settled in Maidstone. Willing hands and courageous hearts were their only capital. By slow degrees the farm was cleared, fenced and drained; the log cabin was replaced by a substantial house, and other lands were acquired and brought under cultivation.

Patrick McHugh never aspired to any public office. He was a man of studious habits, and took a deep interest in educational matters. He and his wife were devoted members of the Roman Catholic Church, and assisted to found the first log structure set apart for divine worship at Maidstone Cross. This was afterwards replaced by a substantial brick edifice. Mr. McHugh died universally respected on the 2nd of April, 1872, at the age of sixty-six, and the earthly career of his admirable wife, who survived him twenty-six years, closed on the 9th of February, 1898, at the advanced age of eighty-three years. They died on the homestead which during their occupation had undergone such a marvellous transformation, and their remains rest in the parish churchyard with those of their kindred and fellow pioneers. They left a family of seven sons and four daughters: (1) Bridget, born in Ireland in 1835, married James Ward, and after his decease James McLean. She resides in the township of Sandwich South. (2) James, born in Ireland in 1837, never married and resided with his parents till their decease, and has since lived on the homestead with the youngest son, Frank. Being the eldest son of the family, the heaviest share of the onerous labors of clearing the land fell upon his shoulders. He has proved a devoted son and a generous brother. He is possessed of several parcels of land adjacent to the homestead, and is

held in high esteem by his neighbors. (3) John, born in Ireland in 1839, followed farming in the neighborhood. He married Margaret Riley, and on her decease Jane McPharlin, who survives him. He died in 1895. He possessed a good education and enjoyed more than a local reputation as an eloquent and convincing speaker. (4) Patrick, born in Maidstone in 1841, received a fair education and taught school for several years in the township of Rochester. Abandoning the teaching profession he took a classical course at St. Mary's College, Chicago, and obtained admission to the Bar of the State of Illinois. He has since practiced his profession with marked success and is at the present time a leading attorney in Chicago. (5) Peter, born in 1843, received a liberal education and followed the profession of teacher in his native township for several years. In 1869, accompanied by a younger brother, Thomas, who had also embraced the same profession, he went to California, where he took up journalism, and is now engaged as an editorial writer in that State. (6) Thomas was born in 1851. After spending a number of years in California, where he engaged in mercantile pursuits, he returned to Maidstone in failing health, and died in 1874. (7) Ann, born in 1846, married Thomas Ferry, and now resides in Colorado, where her husband is engaged in agricultural pursuits. (8) Catherine, born in 1848, married Stephen Fallon, of Detroit, where they now reside. (9) Michael Andrew is mentioned below. (10) Frank, the youngest son, born in 1856, is an intelligent and progressive farmer, residing on the homestead. He married Mary McGuire. (11) Mary, the youngest of the family, is unmarried.

Michael Andrew McHugh was born Feb. 19, 1853, on the homestead, and received his education in the public schools of his native township and at St. Michael's College, Toronto. At the age of seventeen he began teaching school in the section where he had received his primary education, and continued in that pursuit for four years, when he resigned to enter upon the study of law. He passed the preliminary examinations as a student at law in 1876, and entered the offices of O'Donohoe & Meek, Toronto, where he pursued his legal studies until called to the Bar in 1879. In the fall of that year he entered into partnership with the Hon. J. C. Patterson, at Windsor, and the new firm speedily acquired a large practice. Mr. Patterson having been actively engaged in politics during the term of

partnership, the junior member gave his undivided attention to his professional duties until his elevation to the Bench, in 1891. In the discharge of his judicial duties Judge McHugh enjoys the reputation of being painstaking, expeditious and impartial. He possesses the confidence and esteem of the members of the Bar and of the public generally in his native county. He has taken a deep interest in educational affairs, and has served as chairman of the public school board for several years. Before Judge McHugh's appointment to the Bench he was identified with the Conservative party, but declined to enter public life, although tendered the nomination as a candidate for the House of Commons for the North Riding of the County of Essex.

In 1884 Judge McHugh married Mary Louise Cotter, daughter of James Cotter, of Windsor, and seven children have been born to this union: William James, Thomas Gerald, Marie Mathilde (who died in infancy), Laurence Cotter, Catherine Constance, Lewis Alfred and Mary Madeline.

HON. CHARLES EUSEBE CASGRAIN, C.M., M.D., is a distinguished resident of Windsor, County of Essex. His paternal ancestors belonged to an ancient family at Ervaut, Poitou, France. The first to come to Canada was Jean Baptiste Casgrain, an officer in the French army, who landed about 1750. His son, Pierre, was Lord of the Seigniories of Riviere, Ouelle and L'Islet. Maternally he is descended from Jacques Baby, an officer of the Regiment of Carignan, who landed in Quebec in 1665, and whose descendants of that name have occupied high and responsible positions in the country.

Peter (or Pierre) Casgrain, grandfather of the Hon. Charles E., was born in France, and later became a merchant in Quebec. He married Mary Margaret Bonenfant, who bore him thirteen children, only six of whom reached maturity: Pierre Thomas; Charles Eusebe, Sr.; Oliver Eugene; Sophie, who married Francois Letellier de St. Just, father of the late Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Quebec; Luce, wife of the Hon. Justice Philippe Panet; and Justine, who married (first) Dr. Charles Butler Macguire, and (second) Dr. Pierre Beaubien, of Montreal.

Hon. Charles Eusebe Casgrain, Sr., was born Dec. 25, 1800, and died in February, 1847. He was a lieutenant-colonel, unattached, and sat for

Cornwallis in the Lower Canada Assembly from 1830 to 1834; was a member of the Special Council of Lower Canada from 1838 to 1840, and at his death held the office of assistant commissioner of public works for the Dominion. He married Anne Elizabeth, daughter of the late Hon. James Baby, at one time speaker of the L.C. of U.P.C., at Quebec. Their children were: Charles Eusebe, C.M., M.D., Philippe, Marie Elizabeth, Auguste Eugene, Henri Raymond, Susanne Archange, Julie, William, Rene E., Joseph Alfred, Hermenegilde, Marie Ann, Marie and Marie Amelie.

Charles Eusebe Casgrain, C.M., M.D., was born in Quebec, Aug. 3, 1825. He was educated in the classics at the College of St. Anne, Quebec, and in medicine at McGill University at Montreal. In 1851 he began the practice of medicine in Detroit, but in 1856 he removed to Sandwich, County of Essex. Possessing much natural ability, he soon rose in his chosen profession, and was, before his appointment to the Senate, coroner and jail surgeon, having resigned in favor of his son, Dr. H. R. Casgrain. The Doctor is very public spirited and all his life has played a conspicuous part in the affairs of his county and province. He was captain of the Sandwich Company, V.M., and subsequently, during the Fenian Raid in 1861, was surgeon of the troops stationed at Windsor. For two years he was a member of the municipal council of Windsor, and has been a member of the board of education for eighteen years. In 1864 he was elected first president of the St. Jean Baptiste Society of Essex, in 1883 general president of all the French societies of Essex, and as such presided at the French-Canadian Convention held in 1883, at Windsor. In 1884 he was created a Knight of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre. On Jan. 12, 1887, he was called to the Senate. This was a fitting tribute to an honored and respected man, whose love of Canada and its institutions had always been of the truest and tenderest kind. His appointment to this honorable office was favorably regarded not only by his Conservative friends, but by Reformers as well, if complimentary and congratulatory expressions from prominent members of both political parties can be taken as a criterion. In politics, as is well known, Dr. Casgrain is a strong Conservative, although liberal minded and tolerant of the opinions of others. He has occupied the position of president of the North Essex Conserva-

tive Association, and has been urged several times to be the party candidate for parliamentary honors, but always declined, though his election would have been certain.

In 1851 Senator Casgrain married Charlotte Mary, daughter of Thomas Chase, of Detroit, Michigan, formerly of Quebec; she died March 16, 1866. Four children blessed this union: Thomas Chase, Henry Raymond, Charles William and Joseph Philip. For his second wife Senator Casgrain married, in Windsor, Mrs. John Dougall, who died Oct. 21, 1904. The family are all communicants of the Roman Catholic Church.

THOMAS CHASE CASGRAIN, K.C., LL.D., son of Senator Charles E. Casgrain, was born July 28, 1852, in Detroit, and was educated in the Seminary of Quebec, and at Laval University, from the latter institution graduating in 1877 as Master of Laws, and as winner of the Dufferin Medal. In April, 1877, he was appointed Q.C., and on Oct. 13, 1883, he was granted the degree of Doctor of Laws by his Alma Mater. He is professor of criminal law at Laval University. He has represented the Crown during several terms at the Court of Queen's Bench, Crown Side, and was junior counsel for the Crown at the trial of Louis Riel and other rebels at Regina, in July, 1885. He sat in the Legislative Assembly of Quebec from 1886 until May, 1896, when he resigned, and was elected to the House of Commons. On Dec. 20, 1891, he was appointed a member of the Executive Council, and became attorney-general in the DeBoucherville administration, and was subsequently reappointed to the same position in the Taillon administration. He is a strong Conservative. On May 15, 1878, in Quebec, he married Marie Louise, daughter of Alexander LeMoine, Esq.

HENRY RAYMOND CASGRAIN, son of Senator Charles E. Casgrain, was born July 7, 1857, in Sandwich. His education was pursued at the Toronto University, and in the best schools of Europe, and he is to-day one of the best physicians and surgeons in Windsor. He married Alice Frazer of Detroit, Michigan.

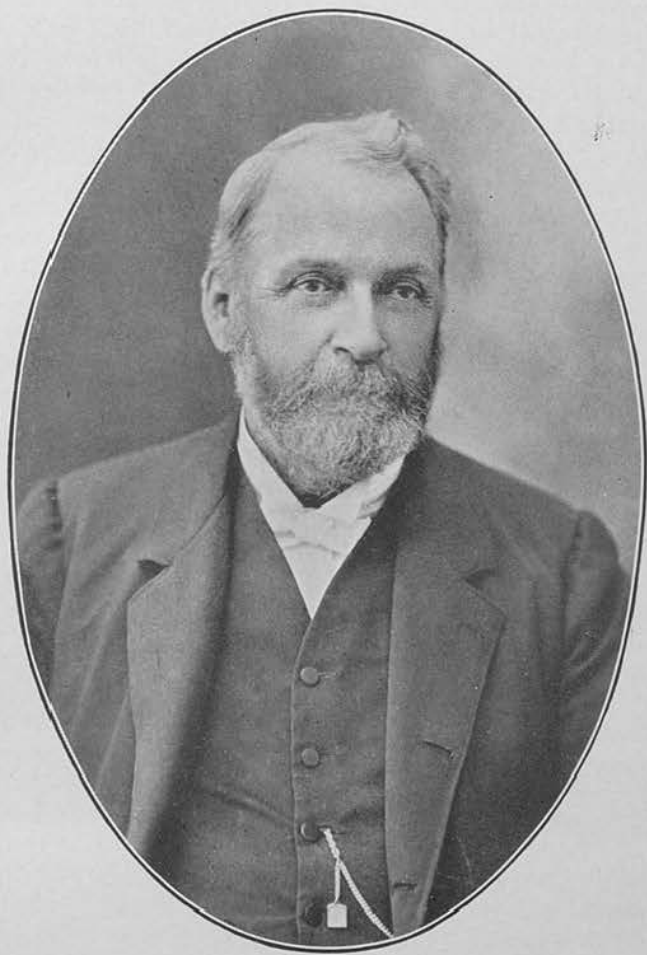
CHARLES WILLIAM CASGRAIN, son of Senator Charles E. Casgrain, was born May 24, 1859, and is a prominent lawyer in Detroit. His marriage was to a Miss Hammond, and his children are Charlotte, Adelaide, Hammond and Wilfred.

JOSEPH PHILIP CASGRAIN, son of Senator Charles E. Casgrain, married Alice Marcon, and they reside in Windsor, Ontario.

JOHN COATSWORTH ILER, Sheriff of the County of Essex, and one of its most highly regarded citizens, claims German ancestry. Jacob Iler, his grandfather, was born in the State of Pennsylvania, in 1768, and settled in Canada while still a young man. He married Elizabeth Snider and they reared children as follows: Susan (who lived to the age of ninety-nine and one-half years), David, Solomon, Ann, Samuel, Mary, John, Jacob, and Elizabeth.

Solomon Iler, son of Jacob and father of Sheriff Iler, was born in 1802, on Grosse Ile, and in 1806 came with his parents to the County of Essex, where later he married Hannah Coatsworth. They reared these children: Ann (deceased), John C., Elizabeth (deceased), Joseph (deceased), Esther (deceased), George (a farmer of County Essex), Hannah, Solomon, Susan (deceased), Thomas, Leonard (a Baptist minister of County Kent), and Burrett (connected with the Inland Revenue service in Toronto).

John Coatsworth Iler was born in 1828, in Colchester township, County Essex, where he grew to manhood, and where he passed many years as a farmer, still retaining his property in his native township. Mr. Iler is a man of unusual physical and mental vigor, and has been identified with both religious and political interests in his locality for a very long period. For over forty years he has been a local preacher of the Methodist Church, being even now active as such, and his voice has been heard in the discussion of religious topics in almost every district in Kent and Essex, and also many times in the City of Detroit. He is gifted with great eloquence, and has always been in demand as a speaker. His popularity and reliability have also made him a favorite and successful candidate for almost all the township offices, and in 1875 he came within thirty-five votes of being elected to a seat in Parliament. For ten years he served as township clerk, and nine years as reeve, and in 1879 he was elected warden of the county. Mr. Iler has always been conscientious in his political stand, and has taken an active part in the various campaigns, as an effective speaker for those principles which he has believed to be the best for the country. In 1883 Mr. Iler was made sheriff of the County of Essex, and since that date he has devoted his attention closely to the duties of the office, with the same



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efficiency which has marked all of his public career.

In 1850 Mr. Iler was married to Adaline Buchanan, who was born in the County of Essex, a daughter of John Buchanan, one of the early settlers, and three daughters were born to this union, as follows: Margaret, who married Eli Wright, of the County of Essex, has one daughter, Bertha Grace; Josephine, who married Atkinson Wigle, of Essex, has children—Roland, Adaline, John C., Allen and Lewis; Mira, who married Albert Rumball, deputy sheriff of the County of Essex, has children—Maude, Lulu, Margaret, Adaline, Kinney and Albert.

The Sheriff and his wife are leading members of the Methodist Church at Windsor, and they are numbered among the most substantial residents of the County of Essex. Mr. Iler claims to owe, very largely, any success or honor to which he has attained in life to his beloved wife, who has always been a faithful and wise counsellor and companion. One feature of Mr. Iler's family life that might almost be called unique is the fact that although he has been married for over fifty-four years, and has raised three children and twelve grandchildren, there has not been a single death in the family during that long period.

JUDGE ALEXANDER CHEWETT (deceased), who for many years was a prominent figure in the life of Sandwich, County of Essex, as well as in the Counties of Kent and Lambton, was a man of high standing in the legal profession, and had the distinction of being the second judge of the Western Judicial District, which comprised the Counties of Essex, Kent and Lambton. Judge Elliott was the first judge of that district. After it was divided into Essex, Kent and Lambton Judge Chewett was judge of the County of Essex for several terms, and his successor was Judge Leggett, who was succeeded by Judge C. R. Horne, the present incumbent of that office.

Judge Chewett was born in Canada in 1800. During the war of 1812, while only a lad of twelve years, he carried powder to the troops, thus serving his country in the struggle. He read law with Chief Justice Sir John Beverley Robinson. Prior to his election to the Bench he practiced law in Hamilton, and upon the retirement of Judge Elliott from the Bench of the Western District, was appointed to that incum-

bency, and ably discharged the duties pertaining to the accepted position until the territory was divided into three distinct judicial districts, when he became judge of the County of Essex. However, he was obliged by failing health to resign his judgeship, but his wise decisions and just conduct of the office under his administration will long be remembered by those who knew and admired him.

Judge Chewett married Janet Findlay, who was born in Scotland in 1810, and to this union were born three children: Isabelle M., who died young; Richard, deceased; and Sarah A. F., still a resident of Sandwich. The Judge passed away in 1872, and his widow in 1887, and both were buried in St. John's cemetery, Sandwich.

COL. WILLIAM CHEWETT, the Judge's father, was born in London, England, Dec. 21, 1753, and was educated for the position of hydrographical engineer. He received an appointment as such toward the close of the year 1770 in the service of the East India Company, but shortly before sailing time he was stricken down with smallpox, and his place was supplied by another. On his recovery, rather than wait for another ship, he sailed on a small vessel bound for Quebec, where he arrived in 1771, and at once began the practice of his profession. On May 20, 1774, when only a little over twenty, he was taken into the office of the Surveyor General of the Province of Quebec, and afterward served in the Quebec militia, from the latter part of September, 1775, to May 6, 1776, during which time the place was besieged by the rebellious Americans. The siege was ended on the latter date by the arrival of his Majesty's ship-of-war "Isis," and the "Surprise," a frigate under the command of Lord Petersham. During the siege Mr. Chewett was employed by order of his Excellency, Capt. Gen. Carleton, governor of Quebec, under the direction of the Deputy Surveyor General, the Hon. John Collins, in surveying the fortifications surrounding the city and in determining the distance of the rebel batteries. After the defeat of the Americans Mr. Chewett was appointed acting paymaster of works for the ports of St. John, Isle Aux Noix, and their dependencies on Lake Champlain; was appointed to the Engineer's, Quartermaster General's and Naval Departments, by Lieut.-Gov. Hamilton, Quebec; and afterwards returned to Quebec, and was again placed

in the surveyor general's department. In 1786 he was sent by the Surveyor General, Major Helland, to take charge of the district of Lunenburg, formerly the eastern townships of Upper Canada, and now comprising the easternmost counties of Ontario. Here he was employed for several years, surveying and laying out lands for the disbanded troops and loyalists.

Mr. Chewett was married in 1791 to Isabella McDonell, a daughter of Major Archibald McDonell, of the Long Sault.

The following letter, written by Mr. Chewett to his friend, the Hon. John Corlis, relative to the procuring of his marriage license, was recently found in the office of the Crown Lands Department in Toronto, where it still remains:

CORNWALL, 22d Apr., 1791.

Dear Sir:—Having found out a girl whom I mean to make a partner for life, and without which it is impossible to exist in this settlement, having no settled place to retire to after the fatigues of a survey or take care of the little property I have (this I hope you will not think unreasonable at the time of life I am come to, as it does not proceed from motives of folly, but of a mature and deliberate consideration), I therefore must pray you as my friend to obtain a license for me and Isabella McDonell (she is of the family of Major Archibald McDonell, of Long Sault), to be sent by the first opportunity; and in doing so you will oblige an old servant who is, with the greatest respect,

Dear Sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,

W. CHEWETT.

A. H. CLARKE, LL.B., K.C., of Windsor, senior member of the prominent legal firm of Clarke, Cowan, Bartlet & Bartlet, is one of the leading citizens of Windsor, as well as a distinguished member of the Ontario Bar. He was born Oct. 25, 1860, at Manilla, County of Victoria, Ont., a son of John Clarke and grandson of Hugh Clarke.

Hugh Clarke was born in 1784, in Devonshire, England, and with his wife and children emigrated to Canada, locating in the County of Durham, where he lived through a long useful life, working at his trade of mechanic. He died in 1874. The children of Hugh Clarke and his wife were as follows: Thomas, a mechanic of Hampton; John; James, who is engaged in the real-estate business at Cobourg; William, who died from a wound received in the Crimean war; Hugh, who died in Ontario; Ann, the widow of John Dix, who died in 1901, at the age of eighty-six years; Mary F., who married George Hill, of Port Hope; and Elizabeth, who married Edward Glass, of Little Britain.

John Clarke, son of Hugh, was born Feb. 12, 1826, in Devonshire, England, and accompanied his parents in their emigration to Canada. He settled in Manilla, where he was engaged as a mechanic, being a skilled blacksmith. He is now living retired in Toronto. His wife, Ann Werry, daughter of Peter Werry, a native of Cornwall, England, died in 1871, leaving seven children: Samuel, a blacksmith in Manilla; Miss Emma, of Toronto; Sarah, Mrs. W. H. Sonley, of Manitoba; William T., a manufacturer of Rodney, County of Elgin; A. H.; James H., of Cincinnati, Ohio; and Esther, who has since died. The second marriage of John Clarke was to Mrs. Price, of Port Hope, and to this union one daughter was born, Renie, Mrs. J. H. Gundy, of Toronto.

A. H. Clarke acquired an excellent common school education at Manilla, and passed with credit through the high school at Oakwood, entering then the law office of McIntyre & Whiteside, with whom he studied about three years. He spent a fourth year under the instruction of Henderson & Small, of Toronto, and a succeeding year with the well-known firm of Blake, Lash & Cassels, of the same city, being called to the Bar in 1882. In 1886 he received from the University of Toronto the degree of LL.B. In 1882 Mr. Clarke entered upon his practice, displaying an ability which soon claimed attention. Locating in Essex Centre, he remained there until Sept. 1, 1890, when he located at Windsor. In January, 1891, he received the appointment of County Attorney for the County of Essex, and this responsible and honorable office he ably filled until October, 1904, when he resigned to become a candidate in the Liberal interest for the House of Commons in South Essex. In 1892 was formed the legal firm of Clarke, Bartlet & Bartlet, M. K. Cowan, M.P., being admitted to partnership in 1896. This firm handles a vast amount of business. The members are all men thoroughly qualified in every point of law, and probably are interested in more cases than any other firm in the county.

On Aug. 8, 1888, Mr. Clarke was united in marriage with Miss Margaret Gibson, daughter of David Gibson, of Brantford, Ont., and their four children are: Vida, Constance, John and Margaret. Both Mr. Clarke and his wife are members of the Methodist Church of this city. Politically Mr. Clarke is a Liberal, and prior to his appointment as Crown Attorney was active

in party work, as becomes an intelligent citizen. He was appointed Q. C. in 1892. He has been very active in the Masonic fraternity, during 1889 and 1890 being District Deputy Grand Master for the Erie District, and during 1898-99 was Provincial Prior in the Knight Templar Order. The family is prominent socially, and widely known individually as liberal and interested contributors to various charitable enterprises, and they number a wide circle of warm personal friends.

LIEUT.-COL. JOHN RICHARDSON WILKINSON, one of the most highly respected citizens of the town of Leamington, a son of John W. and Jane (Richardson) Wilkinson, was born in Mersea township, County of Essex, Ont., Sept. 21, 1837. His grandfather was born in Pennsylvania, and emigrated to Canada previous to the war of 1812, being a U.E. Loyalist. He settled at a place called Belle Point, in Mersea township, County of Essex, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits during the remainder of his well-spent life. He was a conscientious member of the Methodist Church, and a man of upright, honest principles. Though a staunch Conservative in political views, he did not take any active part in politics, and was in no sense an office-seeker. He married Mary Kidd, who was of Scotch ancestry, and to their union were born the following named children: William K.; John W.; Rachel, who married Henry Fulmer; Francis, who died unmarried; Mary, who married Thomas Wiper; and Alexander, who married Mary Wiper.

John W. Wilkinson, father of Col. Wilkinson, was born in Ohio, and came to Mersea township in early boyhood, being reared to maturity on the homestead farm. After attaining manhood he purchased a farm on Talbot street, in Mersea township, and there followed farming successfully for the greater part of his life, subsequently removing to Leamington, where for five years prior to his death he lived a retired life. He was a man of quiet, unassuming manner, noted for his geniality and hospitality. He served as sergeant in the militia, and was in active service during the Rebellion of 1837-38. He did not take any active part in political affairs, although a staunch Conservative, and was ever ready to lend his aid in all matters pertaining to the welfare of the country.

John W. Wilkinson was married in Mersea township in 1834, and the children born to himself and wife were as follows: (1) Mary Ann was twice married, first to George Freeland, by whom she had three children, Clarence, Lillian and Herbert; her second husband was John F. Sherwood, and they had three children, Mary, John and Margaret. Mrs. Sherwood resides in Leamington. (2) John Richardson is mentioned below. (3) Henry K. was drowned in Lake Michigan Nov. 6, 1865. (4) Mathew Hall is unmarried. He saw service as first lieutenant in the Leamington infantry in the raid of 1866. (5) Arthur, who never married, served as corporal, and afterward as sergeant in the Leamington infantry in the raid of 1866-70. (6) Maria married James LeMarsh, of Wheatley, and they have three living children, Norman, Roland and Violet; three others are deceased.

The maternal ancestors, the Richardsons, were of English ancestry. Jane Richardson was born in England, and came to America when about two years of age. She was a daughter of John and Jane (Hall) Richardson, who were among the pioneer settlers of this county, taking up land on which they built a home. After clearing the ground, they engaged in the cultivation of the soil, and the raising of produce for the remainder of their lives. After the death of her first husband, Mrs. Richardson married Robert Collison. She had three children by her first marriage: Hannah, who married John Jackson; Jane, Mrs. Wilkinson; and Mary, who married John Foster. By her second marriage to Robert Collison she had five children, Maria, Ann, Seth, Ruth and Eliza.

John Richardson Wilkinson, whose name introduces this biography, acquired a good common school education, but, not contented with that, has never lost an opportunity to add to his store of knowledge. He remained upon the homestead farm until he was eighteen years of age, and then learned the carpentry and cabinetmaking business, becoming very proficient. For many years he was extensively engaged in contracting and building, and many of the most prominent public and private buildings bear testimony of his skill as an artisan, among which may be mentioned: the high school, the Presbyterian Church, "Hotel Ryall," and other buildings equally well constructed.

Col. Wilkinson is an author of no mean

ability, and is the author and publisher of a book of poems entitled "Canadian Battle Fields and Other Poems," which has had a large sale, and been received very favorably. He has also been a contributor to many of the most popular magazines of the day in Canada and the United States, as well as to Canadian newspapers.

In 1862 John R. Wilkinson was appointed color-sergeant in the Leamington Independent Infantry Company, and, with an inherited military spirit, took special pains to perfect himself in military tactics. After duly qualifying himself, and passing a rigid examination, he was granted both first and second class certificates of competency to command a company and regiment, and was appointed second lieutenant while serving in the Fenian Raid in 1866. Soon after he was commissioned first lieutenant, and subsequently captain, and served on the frontier in the second Fenian Raid in the latter capacity in 1870. When the regular military instructor was removed from Leamington he was appointed drill instructor, which position he efficiently filled for sixteen years to the company, and seven years as instructor to the regiment. While serving as captain of his company he was commissioned major, and upon the breaking out of the Northwest rebellion, he organized the 21st Essex Fusiliers, the crack volunteer regiment of No. 1 Military District, which he commanded for seven consecutive years. Col. Wilkinson was one of the first to enter the Military Rifle League, and teams from his regiment always successfully competed in all rifle tournaments, carrying off many of the most important prizes. The Colonel himself won many rifle prizes while in command of the Leamington Company, winning then a steel barrel breech-loading rifle, which he carried off in Toronto at the O.R.A. matches. He also won the Ontario silver medal, and many other prizes in competition.

The Colonel is an enthusiastic musician, and has led the various church choirs in his vicinity for many years. He is a staunch Conservative in his political views, and has served several terms as president of the Conservative League. In 1892 he retired from active military duty, retaining the rank of lieutenant-colonel. He is still president of the Veterans Association of the North Ridge Rifles and the Leamington Independent Infantry Company. Among other valued possessions he has two

War Office medals, one given him for general service in 1866-70, the other for long service, twenty-seven years. He also received the officer's decoration and a medal for general service. He was on the executive committee of the Canadian Military Rifle League for three years for the Dominion.

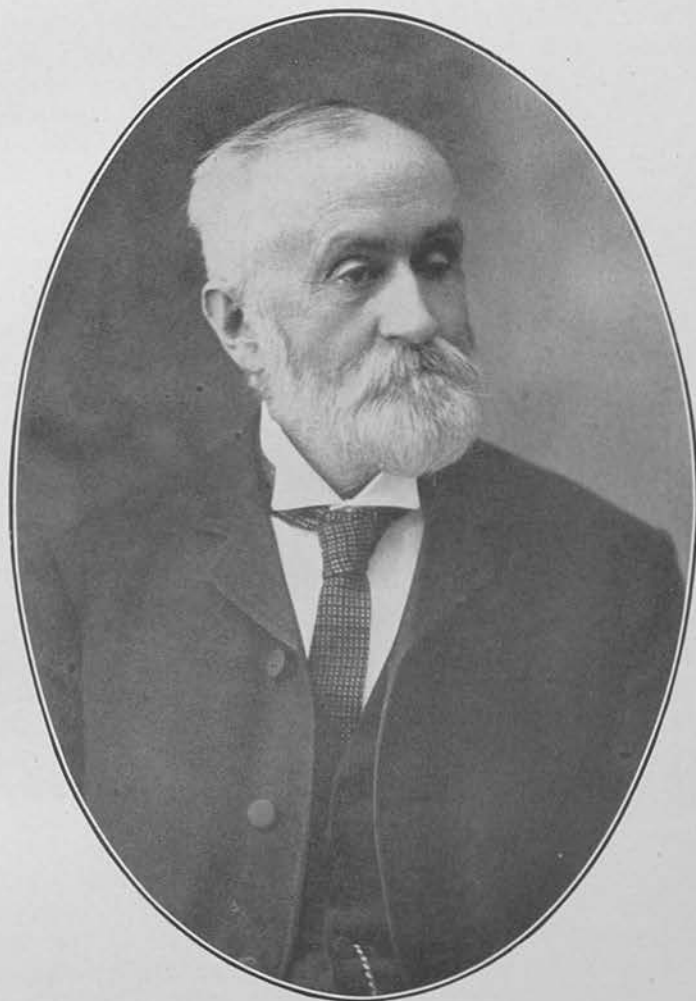
Col. Wilkinson was married at Detroit, Michigan, Aug. 7, 1859, to Mary Jane Stockwell, daughter of Alexander and Hannah (Williams) Stockwell, who was born in Gosfield township, County of Essex, Aug. 15, 1840, and they have had the following children: Florence, born May 17, 1860, married George Sutherland, and has one daughter, Grace Mabel, born at Leamington March 28, 1886. Henry Hall, born Jan. 21, 1863, was a sergeant in the 21st Essex Fusiliers. Orval Arthur, born June 3, 1865, married Maria Collison, and they have three children, Maude, Pearl and Lew. Laura Adell, born Dec. 25, 1867, married Louis Smith, and has one child, Fred. Clarabell, born June 18, 1870, married Clement Beech, and has one child, Bernice.

The father of Mrs. Wilkinson was born in Gosfield township, his family being among the pioneers of that township. He held the office of justice of the peace, and served as notary public. During the Rebellion of 1837-38 he was a member of the militia. The mother of Mrs. Wilkinson was also born in Gosfield township, daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth (Wilkinson) Williams. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Stockwell were: Peter, deceased; Margaret, Mrs. John Dudgon; John J., deceased; Mrs. Wilkinson; Isaac; and Solomon, deceased.

Mrs. Wilkinson is a consistent member of the Methodist Church, and also a member of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, taking an active part in both religious and temperance work. She is a devoted wife and mother, a conscientious, Christian woman, beloved by her family and many friends throughout the County of Essex.

PETER AUGUSTUS AIKMAN, M.D., of Windsor, is numbered among the older medical practitioners of the County of Essex. He comes from good old German and Scotch ancestry, and, notwithstanding the fact that he has been in active practice for a third of a century, he is as energetic to-day as a man of half his years.

John Aikman, grandfather of Peter Augustus, settled in Hamilton, Ont., in the eighteenth



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century, and at one time owned about one-third of the land upon which that city is now located. He married a Miss Showers, and to their union were born the following children:—Alex, father of Peter A.; John; Michael, formerly a member of the Provincial Parliament; Hannah, who married Rev. Dr. Egerton Ryerson, of Toronto; Nancy, married to Justice Williams, of Oakville; and Mary, married to Thomas Hammill, of Ancaster.

Alex Aikman, the Doctor's father, was born in Hamilton, Ont., Jan. 26, 1790, and served in the war of 1812. On April 14, 1813, he married, for his first wife, Mary Springer, who was born April 18, 1793, and to them were born nine children, namely: John, Richard Springer, Daniel Showers, David Springer, Oliver Tiffany, Mary Margaret, Hannah Ryerson, Catharine Elizabeth and Sarah. Mrs. Mary (Springer) Aikman died March 6, 1836, and on Jan. 13, 1837, Mr. Aikman was united in marriage with Mary Elizabeth Clement, daughter of John Clement, of Niagara. Peter Augustus was the only child of this marriage. After his first marriage Mr. Aikman moved from Hamilton to Ancaster, Ont., thence to Paris, Ont. In 1861 he moved to Colchester, County of Essex, where he died Sept. 11, 1876, at the age of eighty-six. His wife died January 13, 1892, at the age of ninety-five years. By occupation they were farming people, and in religion they were members of the Methodist Church. Politically Mr. Aikman was a Conservative.

Peter Augustus Aikman, the subject proper of these lines, was born near Ancaster, Ont., April 28, 1838. His literary education was obtained in the local schools at Ancaster and Paris. From 1863 to 1866 he taught in the County of Essex, during which time he was reading medicine. In 1866 he entered the Homeopathic College at St. Louis, Missouri, from which institution he was graduated in 1869, with the degree of M.D. In the same year the Doctor passed the examination before the Board of Medical Examiners at Toronto, which entitled him to practice in Ontario. On Jan. 26, 1870, Dr. Aikman settled at Windsor, where he has built up a large practice. He is not only a medical practitioner according to the tests of the medical schools, but he is an originator of remedies himself. In 1893 he compounded a very popular remedy of to-day, known as "Orangeine," and in 1898 a company was formed in Chicago, with a capital of \$350,000, for the manu-

facture and advertising of this remedy. In this company the Doctor is a stockholder, while he of course views the balance of the world, except the United States, as an undeveloped territory for this medicine. Dr. Aikman seems to be of an inventive turn of mind, and in 1880 he invented the Aikman Automatic Car Coupler.

On August 7, 1864, Dr. Aikman and Miss Lucinda Baldwin, daughter of the late Morgan Baldwin, of Colchester, Ont., were united in marriage, and to this union were born two children: (1) Mary Ellen married Oswell B. Down, son of the late Thomas Down, of Windsor, by whom she has three children, Clement Birnun, Robert St. Clair and Alexander Aikman. (2) Harry married Alice Park, of Amherstburg, County of Essex, by whom he has one son, Charles R. They reside in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, where Mr. Aikman is an accountant.

Dr. Aikman has always taken much interest in the progress of his city, and has served in the city council for three years. He was largely instrumental in inaugurating the movement for the paving of the streets and establishment of the sewage system, and in that capacity in 1884 he was chairman of the board of public works. He has also been a member of the board of education of the city for four years. Politically he is a Conservative, and socially a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen.

JOHN WILKINSON was born in County Derry, Ireland, and his wife in County Tyrone. They came to America about the time of the Revolution, settling in Virginia, and in 1801 John Wilkinson came to Canada, locating in Malden township, County of Essex. He died in the fall of 1865. He and his wife had children as follows: John; Frank; Alexander, who married May Wiper; Nancy; Polly; Elizabeth; William; James; Thomas; Isabella. Alexander and James served in the war of 1812, and the Rebellion of 1837-8.

Alexander Wilkinson settled on Lot 5, 1st Concession, Malden township, and was burned out during the war of 1812. He and James served in the British army, and were at the battle of Lundy's Lane and the taking of Detroit. While driving cattle to the army Alexander was taken prisoner by the Americans, and made his escape while his guards slept, walking over them with his shoes in his hands. He was pursued, but hid himself in the woods. After his escape he made his way

home, but as it was not safe for him to be seen there, the Americans being in possession of the county, he secreted himself in the stable until night, and then went to the house in order to see his family. Not feeling safe in his own home in the day time, he continued to hide in the woods. A comrade of his, named Bell, came to the house and told his wife that he was dead, when at that very time he was hidden under the floor, a trap-door under her bed being his means of entering and leaving the house. For safety he left his home, and took refuge with Malott, who was out in the bush making sugar, and from there he made his way back to the army. In the meanwhile his home was burned, and his wife and children, left homeless, walked 280 miles to where they had friends, an old man named Toffelmeyer, and Mrs. Wilkinson's sister, Judith Hazel, accompanying them on the fearful journey. After peace was declared they all returned in boats which Alexander Wilkinson himself made. Alexander Wilkinson also served in the Rebellion of 1837-1838. He married Ann Hazel, and their children were: John and Elizabeth, twins, and Alexander, who died in Leamington in 1868.

A. PHILIPPE E. PANET, L.B., one of the leading barristers and solicitors of Windsor, Ont., is a public-spirited and useful citizen, and comes of distinguished ancestry. The origin of the family is lost in the by-gone history of France, but Jean Pierre Panet was born in that country some time in the seventeenth century, married Margaret Autreau, reared two children, Jean Nicholas and Marie Louise, and died in Paris.

Jean Nicholas Panet was born in France in 1691, and died in 1745. On Oct. 30, 1710, he married Marie Madeleine Foucher, who died July 30, 1760, leaving the following children: Jean Claude; Pierre Panet de Meru; Nicholas Gabriel; Marie Francoise; Anne Madeleine; Louise Therese; Claude Francois de Carrier; Louis Francois. Jean Claude, of this family, is the direct ancestor of A. Philippe E. Panet, of Windsor.

Jean Claude Panet was born in 1720, in France, came to Canada in 1740, and seven years later, in Quebec, married Marie Louise Barolet. He was a Notary Royal, and was appointed chief clerk of the council of the colony. He was a man of letters and prominence. At the time of his death, Feb. 28, 1778, he was

judge of Common Pleas, at Quebec, and he left among his papers a very precious manuscript record of the siege of Quebec, in 1759. His fourteen children bore the names of: Marie Louise, Rose, Jean Antoine, Bernard Claude, Jacques, Joseph, Marie Anne, Genevieve Victoire, Jean Baptiste, Jean Charles Frederick, Marie Anne Archange, Thomas, Francois Louis and Marie Francoise.

Jean Antoine Panet, son of Jean Claude, was born June 8, 1751, in Quebec, and on Oct. 7, 1779, married Louise Philippe Badelart. They had the following children born to them: Bernard Antoine, Marie Louise, Philippe, Louis, Charles, Susanne, and five others who died young. Jean Antoine Panet was a Notary, a man of affairs, and became prominent in Canada as a great statesman, being a member of the first Canadian Parliament and the first Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Canada, a position he filled with dignity and honor for twenty-two years. His death took place May 17, 1815, at Quebec.

Philippe Panet, son of Jean Antoine, was born Feb. 22, 1791, and died in Quebec Jan. 15, 1855. His wife was Miss Marie Luce Casgrain, (an aunt of Senator C. E. Casgrain), whom he married July 13, 1819, and his children were: Cecile; Charles Eugene; Rosalie; Marie Alphonsine Philomene; and Rosalie (2). With his other honors, for he, too, was prominent in the Dominion, Philippe Panet was judge of the Court of Queen's Bench for the Province of Quebec, and was a man distinguished for his learning and ability.

Charles Eugene Panet, son of Philippe, and father of A. Philippe E. Panet, of Windsor, was born Nov. 27, 1829, and was known throughout his public career as Colonel Panet. From 1854 to 1860 he practiced law in his native city of Quebec, and was afterward coroner of the District of Quebec for fourteen years. For twenty-three years he was deputy minister of militia for Canada, having been appointed in February, 1875, after having been for one year a member of the Senate. His first marriage was to Clara Esther Lussier, and the children of this union were: Antoine Philippe Eugene, Joseph Felix Lussier, and three others who died in infancy. His second marriage was to Henriette Harwood, and nine children were born to this union, namely: Marie Louise, Antoine de Lotbiniere, Eugenie, Alphonse Eugene, Henri Alexandre, Charles Louis, Arthur Bade-

lart, Alice and Arthur Hubert. His third marriage was to Caroline de Bellefeuille, and the three children born to this union were: Marie Louise Caroline, Edouard de Bellefeuille and Marie Louise.

Antoine Philippe Eugene Panet, of Windsor, the eldest of Colonel Panet's family, born Nov. 2, 1856, in Quebec, was educated in Quebec Seminary and Laval University, graduating from the latter in 1882, with the degree of L.B. He studied law and served his time in the law office of O'Connor & Hogg, of Ottawa, and later was called to the Bar. First he began practicing his profession in that city, and in 1887 came to Windsor, where his ability has been very generally recognized and he has easily taken a leading position in the legal fraternity. Although devoted to the practice and study of the law he is a man of high literary taste in all lines. He has been chairman of the Windsor Public Library board and is still a member of this board, and as chairman of its building committee he has been most useful. It is a source of pleasure to him as to other prominent citizens that this city was able to take advantage of the gift of Andrew Carnegie of \$27,000, and in 1903 Mr. Panet was justly proud to have the new Public Library building, in which he had taken such an interest, formally opened.

In 1885 Mr. Panet was united in marriage with Miss Josephine Baby, daughter of the late Charles T. Baby of Sandwich, Ont., a descendant of one of the oldest French families in Canada. Both Mr. and Mrs. Panet are members of the Roman Catholic Church. Socially he is identified with the C.M.B.A., of which he is past president; he has also been president of the St. Jean Baptiste Society. He is progressive and public-spirited, and one of the social as well as legal factors of the life of Windsor. In 1889 he re-organized the Essex Law Association and has ever since been its secretary. In politics Mr. Panet is a staunch Liberal and he has always taken a very prominent part in political contests.

ARCHIBALD WHITTAKER. In the selection of its responsible men the Grand Trunk Railroad has found no more efficient and experienced employe than Archibald Whittaker, who now holds the position of master mechanic for the Western Division of this great highway, has his offices in Windsor, and is one of the old-

est and most reliable railroad men of Western Ontario.

Mr. Whittaker owns a good old English name, and his forefathers long made it a respected one in England. His grandfather was John Whittaker, who passed his whole life in his native country, and was the father of two children, Rosa and John. The latter, the father of Mr. Whittaker of Windsor, was born in 1772, in England, and there married Ann Gillespy, who was born in England in 1778, daughter of William Gillespy. John Whittaker died in his native land at the age of seventy-nine years, his wife surviving him until she was eighty-four. By occupation he was a land drainer, and was regarded as an expert. The children born to himself and wife were: William, who died at the age of eighty years, in 1900, in England, was a brick-maker and land drainer; John, who was also a brick-maker, died in 1904, at the age of eighty-two years in his native land; Mary Ann, who became well known and much esteemed in her locality, died in England; Thomas, who came to Ontario, in 1854, died at Niagara Falls, after many years of service with the Great Western Railroad; Archibald died young; Archibald (2); James is a merchant in England; Nancy is deceased; and Jane resides in England.

Archibald Whittaker was born March 30, 1834, in England, and learned his trade of master mechanic at Newcastle, with Sir William Armstrong. In 1857 he came to Ontario, locating at Hamilton, where he at once engaged with the Great Western Railway, remaining in the shops there for nine years. He then came to Windsor, and took charge of the car department, in which capacity he served the road most efficiently for thirteen years, so well that he was given an excellent position at Niagara Falls. There, however, he remained but a short time, going thence to London as master mechanic for all outside work—a position he ably filled for six years, and then came to Windsor as master mechanic for the Grand Trunk, and this very important post he still holds.

Mr. Whittaker has had a very busy life, but he has never failed to take an interest in the communities in which he has lived, has contributed to their charities and assisted in their public movements, and since coming to Windsor has been sixteen years a member of the board of education, accepting the duties of chairman for

two terms. In the Masonic lodge he is past master, is a Knight Templar, and he also belongs to the A.O.U.W. He it was who organized the first fire brigade of this city, and when the water works was established he reorganized the brigade into companies, and was chief of the Brigade for some years. In his younger days he was regarded as something of an athlete, and for several years held the medal for high leaping and running, and he was also a very clever wrestler. On the maternal side, Mr. Whittaker's relatives were early settlers at Hamilton, Thomas and Archibald Gillespy being at a very early day connected with the development of the Great Western Railway, and were prominent men of the time.

Mr. Whittaker has been twice married, first to Ann Hetherington, a native of England, and her three children were: John, of Windsor, a baggageman on the Grand Trunk line, who married Lilly Gay, and has one daughter, Irene; Maggie, who married Daniel Dodd, and has five children, and William, who married in the United States, and has one child. Mrs. Whittaker died in 1886. The second marriage of Mr. Whittaker was to Susie Hart Potter, a native of England, who came to Ontario in 1876. She died Nov. 16, 1903, in the faith of the Church of England, and was buried in Windsor Grove cemetery. Mr. Whittaker is a member of the Church of England. His home is the oldest house in Windsor, and was built about 1768 and stands staunch and strong yet, its construction being unique. It is of French architecture, and the studding is ten inches square, between which the wall is brick built over the regular house siding. It was erected by a native of Detroit, and stands on the river front, on what was once the Marranette farm. Mr. Whittaker is one of the most substantial as well as highly regarded residents of Windsor, and he enjoys a wide acquaintance and many friends.

The Whittaker family crest is a "White Horse." Motto: "Robur atque fides."

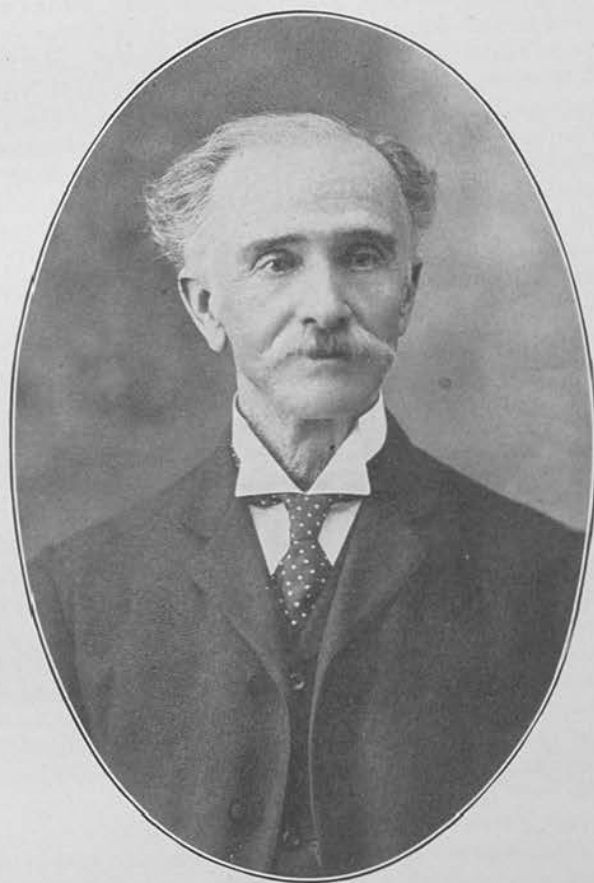
FRANCIS CLEARY, of Windsor, Local Registrar, H. C. J., Essex, Registrar Surrogate Court, Essex, and Clerk of the County Court, Essex, is a native of the Emerald Isle, as was his father before him. The latter, Hugh Cleary, was born about 1817, and married Jane Scales, daughter of Samuel Scales. In 1841 Mr. Cleary came to Canada with his wife and child, and located first in Montréal, removing at a later date

to Toronto, where he died in 1857, his widow surviving him until 1884. Religiously he was a member of the Roman Catholic Church. The other children born to him and his wife were as follows: Samuel died in 1896, at St. Louis, Mo.; Mary Ann, widow of Patrick Higgins, now resides at Toronto; Hugh died in 1883.

Francis Cleary was born Nov. 9, 1840, near the town of Enniskillen, County Fermanagh, Ireland, and is therefore one year older than His Majesty, King Edward VII. He was but one year old when he was brought to Canada by his parents. His education was secured in the public schools of Toronto, and also under private tutors, and he also attended the Christian Brothers' School in the same city. After fitting himself for the legal profession he was admitted to practice in 1867, and in the same year formed a partnership with the late Alexander Cameron, of Toronto, under the name of Cameron & Cleary, at Windsor, Ont. This congenial and profitable partnership continued for about twenty-six years. In 1886 Mr. R. F. Sutherland was taken into partnership, and the firm became Cameron, Cleary & Sutherland, continuing thus until the death of Mr. Cameron on May 15, 1893. The firm style was then changed to Cleary & Sutherland, which form was retained until it was dissolved in December, 1901, on the appointment of our subject to the office of deputy clerk of the Crown, clerk of the County Court and Surrogate Registrar of the County of Essex, to succeed Frank E. Marcon, deceased.

Mr. Cleary was identified with the Reform party, and has taken a deep interest in public affairs. For four years he was a member of the Windsor council, during three of which, from 1883 to 1885, he occupied the mayor's chair, succeeding the late Dr. Coventry. In 1887 he was the candidate of his party for Parliamentary honors, the opposing candidate being Mr. J. C. Patterson, the former member. Although Mr. Cleary was defeated, his popularity was shown by the fact that he reduced Mr. Patterson's previous majority from nearly 700 to 136 votes.

On Sept. 21, 1871, Mr. Cleary was united in marriage with Rose C. Anderson, daughter of the late Edmund and Eugenie (Morin) Anderson, the former of whom was for many years collector of customs at Amherstburg. A family of six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Cleary, as follows: (1) Eugenie E. (2) Norah holds the degree of B.A. from the Toronto Uni-



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versity, having graduated from that institution in 1899, is also a graduate of the Ontario Normal College, at Hamilton. (3) Edmund A. graduated from the Toronto University in the class of 1899, with the degree of B.A., and in 1902 received from his Alma Mater the further degree of LL.B. He is a member of the law class of 1902 of Osgoode Hall. (4) Francis S. and (5) Helen L. are still attending school. (6) Charles L. is at home. Religiously the family belongs to the Roman Catholic Church. Fraternally Mr. Cleary is a member of the C.M.B.A. He has always taken an active interest in anything tending to the material advancement of Windsor, and was during his long legal practice regarded as a careful and able solicitor, his present responsible position attesting his ability.

ROBERT SIMPSON, of the well-known lumber firm of Robert Simpson & Son, of Mersea township, County of Essex, has for the last thirty-three years been identified with the growth and development of that township. He is of Scotch descent on his father's side, but is a native Canadian, having been born in Saltfleet township, County of Wentworth, Ontario.

Grandfather Edward Simpson was a native of Aberdeenshire, Scotland, where he lived, and was a miller by occupation. His son Robert, father of Robert, whose name introduces this sketch, was also born in Aberdeenshire, and lived there until he grew to manhood. In 1830 he left home, and came to Canada in a sailing-vessel, landing at Quebec after a voyage of six weeks. He went first to Montreal, and from there to Toronto, after a short stay there going to Oswego, New York, where he was employed on railroad work. Before long he returned to Ontario, and located in Hamilton, being engaged at first in gardening, and later settling down as a farmer in Saltfleet township, County of Wentworth. After seventeen years on that farm he moved to Barton township and rented a farm which he carried on for seven years. He then moved to the vicinity of Hamilton, where he carried on a farm for six years, and then sold out, and, coming to Mersea township, there passed the remainder of his life, dying Sept. 3, 1892, at the residence of his daughter. He was interred in the Lake View cemetery at Leamington. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and a Conservative in politics. During the Rebellion of 1837-38 he served as a private in the

British army. He married Miss Margaret English, daughter of Thomas English, of the County of Wentworth. She was also a member of the Presbyterian Church. She died in April, 1859, and is buried in the Barton cemetery. Their children were as follows: Margaret, deceased, who married William Campbell; John, who died at the age of twenty; Mary, who married John E. Snyder, of Leamington; Robert, who is mentioned below; Alexander, who lives in Ancaster, Ont.; and Isabella, who married Arthur Scratch.

Robert Simpson was born in Saltfleet township, County of Wentworth, May 12, 1845, and attended the district school in his native place, remaining on the home farm until he was seventeen years old. He then began to make his own way in the world, doing farm work for \$10 a month. He continued to work for others until 1865, when he married and moved into Michigan, locating near Bay City, where for a year he was employed as a millwright, and at lumbering. Returning to Canada, he settled at Hamilton, and for a year followed the trade of carpenter. He then engaged his services to L. D. Sawyer & Co., with whom he remained two years and a half, after which he came to the County of Essex and located on Concession A, Mersea township, going into the lumber business with his brother-in-law, John E. Snyder. This partnership was one of the first in that part of the township, in the lumber manufacturing business, and lasted for two years. For a short time after the dissolution of this partnership Mr. Simpson was engaged in carpenter work, and then formed another partnership with his wife's brother, Jacob A. Burkholder. This firm, known as Simpson & Burkholder, continued eight years, engaged in the manufacture of lumber. On March 28, 1876, during the existence of this firm, fire destroyed their place, but it was rebuilt later. Mr. Simpson then bought out Mr. Burkholder, and continued the business himself. In 1886 he established a mill in Romney township, County of Kent, where for several years the business was carried on by himself, when his son Robert became his partner. For some time the business has been carried on on an extensive scale in Mersea township, where the firm owns 325 acres of land. A part of their land is under cultivation, and Mr. Simpson engages in farming in addition to looking after his mill interests. In 1902 the company met with a severe loss in the de-

struction of one of their mills by fire, but they are successfully carrying on a large mill near the site of the old one.

On May 30, 1864, Robert Simpson married Elizabeth Catherine Burkholder, who was born in Barton township, County of Wentworth, July 15, 1843, daughter of Elijah Burkholder. To this union have been born the following children: Robert Wallace, who is mentioned below; Emma Lorena, who married Charles Moore, and lives near Atlanta, Michigan (they have five children, Roena, Ella, Arthur, Katie and Robert B.); Elizabeth Catherine, who married Milton Loveless, of Mersea township (they have six children, Roy, Blanche, Aletha, Delos, Mary and Seth); Norman Alexander, who married Rose Lane, and lives in Leamington (they have two children, Iva and McRae); Cynthia Helena, who married Gowan Malott, of Mersea (they have three children, Alto, Mildred and Arthur); John Bruce, who lives at home; and Pearl May, who married McDonald Jeffery (they have one child, Ina G., and live in Walkerville, Ont.). All the family attend the Methodist Church. In politics Mr. Simpson is a Conservative, and has served as one of the school trustees. He is a man of temperate habits, and domestic in his tastes, devoted to his home and family. He has achieved a great reputation as a ploughman, and has carried off the first or second prize in many contests, his first success of this sort being when he was seventeen years of age, when he took the second prize. Out of five Provincial contests he won the red ribbon three times, and in local contests has taken the first prize a number of times, and won over thirty red ribbons. He is an enterprising and progressive citizen, and possesses the friendship and respect of all his neighbors.

ROBERT WALLACE SIMPSON, eldest son and partner of Robert Simpson, was born near Bay City, Michigan, Oct. 18, 1865, but his parents returned to Canada while he was still an infant, and he grew up and attended school in Mersea township. From the time he was eleven years old he worked in the mill with his father, and became familiar with all branches of the business. When he was twenty-one he went to Walkerville, where for a time he was employed on the farm of Hiram Walker, and later by the Grand Trunk Railway Co., for whom he worked during 1891 and 1892. After

this experience he returned to Mersea, and soon after became manager of his father's mill in Romney township, County of Kent, being taken into partnership with his father in 1900. This partnership continues to the present time, and Mr. Simpson is also manager of the business.

Mr. Simpson married first, in Leamington, Lucilla Brown, daughter of Montgomery Brown, of that place, who died in 1887, and is buried in Lake View cemetery. For his second wife he married, in Walkerville, Annie (daughter of Henry) Tomlinson, by whom he has one child, Robert. After the death of his second wife, in 1893, he married (third) her sister Mary, and they have a family of six children, as follows: John, Lester, Russel Alger, Leland Harold, George, Arthur Clair and William. Mr. Simpson is a member of the A.F. & A.M., at Windsor, and of Palestine Lodge, of Windsor; he is also one of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Masons. In politics he is a Conservative, and his religious belief is that of the Methodist Church.

BURKHOLDER. The Burkholder family, of which Mrs. Elizabeth Catherine (Burkholder) Simpson is a member, is one of the oldest settled families in Upper Canada. The family is of Swiss origin, Jacob Burkholder, the American ancestor, having been born in Switzerland in 1747. His boyhood was spent in Mannheim, Baden, Germany, and in 1765, while still in his teens, he came to Pennsylvania. There he married Sophia Reche, and they resided in that State until 1793, when, preferring to live under the British flag, they moved into Canada, and were among the first white settlers in Barton township, County of Wentworth. There Mr. Burkholder passed the remainder of his life, making a home for his family, and putting under cultivation a large tract of land, which was mere wilderness when he settled there. He died in 1812 and was buried in the family burying ground, where have been laid away many of his descendants. Members of this family are settled in many parts of Canada and the United States. The children of Jacob and Sophia (Reche) Burkholder were as follows: Christian; David; Magdalen, who married (first) John Nelf, and (second) John Keagy, and was the mother of nine children; Jacob; Peter; and Barbara, who married Peter Thomas.

Christian Burkholder, eldest son of Jacob, was born in Pennsylvania, Dec. 14, 1772, and

came with his parents to Canada. He engaged in farming and stock raising, and spent the remainder of his life in what is now Barton township, County of Wentworth, dying there Sept. 17, 1843, when nearly seventy-one years of age. He is buried in the old family burying-ground, the gray headstone that marks his grave bearing this inscription: "Christian Burkholder, born Dec. 14, 1772, died Sept. 17, 1843, aged 70 years, 9 months and 3 days.

"Remember, man, as you pass by,
As you are now, so once was I.
As I am now so you will be,
Prepare for death and follow me."

Christian Burkholder married Mary Hess, and was the father of ten children, as follows: Susan, who married William Munn; Jacob Hess; Daniel; Anne, who married Alexander McCann; John; Sophia; Henry, who lives in Michigan; Enoch B.; Elijah; and David.

Elijah Burkholder, next to the youngest of the children of Christian, was born on the homestead farm, Nov. 18, 1820, and was educated in the schools of his native place. His entire life has been passed in the same place, where he has engaged in general farming. As a young man he was noted for his prowess with the axe, and made a record by chopping and piling four cords of wood in one day, in addition to other work. He has now retired from active pursuits, having reached the ripe age of eighty-four, and leaves the management of the farm to his son, Lewis. In politics he has always adhered to the Liberal party. He was one of the volunteers ready to bear arms and help put down the rebellion, at the time of Mackenzie's Raid in 1837-38. Elijah Burkholder married, in the forties, Cynthia Smith, of Glanford, Ont., and they had a family of eight children, who reflect great credit upon the careful Christian rearing given them by their parents. Mrs. Burkholder was a careful and loving mother, and a true Christian. She died at her home in 1901, and is buried in the Burkholder family burying-ground. The children of this union were as follows: Jacob, who settled in New Mexico; Elizabeth Catherine, who married Robert Simpson (see above); Christina, who married William McKay, of Barton township, County of Wentworth; Cyrus W., who lives in Binbrook; Lewis, who has charge of the home farm; Euphemia, who married Albert Long, and lives near Rymal Station; Emma, who married George Barrett, and lives at Rymal Sta-

tion, County of Wentworth; and Lena, who married Frederick Magill, who works for the Canadian Express Company, at Hamilton, Ontario.

GEORGE STEPHENS, ex-M.P., a prominent citizen of Chatham, and a leading politician of the County of Kent, belongs to one of the old established families of the county, whose ancestors date from England.

The earliest member of the family to leave the mother country was Daniel Stephens, the great-grandfather of George Stephens, who settled in the western colonies, now the United States, some time prior to the Revolutionary War. Daniel Stephens served in that struggle, in the Colonial army, and on one occasion was wounded most seriously by a musket ball, and while lying helpless was scalped by a prowling Indian. Friends came to his rescue, and he was nursed back to health, settled in the State of New York, and reared a family of five sons, namely: Henry, Chauncy, Miron, Alva and Richard.

Richard Stephens, grandfather of George, and the youngest of the five sons, removed to Ontario. He served in the British army during the war of 1812, holding a commission as captain. He married Eleanor Lillie, and they had seven children: Alva, Ezra, William Henry, Calvin, Daniel, James and Ellen Jane, of whom Calvin, an honored resident of Chatham, born Feb. 22, 1825, is the only survivor.

William Henry Stephens, son of Richard, was born in 1820, in the County of Northumberland, Ont., and married Mary Ann Thorn, who was of English birth. In early life he followed the profession of teaching, but in 1851 he settled in Harwich township, County of Kent, and there engaged in farming until his death, in 1872. The children of William H. and Mary Ann (Thorn) Stephens were: Emily, who married J. Carpenter, of Chatham township; William Henry, a prominent and wealthy citizen of Chatham; George; Victoria, who married C. Campbell; James L.; Annie and Nellie, deceased; Hattie, of the city of Chatham, and Albert, of Harwich township.

George Stephens was born Oct. 2, 1846, in the County of Northumberland, Ont., and was ten years of age when his parents located in the County of Kent. Here he grew to manhood, in Harwich township, attended school and assisted on the farm, remaining there until he was twenty-six years of age. For some six years he was

in partnership with his older brother, William Henry Stephens, of Chatham. In 1872 he established his present general hardware business in Chatham, carrying in addition to the usual stock a large line of carriages, bicycles and also farm machinery. His extensive business in these lines has brought him into personal contact with almost all the farmers of the County of Kent, and the honorable nature of his business dealings has won for him universal esteem.

In 1899, and again in 1900, Mr. Stephens was elected a member of the city council of Chatham, and on Nov. 7, 1900, was honored by election to Parliament from the County of Kent, his opponent being T. A. Smith, a very popular citizen of Chatham. In his public career, as well as in his private life, Mr. Stephens has shown himself a man of integrity, and both political and personal honor.

Mr. Stephens has been twice married. In 1874 he was united to Miss Katie Lyell Stringer, who passed out of this life July 1, 1879. To this union were born no children. The second marriage of Mr. Stephens was to Miss Jean Mather Stringer, a sister of his former wife. One son, William Lyell, was born to this marriage July 6, 1884. This promising youth was removed by death Aug. 16, 1899, at the age of fifteen years, one month and ten days.

Mr. Stephens has long been a leading member of the Liberal party and exerts a wide influence. His religious preference is for the Presbyterian Church. He is a man of high character, and a most useful, public-spirited citizen of Chatham.

MAHLON K. COWAN, K.C., M.P., a member of the legal profession of Windsor, and a member of the House of Commons of the Dominion Parliament, is a native of the County of Essex, and a son of Walter Cowan, one of the early settlers.

The grandfather of Mr. Cowan was a native of the North of Ireland, whither his father had removed from Scotland. He married Jane Hewett, and they reared a family of six children, namely: William, who was a farmer in the County of Essex; Robert, also a farmer, in Mersea, County of Essex; Hampden, deceased, a farmer in Tilbury East; Walter; Lucinda, widow of William Hutchinson, of Mersea township; and Martha, wife of Samuel Sloan, of Kent County.

Walter Cowan was born in 1823, in the North of Ireland, and at the age of nineteen came to Canada, settling in Ontario. He located on Lot 5, Concession 8, in Mersea township, County of Essex, where he purchased the south half of Lot 5, for \$300. After succeeding in clearing this property he purchased the other half of the lot, and thus acquired a farm of 200 acres, where he lived and prospered until 1891, in which year he retired from activity. Removing to Leamington, he died there in July, 1902, after several years' enjoyment of a well-earned competency. Mr. Cowan was not only a successful agriculturist, but was also an intelligent man of affairs and occupied a position among the leading men of his locality. For many years he was reeve of his township, and it was mainly through his endeavors that the drainage question became a public issue. In his early life educational advantages had been denied him, but he rectified this by putting himself under instruction, devoting his evenings to study after the close of the day's work. Such ambition brought its own reward, resulting in the well informed and intelligent gentleman Mr. Cowan became. Politically he was always of the Liberal party. Both he and his wife belonged to the Methodist Church. In 1850 Walter Cowan married Mary Ann Kitchen, daughter of Ziba Kitchen, and to this union were born children as follows: Walter, deceased; Jennie, wife of Rev. Dr. McDonald, of Grafton, North Dakota; Susan, Mrs. William Imeson, of Mersea township; Martha, deceased; Calvin, on the old homestead; and Mahlon K., the subject of this biography.

Mahlon K. Cowan was born May 10, 1863, on the old homestead in Mersea township. He acquired a liberal education in the Brantford and Collingwood collegiate institutes, and then turned his attention to the study of law, in May, 1885, becoming a pupil of Hon. A. S. Hardy, of Brantford. He was called to the Bar in 1890. In August of the same year he settled at Windsor, and formed a partnership with J. W. Hanna which continued until 1896, when the legal firm of Clarke, Cowan, Bartlet & Bartlet came into existence.

Mr. Cowan has always taken an active interest in politics, and every campaign for many years has found him an earnest worker for the principles of the Liberal party. In 1896 his popularity was recognized by his election as a member of the Dominion Parliament for South



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Essex, and his course met with such approbation that in 1900 he was re-elected. He has been a conspicuous member of the House, and has advocated many of the most strenuous reforms of the sessions. He had the honor of being the father of the first Alien Labor Bill that ever passed the Canadian Parliament (1897). On different occasions this important matter had been brought before the Parliament, but nothing had been accomplished of a practical nature. Mr. Cowan's bill met with approval, and, as stated, became a law. He is also the author of other important measures and has made a record on the floor of the House. His notable speech, made in 1900, on the "West Huron Election Frauds," was widely quoted and aroused approving comment from the public. At the opening of the session of 1902 Mr. Cowan was elected chairman of the committee on Private Bills, which is considered the second most important committee of the House of Commons, being composed of over eighty members, which position he still holds, having been unanimously re-elected in 1903, and again in 1904.

During the past quarter of a century the farmers residing in sections of the country where the land is level, and especially the western counties, have been seriously hampered in the cultivation of the soil by reason of their inability to drain their lands, wherever it was necessary to carry the drains across the road-beds of railroad companies. This arose from the fact that the right to enact drainage laws lies exclusively within the Provincial Parliament, while railways are within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Dominion Parliament, and as the Provinces had no authority over railways it therefore followed, as a natural sequence, that the different municipalities or farmers had no right to enter upon their lands, or to compel them to open drains under their road-bed to admit of the proper drainage of the land. The matter had been brought up in Parliament every session for the past fifteen years, by both senators and members of the House of Commons, but as less than twenty-five constituencies were affected by it, and four-fifths of these in the Province of Ontario, they met with little or no success, as the railways had some influence in nearly every constituency in Canada, and those constituencies, which were not affected by drainage laws, naturally favored the railways. Thus the matter stood until Mr.

Cowan took it up, in the session of 1902, and failed, the bill being defeated in a sub-committee to which it was referred. Undaunted, however, by this failure, and with the same persistency with which he succeeded in passing the Alien Labor Bill, after others had failed, he re-introduced his measure this session, and although it was fought most strenuously by the large railway corporations he succeeded in getting the Commons to adopt it in the face of the opposition of the Minister of Railways, a member of the Government of which Mr. Cowan was a supporter. The scene of battle was then removed to the Senate, and the Senate adjourned to one of the committee rooms for the purpose of listening to the arguments against the railway bill. Mr. Cowan was the only member of the House of Commons to appear before the Senate committee, and so strongly did he put his case that it was adopted by the Senate. Of such vital importance was this measure considered by the Farmers' Associations throughout the Province of Ontario, that, at their general meeting held in the city of Toronto, a vote of thanks was tendered him by the General Association. The public press of all shades of politics, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, spoke in most glowing terms of the efforts Mr. Cowan had put forth. His opinions on all public questions are listened to with interest and respect, and he is regarded as one of the leading members of his party. This position, which he attained in the early days of his Parliamentary career, he established beyond question by his speech on the Grand Trunk Pacific railway contract. In his defence of the contract Mr. Cowan revealed a power of argument and a lucidity of expression that gave this speech prominent rank among the great speeches that were made on the Grand Transcontinental railway issue. It was this speech, perhaps, more than any other incident, that showed Mr. Charles M. Hays the pronounced capability of Mr. Cowan and opened up the negotiations that led to the appointment of the member from South Essex to the high position of counsel for the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company. The ability which Charles M. Hays saw in Mr. Cowan the latter's friends had long recognized, and there was no surprise over the appointment, which closed eight years of brilliant parliamentary service.

On Sept. 5, 1892, Mr. Cowan was married to Miss Clara L. Pilkey, of Brantford. She is a

member of the Presbyterian Church, which Mr. Cowan also attends. Socially, as well as politically, Mr. Cowan is a representative citizen of Windsor.

RICHARD CARNEY, M.B., M.D., M.C., P. & S., of Windsor, is a native of Ontario, born in Barrie, in 1842.

The first of the Doctor's progenitors of whom he has accurate knowledge, is his grandfather, Richard Carney, eldest son in a family, originally one of the Irish gentry of County Tipperary, which was scattered by the religious feuds of the period. The name is found in County Waterford as that of one of the main thoroughfares, and in County Sligo as Castle Carney. This grand-sire married Charlotte Chubb, a member of a prominent family in Wiltshire, England, by whom he had ten children, among whom were George, a captain in the navy; Thomas, a captain in the merchant marine; John, in the army; Richard (2), mentioned below; and Edward, in the Government Survey on our Pacific Coast. Going with his regiment to Heligoland, where the father of the subject of our sketch, was born, he participated in the stirring events connected with that strategic outpost. He returned to England where he died.

The Doctor's father, Richard (2), entered the navy as an assistant to a Surgeon on a man-of-war, under orders to bombard Algiers, then the rendezvous of the Mediterranean-sea pirates. On being invalided home from the Bermudas, he became a clerk in the Commissariat Department, in which he remained until leaving for Canada in 1832. He had married Mary, daughter of William Johnston, who was then warden in the fortifications at Portsmouth, England. He located in Barrie, then a way-station on the Military road from Toronto to Penetanguishene where fortifications had been constructed. He remained there until 1846, when he was sent to Owen Sound as Customs officer to that port. While a resident of Barrie, the Rebellion of 1837-38 broke out, and he led the Simcoe contingent of loyalists to Toronto. He became very active in public affairs at Owen Sound, being elected reeve, warden, and mayor in succession. His loyalty to the Crown made him a supporter of what, afterward, became the Conservative party although he had been a Whig in the old country. He was a strenuous advocate of civil and religious liberty; and, although an Episcopalian, he supported the movement for the

secularization of the Clergy Reserves, and the establishment of Separate Schools. In 1859 he went to Algoma as stipendiary magistrate, and when that district was erected into a Provisional Judicial one, under the late Judge (Col.) Prince, he was appointed sheriff, which office he filled until 1882. He died in 1885, leaving a widow and eight children.

Doctor Carney was educated in the public schools of Owen Sound, at Upper Canada College, and at the Toronto University. He began to study medicine in 1865, at the Toronto Medical School, but desiring a wider field and greater opportunities for practical work, he went to New York, where he spent two winter sessions at Bellevue Hospital Medical College, graduating therefrom as M.D. in 1869. Returning to Toronto he took the M.B. degree, with honors, at the University. He was, for seven years, a member of the "Queen's Own" Rifles, and was granted a Fenian Raid Medal, and a grant of land for services rendered. When the Riel rebellion broke out in 1885, he superintended the re-organizing of the Essex Battalion, becoming its first surgeon. For this work he was thanked by the Militia Department, and by Lieut.-Col. J. R. Wilkinson, of Leamington. The Doctor has been a consistent Conservative, with broad liberal views. He was elected deputy reeve, with increasing majorities, over the late D. McGregor, the late Geo. Shipley, and W. J. McKee, ex-M.P.P. He has also served the public as chairman of the local Board of Health. He organized the Medical Society of Windsor; set on foot the movement which culminated in the establishing, by the late Dean Wagner, of the Hotel Dieu Hospital,—serving as Vice-President of its staff until appointed City Physician in 1893; and has been an all-round active citizen.

Coming to Windsor, in 1869, to manage the *Essex Record*,—then a Conservative weekly,—he decided to locate as a medical practitioner, and has continued in active practice up to the present.

In 1891, Dr. Carney married Georgiana, daughter of the late Gavin Burns, of Oshawa, by whom he had three children—all of whom are dead. The Doctor and Mrs. Carney have been active in social and philanthropic circles, and enjoy the respect and confidence of the community.

During his career at Upper Canada College Dr. Carney was awarded a prize for an English poem on the Marriage of the Prince of Wales—

now King Edward VII.,—one for Latin verse, two for English prose, and one for sword exercise. He also had the honor of representing his class at the annual commencement, in 1869, of Bellevue Medical College, New York,—reading an appropriate address.

DANIEL B. ODETTE. Probably Windsor has no better known citizen than he whose name opens this biography, and the old French family from which he has descended has been identified with Canadian affairs for generations. It was founded in County Essex by Pierre Odette, a native of Quebec, who there married Marie Gaudet, who accompanied him to County Essex in 1805. They became farming people on the river front in the township of Sandwich West, lived there in peace and industry, reared four children, and were there gathered to their ancestors. The children were: Pascal, who settled in the State of Michigan; Genevieve, who married Joseph Warrow, and settled in Anderdon township, where she died; Bridget, who married Raphael Girard and settled in Trenton, State of Michigan, where both died; and Laurent, the father of Daniel B.

Laurent Odette was born June 24, 1818, in Sandwich, and followed farming in Anderdon township until his death, in 1897. In 1838 he married Louise Fortier, daughter of Capt. Fortier, who was with Capt. Brock at the taking of Detroit by the British. Mrs. Odette was born in 1819, being one year younger than her husband, and their happy married life continued for fifty-seven years, death separating them by but one year, both reaching the age of seventy-nine. Their children were: George, born in 1839, is a resident of Detroit; he married first a Miss Fortier, by whom he had two children, Fred and Charles; his second marriage was to Minnie Corlett, the one son of this union being named Daniel. Peter, born in 1841, died in 1870; he married Josephine Meloche, and they had three children, James, Josephine and Annie. Cecilia married Cyril Pasquette, and they have fourteen children. Christiana married Clement Gignac, of Colchester township, and they have eight children. Daniel B. is mentioned below. Henry married Georgiana Burns, of Anderdon township, and they have eight children; in 1902 he was elected treasurer of his township. Helen married Henry Reaume, of Sandwich West, and they have five children. Alice (deceased) was the wife of Richard T. Gignac, of

the firm of Gignac Bros. Sebra married Raphael Bincette, a jeweler of Windsor.

Daniel B. Odette was born Feb. 29, 1848, on the old homestead in Anderdon township, and hence his birthday anniversary occurs but once in four years, which doubtless would be the choice of the majority if thus old Father Time could be cheated of his due. Mr. Odette received his education in the public schools of his township and at the high school at Windsor, applying himself to such good advantage that at the age of seventeen years he was qualified for teaching. After two years of teaching in Sandwich West, he entered Bryant & Stratton's Business College, at Detroit, and was there graduated in 1867. The succeeding eight years he passed as bookkeeper at the Anderdon Stone Quarries, and during a portion of this time officiated as superintendent of the schools of the township. In 1875 he located at Windsor, taking charge of the bookkeeping department of the mercantile house of G. W. Girdelstone, of Windsor, with whom he remained for two years. In 1877, in association with another practical man of business, Mr. Wherry, Mr. Odette embarked in the business of commission merchant, the reliable firm of Odette & Wherry, commission merchants and steamboat agents, being then formed. This staunch old firm did much to advance the commercial reputation of Windsor. It was dissolved in the fall of 1903, Mr. Odette continuing the commission business. Particularly interested in the advancement of the educational interests of the city, Mr. Odette has willingly served on the board of education for ten years, and his thorough knowledge of the needs of the growing youth of to-day has been of great use to his co-laborers.

Had the lines of Mr. Odette's ambition run in the direction of political preferment in his young manhood, it is probable that Windsor would never have had her excellent business citizen. He is a forcible speaker, and as he uses both the French and the English languages fluently he is much in demand during the campaigns, not alone because of his eloquence, but also because he is regarded as better posted on the political questions of the day than any other citizen of western Ontario. From 1879 to 1886 he declined Parliamentary honors, but in 1896 he was induced to accept the nomination for the House of Commons on the Conservative ticket. This was the year when the Reform party, by superhuman efforts, swept the country, and Mr. Odette was defeated,

although his vote was very flattering, and a personal victory for him, as a third man was placed in the field; this latter turn of affairs was the sole cause of his defeat.

On Oct. 24, 1884, Mr. Odette was united in marriage with Miss Annie, daughter of Capt. George Irving, and the three sons born to this union bear the names of Edmund, Louis and Thomas. The religious connection of the family is with the Roman Catholic Church. Fraternal-ly Mr. Odette had the honor of being the first president of the C. M. B. A. in Canada, an order founded Feb. 11, 1878. He is also one of the oldest members of the St. John the Baptist Society. In all public movements, whether of benevolence or enterprise, Mr. Odette is generous and sincerely interested. His community esteems him highly and considers him one of its representative men.

HENRY RAYMOND CASGRAIN, M.D., who is numbered among the leading physicians and surgeons of western Ontario, is a son of C. E. Casgrain, M.D., of Windsor.

Dr. Casgrain was born in Sandwich, Ont., in 1857. His literary education was obtained in the schools of Windsor, and Assumption College, Sandwich, he being graduated from the latter institution in 1876. Immediately thereafter he entered the Detroit College of Medicine, from which he was graduated in 1879, with the degree of M.D. In 1880 Dr. Casgrain had the degree of M.D. conferred upon him by Trinity College, Toronto, and that same year went to Europe, and took a special course in surgery in the hospitals of London and Paris, returning to Windsor in December of that year. He then entered into active practice with his father, and thus remained until 1890. In 1885, in the Rebellion of the Northwest, Dr. Casgrain had charge of field hospital No. 2, which was located in the Northwest Territory. However, in 1889, he paid a second trip to Europe, and in the hospitals of Paris he gave special attention to surgical diseases of women. In 1890, having returned to Windsor, he opened an office for himself, and has since continued in active practice. Fully realizing that new discoveries are constantly being made in medical and surgical science, Dr. Casgrain frequently spends several weeks in the best hospitals of the country, and is constantly reading and studying. During 1892, Dr. Casgrain spent some time in Chicago with Drs. Senn and Ochsner, and other

surgeons of world-wide reputation. In 1902 he made a third trip to Europe, spending six months in the hospitals of London and Paris. Dr. Casgrain is surgeon for the Twenty-first Battalion, for the Canadian Pacific railroad, and for the City hospital. In politics he is an uncompromising Conservative, but has felt that he had but little time to devote to municipal affairs. He served on the Water-board of the city for two years. He has declined nomination for mayor and Parliamentary honors. Religiously he is a member of the Roman Catholic Church.

In 1892 Dr. Casgrain was united in marriage with Miss Alice Meade Fraser, daughter of the late Alexander Fraser, of Cobourg. Dr. and Mrs. Casgrain have a beautiful home at the corner of Dougall avenue and Pitt street, where their many friends are made welcome.

WILSON. The immigrant ancestors of the Wilson family of Kent were William and Matthew, who died in Morpeth, and Robert and David, who died in Harwich, suburbs of Chatham. These four were brothers, sons of George Wilson, of Bettyville, Dublin, who owned also the estate of Oberstown, near Tara, Ireland. Both of those estates are now held by George Wilson, a grandson and namesake of the above named.

A lineal ancestor of this family was Sir William Wilson, of Eastbourne, County of Sussex, England, an officer of Anglo-Saxon origin, in the King's army during the struggle prior to the Commonwealth. When Charles II. came to the throne this officer was, on March 4, 1661, made a Baronet and granted an Irish estate as a reward for distinguished services during the civil war. A branch of his family settled in the southeast of Ireland and became owners of "Seven Churches," which the descendants still own. In 1722 a scion (Thomas) from this branch went north from "Seven Churches" and purchased Oberstown, above mentioned. Then followed in a few years his brother James to Parsonstown, and John to Roosk. These estates, with others added, are still in the Wilson family. George Wilson, son of Thomas of "Seven Churches," added to Oberstown Bettyville, and at the present time these two estates belong to his great-grandson, George Wilson, whose father, George, was the eldest brother of the men who came to Canada.

The father of the four immigrants having died



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intestate and while his children were infants, the estates fell to the eldest son, George, and the early education of all was neglected. The younger brothers, William, Robert, David and Matthew, upon reaching manhood left Ireland, and adopted the County of Kent, Ont., as their future home. They came up the river from Detroit, arriving in 1834, and for some years kept a general store in Chatham in the days when wagons were unknown and large forest trees grew in what are now the main streets of the city. After some years of experience as a bachelor William married. Robert and David then took up farming, or rather they began living in the woods upon what afterward became their beautiful farms in the suburbs of the city of Chatham.

A few years later William and Matthew, thinking that Morpeth, then a shipping port on Lake Erie, would soon surpass Chatham, opened general stores there, and for many years combined mercantile business with dealings in grain, wool, timber and all sorts of produce, and also carried on a general shipping trade. In a few years they accumulated a competency which enabled Matthew to retire from business. William died some time afterward, and his family disposed of the property and moved to the city of London for the sake of better educational advantages; William's son, Dr. John D. Wilson, was for several years a member of the London school board and was elected three successive terms mayor of the city of London, after which he withdrew from public life and confined himself to the practice of his profession; two other sons of William, James and George, are prominent physicians in the same city. Matthew Wilson, of Morpeth, with his wife and only child, Sarah, all died within a couple of years, in consequence of which his line became extinct. This left Robert's and David's families only in Kent.

Until his death David Wilson remained upon his farm, which was one of the finest in that beautiful district. He was one of the most enthusiastic and progressive agriculturists of his day. Farming was to him a science, and as a result was most profitable to him and instructive to those who sought to follow his example. He was the pioneer of Kent in the exporting of cattle to the mother country, and although he did not long continue these trans-Atlantic shipments he set the example which others in the county have since profitably followed. David Wilson did not confine his energies to the accumu-

lation of property, in which, however, he was very successful, but devoted much of his time to the public good. For over twenty years he was a member of the municipal council of Harwich, and during a great portion of that time he was reeve, all of which testifies to his ability and popularity in the community in which he lived. In later years he was nominated by the Conservatives to represent East Kent in Parliament, but he declined to enter the contest.

David Wilson left a large estate, which he divided among his three sons, David, Michael Joseph and Francis William, who have continued and improved upon the work begun by their father. These three young men are now among the wealthy and successful farmers of the county, David residing on the lakeshore in Howard, Francis on the old homestead, and Michael on a beautiful farm adjoining. Michael Joseph Wilson has on several occasions been elected to the municipal council, the last time to the reeve-ship, and he is now managing director of the M. J. Wilson Cordage Company. David Wilson is now serving as a member of the council for the township of Howard, where he resides. The mother of these sons and widow of David Wilson, Sr., still survives; her maiden name was Susan McGarvin.

Robert Wilson passed away before his brother David. He was of a more quiet and retiring disposition, and had taken very little part in the councils of the country, although at one time he was elected, against his will, to the municipal council of the township in which he resided, and at another time he was offered the Conservative nomination to the Parliament of Ontario. Robert Wilson was not only a student himself, but he used every means by practice and by precept to further the education of his family. There were, perhaps, few men in the Western District of Ontario possessed of wider learning or sounder judgment, and his friends and neighbors frequently resorted to him for information and advice. His kindness and charity were a blessing to the poor and he was beloved by all with whom he came in contact. He was a member and liberal supporter of the Church of England.

Robert Wilson married Isabella Waugh, daughter of Christopher Waugh, of the County of Middlesex, Ont., of Scotch descent. Of their children, four sons and two daughters survive: George; Matthew; Francis William; Robert Albert; Annie, now the widow of Dr. John M. Fraser, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine in the

Western University at London; and Belle, who, with the youngest son, Robert Albert, resides on the homestead with the widowed mother. Mr. Wilson gave to each member of his family a very liberal education, and early taught his sons the responsibility of managing their own affairs. He did not wait until his death to bestow upon them their respective portions of his large estate; George was settled upon a fine farm at Charing Cross; Francis was given another near Chatham; and Matthew, after remaining at home until near manhood, went by his father's urgent request to college, preparatory to studying law. George has shown the fruit of his father's teaching, and is to-day one of the most advanced and intelligent farmers in the county, having added greatly to his inheritance, and he reflects in his daily life the Christian sympathy and broad charity of his father. He married Agnes Young, and their family now fills their commodious home. They have the respect of all who know them. Francis William Wilson still lives upon the farm which was given him by his father, but he has converted it into an immense nursery, and has built thereon the splendid residence known as "Orchard Home." He married Matilda Mattice, and their union has been blessed by three sons, two of whom assist their father in his extensive business, and the youngest is still in school.

MATTHEW WILSON, K. C. Success and prominent position have so come to this member of his father's family that it is but just and fitting that to him should be given especial attention. He was born in Harwich, Aug. 28, 1854. After completing his studentship in law at Toronto he again submitted to his father's desire and returned to Chatham to practice his profession. He served his apprenticeship with Messrs. Harrison, Osler & Moss, perhaps the most illustrious law firm that Canada has ever known. From it, Harrison, the great municipal lawyer, was made Chief Justice of the Queen's Bench; Thomas Moss was elevated to the Chief Justiceship of the Court of Appeal for Ontario; Osler and Charles Moss are now both Judges in Appeal; and Falconbridge, who was also a partner, is Chief Justice of the High Court of Justice. Matthew Wilson soon showed himself to be a worthy student of his great masters. In his law school course he stood at the head of his class at each examination, and finally won the highest honors that could then be conferred, being a reduction of eighteen months in the

period of service. He passed his final examination in 1879; but his habits of study, his love for his profession and his inherited thirst for knowledge made him continue, what he still is, a student, although apparently a master of law. His success in practice was even more marked than that in study, and he was soon recognized not only as a learned lawyer, but as a skilled counsel in the management of trials. His searching cross-examinations and the ready manner in which he could lay bare the weak spots in his adversary's case, together with his brilliant, incisive rhetoric, make him a terror to untruthful witnesses and wrong doers. It is said that Mr. Wilson always appears to best advantage in an "uphill" fight or a losing forensic battle. This is illustrated in the report of a case in which he was engaged for the plaintiff on the unpopular and supposed-to-be hopeless side. The report in the daily press states: "Mr. Wilson's argument lasted for over three hours and many of his admirers declare it the ablest effort of his life. Not a point of apparently the most trifling nature escaped his attention. Assuredly the case never looked brighter for the plaintiff than when he closed his argument. His lordship reserved judgment, remarking that while he would like to decide against the plaintiff, he considered Mr. Wilson's argument a very powerful one." (*Banner*, March 27, 1895.) Decision was afterward given for Mr. Wilson's client.

Although rather a rapid speaker and questioner, the accuracy of his language and the appropriateness of his words and the completeness of his sentences make reporting a pleasure to the stenographer, who is relieved from the frequent necessity of correcting grammar or completing the questions. Few counsel combine in so high a degree the ability to make the close, skilled, argumentative address to be presented to a Bench of learned Judges, with at the same time an equal ability to "size up" the inclinations and dispositions of a jury or audience and to play upon their prejudices and sympathies, whether to move them to tears or to jolly them to ridicule. By those capable of judging it has been remarked that in either case the great influence of what he says follows chiefly from his masterly marshaling of his facts and leaving at the proper point his hearers to draw the conclusion as if founded upon their own reasonings. Conclusions so formed are hard to remove.

It is not to be wondered at that Mr. Wilson's practice rapidly increased and that he became

well known throughout Canada. When comparatively very young and only ten years at the Bar he was created a Queen's Counsel (1889), and in 1893 was sent to England to argue (as he did successfully) a case before Her Majesty's Privy Council. In 1900 the *Canada Law Journal*, of Toronto, published his portrait, and in the course of a complimentary editorial said that: "Mr. Wilson, following the example of the senior member of the firm under which he studied, gave special attention to municipal law and has for some years been recognized as an authority in that branch, and to-day must have very nearly, if not quite, the largest clientele of municipal corporations in the Province."

Such success cannot be obtained without struggles and rivalry, and these often beget unpopularity, but not so with "Matt." Wilson, as he is affectionately called. Soon after he began practice he was honored by the students who formed an association with the first presidency of the same; and in later years his brothers in the Law made him President of the Law Association for the County of Kent, while a much larger constituency of his professional brethren chose him as President of the Western Bar Association for the Province of Ontario. He is also a Bencher of the Law Society in Toronto. More than once Mr. Wilson has been urged by his friends to accept nomination for Parliamentary honors, but while ready to advocate for his party the election of others he has no ambition himself to become the candidate.

Notwithstanding the business calls upon his time Mr. Wilson has given some thought to the improvement of the laws of his country, and he has upon this subject addressed meetings and written articles which have been copied and commented upon, not only throughout Canada, but also in the United States. He studies law as a science, and regards the practice of it as a noble profession, designed to protect and enforce rights, to prevent wrongs, and to safely keep and guide the human race, for the encouragement of the righteous and the punishment of the transgressor, and for the dispensation of stern justice to all.

It has been thought that some of the metropolitan dailies have occasional leaders from his pen, but the by-paths in which Matthew Wilson most frequently wanders are those in educational and religious fields. He has for years been a Senator of the Western University at London, and a member of the Council of Huron Divinity

College there. Generally both in his services and his financial contributions he has been a liberal supporter of educational and church institutions at home and abroad. Since boyhood he has been a member and is now a foremost advocate in the Church of England and its various councils. He has been a member of the General Synod for all Canada ever since that Synod was established, and for many years has been a member of the Diocesan Synod of Huron and the Provincial Synod of Canada, as well as of the Domestic and Foreign Mission Board. In 1896, when a Supreme Court of Appeal for the Church of England in Canada was created, Mr. Wilson was, on the nomination of the House of Bishops, made an assessor and member of that court; and no layman in that great body in Canada now has or is entitled to more influence or respect than Matthew Wilson.

Mr. Wilson is a director of the Northern Life Assurance Company of Canada and of the Union Trust Company of Ontario.

Matthew Wilson is now the head of the law firm of Wilson, Pike & Gundy, and has for over fifteen years been City Solicitor for Chatham. In 1882 he married Anna Marsden, daughter of C. R. Atkinson, K. C., and by her has three children, Meta Evelyn, Jessie Kathleen and Matthew Maurice. Mr. Wilson is essentially a "home man," fond of children and beloved by them; and notwithstanding his strong individuality, his courteous manner and sincerity make him admired by even those who are opposed to him.

The *Detroit Tribune*, in describing the appearance of counsel in a great trial in which Mr. Blake, Q. C., was on one side, and Mr. Matthew Wilson, Q. C., on the other, said the latter was a "tall, young-looking man, very neat in his dress and scholarly in his appearance." The *Detroit Sun* said: "He is thin and white looking, takes a big run of work and is very successful. He is active in church and educational affairs, and has on many occasions been taken for a clergyman." The *Canada Law Journal* says: "As a lawyer and a citizen, Mr. Wilson enjoys the confidence and esteem of the profession and the public."

In the sporting world, Mr. Wilson was induced to speak in Toronto for the Wheelmen's meet, and the *Mail-Empire* headed its report with "Matthew Wilson's Speech, How the eminent Q. C. jollied the crowd," while the *Toronto World* gave it "Matt. Wilson talked and won,"

and the *Chatham Planet* called his speech a "gem."

The *Winnipeg Tribune*, in describing a number of leading Canadians, says of him: "Then there is Matthew Wilson, Q. C., than whom no one knows better how to turn defeat into victory, and who, after having been barred out of the citadel by land and by sea, proceeds to take it calmly by dropping from the clouds."

The *Minneapolis Times*, referring to the great Church of England in Convention there in 1896, said: "It was an object lesson for those who came and for those who see and hear the visitors. Men like Matthew Wilson, Q. C., are samples of what the best laymen are. He has had a memorable career, and when men like him are ready to leave business and take time to go out of his native country to serve the Church it is an object lesson to all who behold. He is not a 'party man' in Church affairs—believing that our Creed is broad enough to admit all who have the saving knowledge of Christ, no matter what dress or vestments they may wear, or what particular ritual they prefer. Mr. Wilson can go home knowing that he has spoken a manly word for his Church, not alone in speech but in very deed."

At that meeting were representatives from all quarters of the world, including seventy bishops; and among the American laymen were such as J. J. Hill, J. Pierpont Morgan, Mr. Foster (ex-Minister of the United States) and other leaders in every walk of life.

Wilkinson's History of the United States Convention says: "Matthew Wilson, Q. C., is an Evangelical Churchman, but not a narrow one, and a bright light in the legal world. He is an advocate and liberal supporter of higher education, both secular and religious, and he has long urged a more active co-operation of the laymen in the spiritual work of the Church."

The *Halifax Church Work* says: "In his [Mr. Wilson's] chosen profession in the law he has been pre-eminently successful. As a writer and speaker he stands in the very front rank of Ontario Publicists. As a ready and graceful speaker and keen debater he has few equals in any sphere or department of public life. A strong Conservative in politics, he has frequently been solicited to offer himself for Parliamentary honors, but so far has preferred to devote his uncommon powers to Church affairs."

The *Chatham Banner*, a Reform newspaper opposed to Mr. Wilson in politics, said of a

speech by him: "Mr. Wilson's address was one of the most finished and brilliant oratorical efforts which have been heard in this city for some time. It was a masterpiece of eloquence and held his hearers simply entranced."

The *Toronto Globe*, the leading Reform paper in Canada, says: "Mr. Wilson has the art of putting a great deal of matter into a few words."

The *Blenheim News*, another paper of political views opposed to his, speaks of him as "an exceedingly able young man whose high abilities and studious character have secured for him a well deserved prominence in his native country."

The *Free Press* said: "Having originality and fearlessness of thought combined with high character, honesty of purpose and marked ability, together with a relentless determination to accomplish his object, Mr. Wilson is just the man who ought to be sent to the Parliament of his country."

JOHN CURRY, a prominent financier and leading business man of Windsor, worthily represents one of the old settled families of this city.

Matthew Curry, his grandfather, was born in the North of Ireland, where he married Isabella Harshaw, and reared a family, his sons being James, William, Matthew and John. In 1818 he settled in the County of Prince Edward, and purchased 200 acres of land, engaging in farming. While crossing Lake Ontario on his way to visit one of his sons, the boat was wrecked and he was drowned. His widow survived him some years, and died on the old homestead.

John Curry, son of Matthew and father of John, was born in 1812, in Ireland, and accompanied his parents to Canada. In 1838 he left the old homestead and settled in Windsor, where he purchased property on the corner of Ouellette avenue and Pitt street, on which now stands the Curry block. Here Mr. Curry bought the stage route between Sandwich, Amherstburg and Chatham. This was before the railways were built, the stage lines doing the work of the railways. The stage line proved very profitable, and this business Mr. Curry ably conducted until his death, in 1861. In 1848 he married Emma Hudson, and to this union the following children were born: James Richie, deceased, who married Annie H. Maycock (their children being Ada Jennie and Cora Isa-



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bella, both deceased); John and William George, prominent citizens of Windsor; and Isabella, deceased.

John Curry (2), son of John and grandson of Matthew Curry, was born Sept. 4, 1854, in Windsor, and obtained his education in the schools of this city. His first position was with the hardware house of William Rolff, in Windsor. In partnership with his brother James, he then purchased a bankrupt stock of general merchandise, and for one and a half years engaged in its disposal, selling out the business in 1874. In this year the two brothers founded the Curry Brothers' Bank of Windsor, which they jointly conducted until the death of James R. Curry, in 1877. At this time William George Curry took the place of his brother James in the business, and the firm remained the same until May 1, 1879, when he withdrew to take charge of the extensive lumber and charcoal business of the firm, in which were employed about 125 teams and many men. This business consumed about 10,000 cords of wood per month, in the charcoal kiln. William G. remained at the head of this great enterprise until 1887, and soon after embarked in his present business.

In 1879, upon the withdrawal of his brother William from the bank, John Curry, in partnership with Alexander Cameron, formed the Essex County Bank, with Mr. Curry as cashier. In 1893 Mr. Cameron died. Mr. Curry still continues in the operation of his bank, under the name of John Curry & Co., his son, Charles F. Curry, having been made a member of the firm.

Mr. Curry is prominently identified with the leading industries of Windsor and vicinity. In addition to the immense amount of work included in the settlement of the vast estate of his late partner, who when he died was the richest man in western Canada, Mr. Curry manages the affairs of the bank. He is also president of the Essex County Savings & Loan Company; secretary and treasurer of the Walkerville Wagon Works; the Windsor Building & Loan Company; the Essex Land, Loan & Improvement Company; and the Windsor & Walkerville Land Company. His holdings of land are numerous and valuable. He has erected a summer residence on the banks of the Detroit River, in Sandwich East, where his family spend the summer months. In 1883 Mr. Curry

built his present fine residence on Ouellette avenue.

On Oct. 16, 1877, Mr. Curry married Miss Frances Arabella Stone, sister of the wife of William George Curry, and to this union have been born these children: Charles Francis, Chester Richie (deceased), Verena May and Gladys Alma. In politics he is a pronounced Liberal. He was chairman of the first water commission, and of the first free library board of the City of Windsor.

WILLIAM GEORGE CURRY was born April 1, 1856, in Windsor, and married Alma Ann (Stone), by whom he had three children: Emma, deceased; Florence E., and Clyde W. Mr. Curry is a prominent brick manufacturer of Windsor.

CHARLES N. ANDERSON, M. D., C. M., Leamington, one of the best known medical practitioners in this section of the County of Essex, and a member of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, has earned his right to high standing in his profession by strict devotion to its interests. He has been a devoted student from boyhood, and since entering upon active practice has spared himself neither mentally nor physically in his efforts to make his work thorough and efficient.

The Doctor comes of a family which has been long established in the Dominion, being a son of James Anderson, and a brother of Samuel Thomas Anderson, the popular clerk of Tilbury West township. He was born Jan. 14, 1858, in a little log cabin in Stephen township, County of Huron, Ontario, and, being one of a family of fifteen children, had meagre advantages of any kind in his youth. But he asked only for opportunities, and his position at the present time is sufficient proof that he recognized and made the most of them when they occurred. He commenced attending school in his native township, in a rude building of logs, under teachers none too well-fitted for the work from a modern point of view. However, he grew up on a farm in a pioneer region, where everything was put to the most practical use, and the same applied to what little learning he acquired. When he was fifteen years old the family removed to the County of Essex, locating on a "bush" farm in Mersea township, and he spent a year assisting his father in the work of clearing. His ambition for a higher and broader education having become fixed, and having a professional life in

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view, he went to Leamington, where he attended the public school for two years, and his hours not given to study were spent in caring for a doctor's horse and doing other chores. By this time he had gained sufficient knowledge to enable him to obtain a third-grade teacher's certificate, and he commenced teaching, following that profession for three and a half years in Tilbury West township. His vacations were spent on the farm and in study, and in order to further improve himself he attended the Windsor high school. In time he obtained a second-grade certificate, at the Normal school, and, returning to the school room, taught for three years more. He had satisfied his early ambition, and now he was ready to go higher. By strict economy and prudence he had managed to save enough to pay the expenses of a college course, and accordingly, in 1884, he entered Trinity Medical College, Toronto, where he remained four years, taking a full medical course, and graduating in 1888 with the degrees of M. D. and C. M.

Immediately after his graduation Dr. Anderson located in Comber, and there he remained for sixteen years, having enjoyed a gratifying patronage from the beginning. In 1903 he removed to Leamington, where he is now practicing his profession. His genial manners and sympathetic disposition have undoubtedly been as important factors in his career as his medical skill itself, for he has ever taken advantage of the numerous opportunities his calling affords for the assistance and relief of the poor and needy, being noted for his charity. However, his benefactions are unostentatious, and are made known only by the recipients, all of whom testify to his willingness to aid wherever he can be of use. Dr. Anderson has kept himself abreast of the times by reading and constant study, and besides being a good general practitioner has considerable reputation as a surgeon. He is a physician first, last and always, sacrificing all other interests, and his personal comfort as well, where the welfare of his patients is concerned. In other words, he is a typical family doctor, and as such enjoys a popularity which none begrudge him. Dr. Anderson compounds his own medicines.

As a man who goes about much in the community, the Doctor has marked many of the needs of his section, and as a public-spirited citizen he has done his share toward relieving them, especially in the line of his own work. He

served as Medical Health Officer of his town and township for many years. Educational interests have always appealed to him with particular force, and he has decided views on the public-school question. With a liberality of thought beyond the average, he advocates going farther than the mere literary tuition, and believes that the schools are the place for a child to gain his loftiest ideas of patriotism and love of country,—the only hope of a united people and commonwealth. For two years he served as chairman of the school board of Comber. In political faith the Doctor is a staunch Conservative, and he was president of the Conservative Association of Tilbury West township for fifteen years, prior to removing to Leamington. Fraternally he has many connections, affiliating with the A. F. & A. M., the R. A. M., and the I. O. O. F., A. O. U. W., I. O. F., C. O. F., K. O. T. M., Woodmen of the World and R. T. of T.; he is medical examiner in all of these. His religious connection is with the Methodist Church of Leamington, in the work of which he has been active, having served as recording steward and trustee. The Doctor's genial disposition has attracted many friends to him, and he is well known and liked all over the country, his profession taking him over a wide range of territory.

On Sept. 17, 1890, Dr. Anderson was married, in Comber, to Miss Libbie Smith, a lady of culture and refined tastes, who has contributed much toward making their home the abode of cheer and hospitality that it is. She is a daughter of the late Reuben and Amanda (Buchanan) Smith. Five children have been born to the Doctor and his wife: Clarence, Merle, Helen (who died young), Howard and Edith. Mrs. Anderson is, like her husband, a member of the Methodist Church at Leamington. The family home is at that place, and the Doctor has, also, real estate interests elsewhere.

ALEXANDER BLACK, Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Education and Assessment Commissioner of the City of Windsor, is one of the most widely-known men in the County of Essex.

His descent is traced on the paternal side through Scotch and English, and on the maternal side through Scotch and Irish ancestors.

Alexander Black, the grandfather of our subject, was born at Eilkerslaugh, Scotland, April 2, 1775, and died at St. Jean Chrysostome, County of Beauharnois, Quebec, in December,

1855. Early in life he took up his residence in the city of Glasgow, Scotland, where he established a wholesale dry goods business, and later branched off in the manufacture of cotton goods, making a specialty of calico prints. On Tuesday, Jan. 13, 1801, he was united in marriage with Agnes Donald, a granddaughter of Edward Summers, an Englishman residing at Carmyle, Scotland. The children born to them were as follows: John, born March 1, 1802, died at the City of Montreal, Quebec, in 1843, unmarried; Margaret, born Dec. 25, 1803, married John Severs, and died at St. Jean Chrysostome, Quebec, in November, 1892; Betty, born April 26, 1806, died Sept. 27, 1809; Robert, born June 16, 1808, died April 21, 1827; James, born at Greenvale, Glasgow, Scotland, Aug. 8, 1810, died at Blytheswood, Essex County, Ont., April 5, 1885; David, born Sept. 5, 1812, died at Maskinonge, Quebec, Dec. 26, 1896; Josiah, born Feb. 10, 1815, died at St. Jean Chrysostome, Quebec, in April, 1895; Betty (2), born May 9, 1817, died Sept. 21, 1820.

In 1828 Mr. Black wound up his business in Glasgow and emigrated to Canada, accompanied by his wife and the surviving members of their family, consisting of John, Margaret, James, David and Josiah. They settled on a farm at St. Jean Chrysostome, County of Beauharnois, Quebec. John, their eldest son, embarked in the wholesale grocery business in Montreal, the firm name being Watson, Black & Co. James and David established a general store at St. Martin, County of Glengarry, which they conducted for a number of years, mainly for the accommodation of the lumber men.

When the Rebellion of 1837 broke out, James Black joined the volunteers and served with the Glengarry men until peace was restored. He was noted for his splendid marksmanship. About the year 1843 he retired from business and settled on a farm near the English River, County of Beauharnois, Quebec, where he resided till the year 1855, when he came west with his family and settled at Blytheswood, on the east half of Lot 9, 8th Concession of the township of Mersea, Essex County.

On Feb. 21, 1844, James Black was united in marriage with Maria Ainslie, who was born at Beech Ridge, County of Beauharnois, Quebec, Aug. 15, 1825, and died at the City of Detroit, Michigan, June 12, 1904. Her remains were taken to Blytheswood, Essex County, and interred in the family lot beside her late hus-

band. Mrs. Black was the eldest daughter of the late Capt. John Ainslie, of Beech Ridge, Quebec. Capt. Ainslie rendered good service to his country during the Rebellion of 1837. The children born to James and Maria Black, during their residence at the English River, County of Beauharnois, Quebec, are as follows: (1) John, born May 23, 1845, now resides on a farm near Howard City, Michigan; he is married and has five children, namely: Lena, Mary Ellen, Margaret Ethel, Alice May and Wilfred Alexander. (2) Alexander, our subject, was born May 26, 1847. (3) Mary, born June 16, 1849, is the wife of William Fletcher, of Detroit, Michigan; they have no children. (4) David, born July 5, 1851, married and has one daughter. David Black is now residing at Edwardsville, Illinois, and is a machinist by trade. (5) Josiah, born Jan. 8, 1854, is a physician and surgeon, residing at Howard City, Michigan; he has two daughters, Ella and Beatrice. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Black after they settled at Blytheswood, namely: (6) Norman James, born Dec. 3, 1856, remained on the homestead until August, 1899, when he went to Manitoba, where he died March 3, 1900. His remains were interred at Morden, Manitoba. He was unmarried. (7) George, born Nov. 14, 1857, is a physician and surgeon, residing at Elyria, Ohio; he has one son, Forest. (8) Martin Johnston, born Dec. 1, 1858, died July 8, 1859. (9) Agnes, born May 25, 1860, died Oct. 21, 1865. (10) Isabelle Margaret, born May 6, 1866, is the wife of Derius Dresser, and resides at Olinda, township of Gosfield; they have eight children, namely: Georgia, Florence, Beatrice, Nelson, Earl, Pearl, Alexander and Baby.

Alexander Black, the subject of this article, left the farm at Blytheswood in November, 1862, to accept a position with Cameron & Thorburn, general merchants of Windsor. He entered the employ of this firm as an apprentice to the dry goods business. By close attention to business he rose rapidly in the estimation of his employers, who advanced his salary from time to time until he attained \$1,000 per annum. After eleven years' service with this firm Mr. Black resigned his position, and in 1873 he assisted in forming the firm of Black & Cheyne, dry goods and millinery merchants.

On Aug. 28, 1871, Mr. Black was united in marriage with Miss Helen McDonald Cheyne, youngest daughter of the late John Cheyne, a sister of Capt. George Cheyne, and

a niece of the late Rev. George Cheyne, the first pastor of St. Andrew's Church, Amherstburg. On the maternal side Mrs. Black is related to the Rev. George McDonald, the well-known Scottish author. There came to Mr. and Mrs. Black one child, Helen McDonald, born March 1, 1874, who died May 15, 1874. Later they adopted a daughter, Jean. H. Monroe, who was born at Port Hope, Ont., April 13, 1876, and was united in marriage with William Henry Brown, of Detroit, Michigan, June 20, 1901; she died April 18, 1903, leaving an infant daughter, Jean Henrietta, born March 29, 1903.

Owing to poor health Mr. Black retired from the dry goods and millinery business in 1883, and formed a partnership with his brother George, under the firm name of Black & Co., wholesale produce commission merchants, George retiring one year later to study medicine. In 1892 Mr. Black wound up the produce business to accept an appointment as assessment commissioner for the city of Windsor. On February 5, 1893, he was appointed secretary-treasurer of the board of education, and has filled both positions continuously till the present time. The duties pertaining to these offices make Mr. Black a very busy man, and were it not for his methodical habits, coupled with his ability to accomplish an enormous amount of work, it would be well nigh impossible to give the general satisfaction which he has had the good fortune to do.

Mr. Black has a military record covering a number of years. In 1867 he joined the Windsor Garrison Artillery Company, and after it was disbanded in 1869 he joined No. 1 Independent Infantry Company, and did active service during the threatened Fenian Raid of 1870. For this service he received a medal and a grant of 160 acres of land, located in the Rainy River district. In 1885 he assisted in the organization of the 21st Regiment Essex Fusiliers, and for three years was 2nd lieutenant in No. 5 Company. For the past eight years Mr. Black has been captain of St. Andrew's 2nd Windsor Company, Boys' Brigade, of which both he and the citizens of Windsor are justly proud.

Mr. and Mrs. Black are both members of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, of which he has been an elder for the past twenty years.

Mr. Black has been a member of the Masonic order for over thirty years, Great Western Lodge, No. 47, being his mother lodge, but for the past ten years he has been affiliated with Windsor Lodge, No. 403. In politics he has al-

ways been a Liberal-Reformer, but since his appointment as assessment commissioner he has ceased to take an active part in political contests.

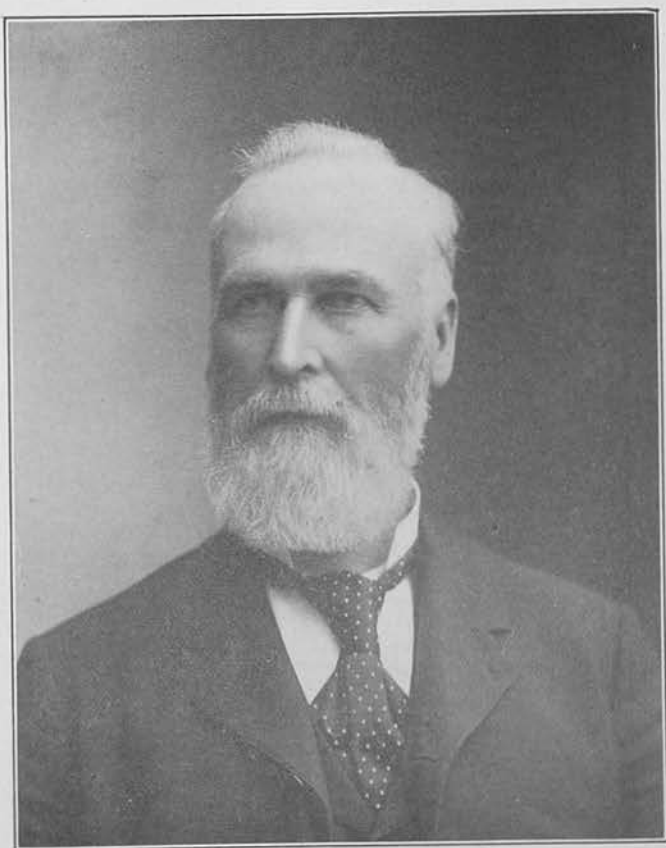
Mr. Black has several family souvenirs of which he is justly proud. One of these is a Bible which was owned by his grandmother's grandfather, Edward Sumers, in 1742. Another is his grandfather's clock, which has been in the Black family for ninety-five years, and is still an elegant piece of furniture, as well as a good time-keeper.

WILLIAM MCGREGOR, president of the Walkerville Wagon works, Collector of Customs at Windsor, ex-member of Parliament, departed this life May 14, 1903. He represented one of the old Scottish families of reputation and character, whose members have become respected and esteemed in all the localities in which the fortunes of life have placed them.

John McGregor, his grandfather, was born in Scotland, and died there in 1815. Five of his children came westward, and died in strange lands, four in the United States and one in Ontario.

John McGregor(2), son of John and father of William, was born April 27, 1810, in Scotland, and in 1830 emigrated to Canada, stopping at Quebec, Montreal and Toronto. In 1838 he located at Amherstburg, in the County of Essex, Ont., and there engaged in farming, in connection with general merchandising, so continuing until his death, in 1864. He was a man of most exemplary character, and enjoyed the universal esteem of all who knew him. In religious faith he was a Presbyterian. His political belief made him a Liberal. In 1830 he married Margaret Leishmann, daughter of Robert and Marion Leishmann, born in 1810, who died in 1896. Children as follows were born to this union: Robert L., now deceased; David, deceased; William, deceased; Margaret, Mrs. Menzies; Helen, wife of John Cousins; and Agnes, the widow of Andrew Hackett.

William McGregor was born June 24, 1836, in Ontario, and was but a child when his parents moved to Amherstburg, where he grew to manhood and began his successful business career. As a general merchant and dealer in real estate, Mr. McGregor continued active until his removal to Windsor in 1861. During the progress of the Civil war in the States he was engaged in supplying the Union army with



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horses. Upon the close of the war he decided to engage in banking, milling, and, later, general dealing in produce. With ample means at his command, he was able to carry on extensive enterprises which his business ability enabled him to successfully direct. Subsequently he made a trip to Manitoba, where he remained four years, and upon his return to Windsor, re-entered business, purchasing the street railway, which he disposed of later to the electric company.

Mr. McGregor dealt largely in real estate up to the time of his death, and was financially interested in many of the leading industries of this vicinity. He was president and general manager of the Walkerville Wagon Works; was one of the chief stockholders of the McGregor, Banwell & Co. Fence Works of Windsor, founded in 1896; and was also a member of the firm of McGregor & Son, real estate and insurance agents for the Queen City Oil Co. It will thus be seen that Mr. McGregor was for many years one of the important factors in Windsor's business life. He was also well known on account of his prominence in public affairs. From 1868 to 1870 he was warden of the County of Essex, and for eight years was one of the reeves of Windsor. In 1874 he was elected to Parliament, was re-elected in 1876, and again in 1890, and still again was he returned, in 1896. His long service was of the greatest benefit to his constituency, and he ably held his place among his brother statesmen. Mr. McGregor was a Liberal and zealous for his party.

In 1866 Mr. McGregor was married to Miss Jessie L. Peden, a member of one of the early families of Amherstburg. Her grandfather, John Peden, was a carriagemaker in Scotland. Her father, Rev. Robert Peden, was born in Scotland, and married Miss M. A. Johnson, a native of Burlington, Vt. In 1840 the Rev. Mr. Peden came to Amherstburg, and in 1853 removed to Hamilton, where he died in 1858. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. McGregor are as follows: Margaret A., who married E. N. Bartlett, and has children, Gordon and Dorothy; Malcolm Peden, barrister and secretary of the Detroit College of Law, Detroit, who married Eva R. Bartlett, daughter of Alexander Bartlett, and has children, Margaret B. and Jessie Redford; Gordon Morton, who is now manager of the Walkerville Wagon Works and Ford Motor Co., of Canada, and who married Harriet

Dodds, and has one son, William, and one daughter, Harriet; Walter L., secretary and treasurer of the McGregor, Banwell Fence Co., agent for the Queen City Oil Co., and captain of the 21st Fusiliers, Windsor Militia; and Edith, Mabel Jean and William Donald, all at home. The family has been reared in the faith of the Presbyterian Church.

Frank, public-spirited and genial, Mr. McGregor had many warm friends, and his family is prominent in the city's best social life. In his death Windsor lost one of her most public-spirited citizens and prominent business men, the County of Essex one of her leading representatives in public life. The words of the American poet Longfellow are fittingly applied to Mr. McGregor:

If a star were quenched on high,
For ages would its light
Shine on our mortal sight,
Still tending downward from the sky.

So when a good man dies,
For years beyond our ken
The light he leaves behind him
Shines on the paths of men.

ALEXANDER DOLSEN, who has resided on his present farm, located one mile west of Chatham, for a period covering eighty-five years, is one of the oldest as well as most highly respected citizens of the County of Kent.

The Dolsens are of English, Scotch and German extraction, and it is not too much to say that Alexander Dolsen inherits not only the robustness of these hardy races, but very many of their best characteristics. Isaac Dolsen, his grandfather, was of German birth, and at a very early day settled in Sandwich, County of Essex, Ont., later moving into the County of Kent, where he died about the middle of the Eighteenth century. Of his children we have mention of Isaac, Jacob, Matthew, Peter, Daniel, Hannah and Betsey. Of these, Jacob was the father of Alexander.

Jacob Dolsen was born in Sandwich in 1785, and on June 21, 1809, married Jennette Laird. They became prosperous farming people of the township of Raleigh, in Kent, where both died, she on Jan. 17, 1849, and he on Dec. 31, 1856. They were the parents of a large family of children, who became well-known and respected residents of the various communities in which they settled. They were as follows: Eliza, born May 16, 1810; Oscar, May 10, 1812; George,

July 21, 1814 (died in the same year); Mary, Feb. 16, 1816; Alexander, May 27, 1818; John Laird, April 12, 1820; Sarah A., May 4, 1822 (died March 20, 1900); Agnes, Oct. 1, 1824; Jane, March 16, 1827 (died in the same year); Catherine Ellen, July 27, 1828 (died July 19, 1829); Isaac, Aug. 27, 1831 (died Sept. 7, 1842). Of this large family all have passed away except Agnes and Alexander.

Alexander Dolsen was born on the farm where he now resides, on May 27, 1818, and lacked three days only of being one year older than Her late beloved Majesty, Queen Victoria. The changes which have transformed the County of Kent into its present state, making it among the most desirable farming country on the American continent, have been under the eye of Mr. Dolsen, to a great extent, for it is during his lifetime that machinery has been invented and transportation facilities introduced which have so wonderfully assisted farmers in their struggles with wild Nature. When Mr. Dolsen settled at his present location there was not a cleared spot of land large enough upon which to build a barn. This beautiful home, which is now known as the model farm of Canada, has, in large measure, been rescued from the forest by Mr. Dolsen himself. It is located in a most beautiful section of the country, about one mile from Chatham, and its appearance shows the taste as well as the energy and industry which has been put into it by its venerable owner, who has occupied it for almost a century. When the Dolsen family first settled there a bushel of wheat was given in exchange for a pound of shingle nails, and Mr. Dolsen can remember that in 1828 his father gave Duncan McGregor, a merchant of Chatham, four bushels of wheat for four pounds of shingle nails. Those were days that are recalled to the present generation by pictures of the pioneer huts with tiny paths leading into the forests, a time when there was use for none of the superfluous things of life, only its necessities, and still more vividly are those days brought to notice when an actual participant recalls them. Mr. Dolsen is a fine conversationalist, and despite advancing years retains his memory of the early days to a very remarkable degree. His reminiscences are both interesting and instructive.

Mr. Dolsen has been twice married, his first union, in 1853, being to Mary Ann Dobbyn, who was born in 1829. To this union came children as follows: Maria Arletta, born March 22, 1854, is the wife of Rev. Dr. J. S. Ross; Francis Jacob,

born April 1, 1855, graduated from the medical department of McGill University, practiced in Michigan and Oregon, and died Jan. 19, 1885, leaving no family; Richard Perry, born April 23, 1856, who is a farmer of Raleigh township, married Janet Robinson, and they have three children, Irene, Marjory and Franklin Alexander; Waltema, born March 15, 1858, died the following June; Alexander, born May 18, 1859, died the following January; Robert Bruce, born March 13, 1861, died the following June; and William James, born May 6, 1863, is a farmer in Dover township. The mother of these children died July 9, 1863, and on Oct. 17, 1879, Mr. Dolsen married Ann Jane Jackson, who was born June 15, 1836, fifth daughter of Col. Thomas and Elizabeth (Crofts) Jackson, of Romney township, County of Kent. Both Mr. and Mrs. Dolsen are valued members of the Methodist Church. Politically he is a Reformer, and keeps well posted in all the leading topics of the day. He is widely known and universally respected.

LAMARSH. The well-known family in Mersea township, County of Essex, bearing the name Lamarsh is of French stock. The name was originally spelled La Marshe, but after the emigration to Canada it gradually came to be written generally Lamarsh.

The first to come to America was Samuel La Marshe, a native of France, who, on reaching manhood, located in the Province of Quebec, Canada. Later he removed to Kingston, Ont., and still later to Amherstburg. His last location was in Gosfield township, County of Essex, where he died. During the war of 1812 he served in the British army. Of his eight children, several settled in the United States. Among them were: Samuel, who died in Ohio; John, who died in Mersea township; Joseph, who attained the age of ninety-four years, and passed away in Gosfield township; Elizabeth, who married Peter Malott, of Gosfield township; and Rachel.

John Lamarsh, son of Samuel, the emigrant, was born in Kingston, Ont., and was brought to the County of Essex by his parents in 1801. They located at Fort Malden, now Amherstburg, and later removed to Gosfield township. He, too, played a soldier's part in the war of 1812, and after its close settled in Mersea township, where he drew a tract of 200 acres of the Col. Talbot grant, on Talbot street. This tract was then an

unbroken wilderness, but his pioneer spirit was undaunted by the thought of the mighty task of preparing a home and clearing a farm there. He built a log house, and resolutely bent his energies to the cultivation of his land, in which he was eminently successful, in time becoming one of the large landholders of the county. Besides his home farm, he also owned a tract of 200 acres where the town of Wheatley now is, half of which is owned by his grandsons. He attained the ripe age of seventy-eight years, and was buried in the Roache cemetery on Talbot street. His education for the day and locality was fair, and he was looked upon as one of the leading men in his township, having been appointed commissioner of the township by the government, and holding other town offices. Politically he was one of the first Liberals in the township, and he was always well posted on current topics. He belonged to the Methodist Church. His wife, Mary Ann Burke, was born in Quebec, a daughter of James Burke, of Ireland, whose wife was a Frenchwoman. Mrs. Lamarsh lived to the age of eighty-one and was buried by the side of her husband. Originally she belonged to the Roman Catholic Church, but she afterward joined the Methodist faith with her husband and children, and she was ever a noble Christian woman, cheerfully bearing the privations of life in the wilderness that she might do her share toward winning a home for her children. To John and Mary Ann Lamarsh were born eleven children, as follows: Ann, deceased, who married Morris Roache, of Mersea township; Elizabeth, deceased, who married Benjamin Quick, of Mersea township; John (2); James, deceased; Mary Jane, who married Matthew Howard, and died in Michigan; Robert, a well-known farmer of Mersea township; Nancy, who married William Roache (now deceased), and makes her home in Mersea township; William, a farmer on part of the homestead; Peter, who also farms on the homestead; Margaret, widow of Alexander Gunn, of Mersea township; and Joseph, deceased.

John Lamarsh (2), son of John, was born at the old home on Talbot street in 1821. As schools were few and teachers incompetent, his educational advantages were hardly worth mentioning, but as he had a studious and acquisitive disposition, he improved his opportunities, and by reading and observation became well-informed. He remained with his father until early manhood, when he settled on ninety-four acres of the

farm which now adjoins the town of Wheatley, and building a log house proceeded to clear his land. Later, as he prospered, he so improved the place, with a brick house, substantial barns and outbuildings, that he had one of the best farms in the township. He devoted his time to general farming and stock raising. Like his father he was a staunch Liberal, and for many years he was a justice of the peace. He was a lieutenant in the militia, and was a volunteer in the Rebellion of 1837-38, being stationed at Sandwich and Amherstburg. He was a communicant of the Church of England. John Lamarsh married Jane Gibson, a native of Northumberlandshire, England, who is still living on the homestead, and to this union were born fourteen children: Joshua, of Detroit, Michigan; Robert, who died in infancy; Mary Ann; James, of Romney township, County of Kent; Elizabeth, who died in infancy; Edward, a resident of Romney township; John, a prominent man of Romney township; Oliver and Arthur, both also of Romney township; Peter; Lucy, who married John J. White, a manufacturer of Wheatley; Helene, widow of Oliver Hillman; a daughter that died in infancy unnamed; and Joseph, residing on the homestead. John Lamarsh (2) died in September, 1899, aged seventy-eight years, and was buried in the cemetery at Wheatley.

PETER LAMARSH was born on his father's farm near Wheatley, Nov. 25, 1859, and remained at home with his parents, attending the public schools. When his father retired from farming he gave to Peter the north half of the farm, a tract of forty-seven acres, on which the latter built a house and good barns. There he has made his home, engaging most successfully in general farming and stock raising. He was the first importer of Duroc Jersey swine, which he bought at Philadelphia in 1889, and exhibited at the Toronto fair in 1891. Since then he has raised them in large numbers, shipping them all over the Dominion, as far east as Nova Scotia, and in the States to Rhode Island and elsewhere in New England. All his stock is thoroughbred, and he has made a careful study of all things pertaining to their successful and scientific care.

Like all his family Peter Lamarsh has always been a staunch Liberal, and he has been, since casting his first vote, an earnest worker in his party. He was appointed by the Government inspector of fisheries for the district comprising the Counties of Kent, Essex, Lambton and El-

gin, an office he has filled to the credit of himself and the very great satisfaction of the public. In 1901 he was elected to the county council for Mersea township and Leamington district No. 4, and he was re-elected in 1903, a fact which attests well to his faithful care of the interests of his constituents. He is domestic in his tastes, and is devoted to his home and family. His character is upright, and he receives the merited esteem of all classes of people.

In Mersea township, in September, 1884, Peter Lamarsh wedded Adelaid Lounsbury, daughter of Ephraim and Emma J. (Cooper) Lounsbury, of Romney township, County of Kent. She is an active worker in the Methodist Church, and, while he is not a member of any denomination, Mr. Lamarsh ably and liberally seconds his good wife in all her church work. Six children have come to them, namely: Edgar, Herbert, Wiona, John, Evaline and Hume.

DR. JOSEPH OCTAVE REAUME, M.P.P., a leading physician of Windsor, is a descendant of one of the first families of the County of Essex.

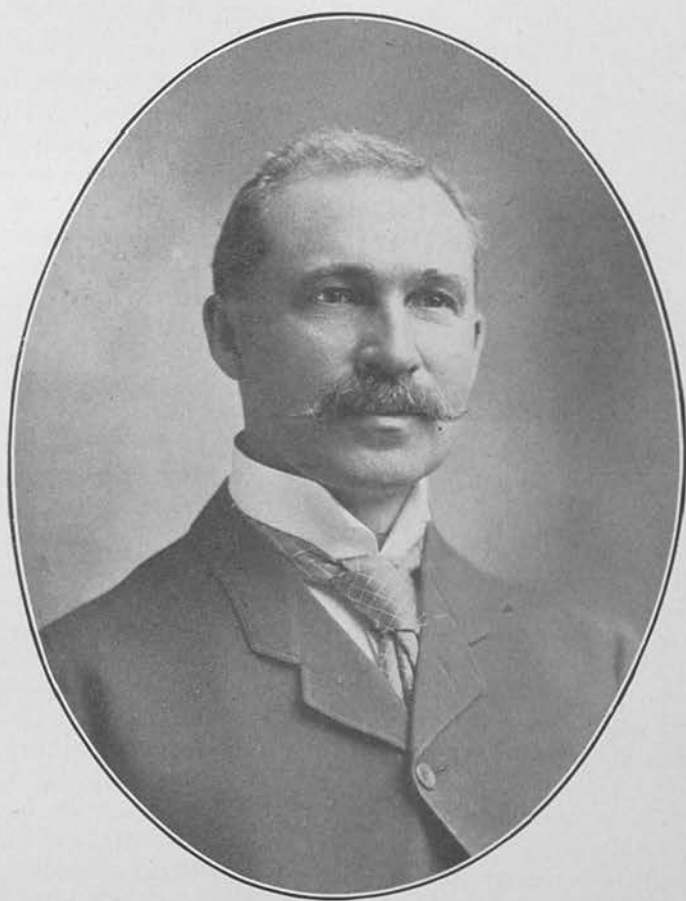
Francois Reaume, his grandfather, who was born late in the eighteenth century, near Elliot Point, on the shore of Lake Erie, married Catherine Ladore, of about the same age, and they both lived to the age of eighty-six years. They followed an agricultural life, and were moral and industrious people. They reared five children, namely: Oliver; Antoine, a farmer in the County of Essex until his death in 1899; Eli, a farmer, now deceased; Archange, who died from the bite of a rattlesnake; and Julia, who married Henry Janisse, of Sandwich East.

Oliver Reaume, father of Dr. Reaume, was born in 1811, in the County of Essex, and grew to manhood on his father's farm. He married Jesette Dumont, who was born in 1819, in Lower Canada, and who still resides in Anderdon township, on the farm on which her husband settled in 1839, immediately after their marriage. A point of local history of general interest, is that Oliver Reaume and wife were the first family to settle in Anderdon township. There a fine farm was cleared, improvements of a substantial character made, and there Oliver Reaume died in 1874. The following children were born to this pioneer settler: Josephine, wife of Antoine Pare, of Anderdon township; Marion, deceased wife of Clement Beaudette, and mother of the Government engineer in the

Yukon; Agnes, who married Rudolph Berthiaume, of Marine City, Michigan; Oliver, on the old homestead, reeve of Anderdon township, and a member of the county council; Matilda, who married Alexander Vigneux, of Detroit; Archange, who died unmarried; Gilbert, who married Mary Beneteau, and is well known in the county, bearing the reputation of being a great wit; Judith, who married Fred Langlois, of Anderdon township; Joseph O.; Adelphine, deceased wife of Joseph Beneteau; and Samuel, deceased.

Dr. Joseph Octave Reaume was born Aug. 13, 1856, in Anderdon township, County of Essex. During his early boyhood he was trained to habits of industry, and he assisted in the hard labor necessary in the clearing of the land. When only fifteen years of age he so strained his back that his further uselessness in this direction became apparent, and he began to turn his thoughts toward a profession. He became interested in the noble science in which he has been so eminently successful. Through the interest shown in him by Magistrate Bartlett, of Windsor, he was enabled to enter the public schools, and through close application, in 1873, at the age of seventeen, he successfully passed the examination for a teacher's certificate. Armed with this important paper, he returned to his native locality, and was engaged as teacher of the winter sessions of school during 1874-5 and in 1876, with his earnings, was able to attend the Normal school at Toronto. The years 1877-8 were spent in teaching, and in 1879 he entered Assumption College at Sandwich. Trouble with his eyes again stood in the way of his ambition, and he resumed teaching, and in 1880 was made head master of the school at Amherstburg. It was not until 1881 that he began the real study of medicine. In 1885 he graduated from the Detroit College of Medicine, and in 1886 from Trinity College, Toronto. In the same year he settled at Windsor, and since then he has built up a practice second to none in this section. Being fluent in the French language, he has a large clientage from French residents, while his skill makes him equally prominent with English-speaking citizens.

In 1887 Dr. Reaume was married to Miss Catherine Turner, daughter of the late John Turner, of Lockport, New York, and the four children born to this union are: Florence, Norman, Lord Stanley and Charlotte. Both the Doctor and wife are consistent members of the



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Roman Catholic Church. He is a leader in the ranks of the Conservative party. Fraternally he belongs to the C.O.F., the C.M.B.A., the A.O.U.W., the Knights of St. John and the Knights of Columbus, being medical examiner for the first four organizations. On May 29, 1902, the Doctor was elected member of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario for the North Riding of Essex, defeating the Liberal candidate by 350 majority. As the Liberal member had been previously elected by a majority of 616, the Doctor thus covered this by nearly 1,000 votes.

Dr. Reaume and family occupy a handsome brick residence on Victoria avenue, where hospitality is considered a leading virtue. He is a man of culture and education as well as professional ability, and is a representative of Windsor's best class of citizens.

SCRATCH. The ancestor of all of this name in the County of Essex was Leonard Scratch, or Kratz, as it was originally spelled, and the record of his life forms an important chapter in the early history of that region. The Scratches have become related by marriage to the Malotts, the Wigles, and other well-known families of the county, and all these names have been prominent in its annals from the earliest days. They were among the first pioneers, and as they have aided in the clearing of the land and the development of the country in its physical sense, so they have also been prominent in the social structure, taking a conspicuous part in the religious, educational and political life of the community they were most instrumental in founding. Its advancement in every sense has always been their care, and as a consequence they have been regarded as substantial, intelligent citizens, looked up to as public-spirited on every question, and possessing excellent judgment in the management of public affairs as well as in the conduct of their own interests. Their coming to Canada was one of the incidents of life on the frontier.

Leonard Scratch was born Feb. 14, 1756, at Teutenhoof, near the city of Frankfort, Germany, and was a son of Peter Kratz. At the age of twenty years he was drafted into the army, and he formed one of that company which was sent to the colonies to aid Great Britain during the Revolutionary war, serving under Gen. Burgoyne. He took part in a number of battles, until the surrender of the entire army, in October, 1777, after which the soldiers were

given their choice between returning home and receiving a share of free lands. This offer was made in 1779, when Leonard Scratch was away on a furlough, and upon his return he found his regiment disbanded and gone. This caused him to decide to remain in America, and being familiar with the woods he was hired by a number of pioneers to go as their guide into Kentucky. With the party was a family named Munger, the eldest daughter in which family, Mary by name, soon attracted the attention of the guide. He proposed marriage, and after some objection from the young woman's parents was accepted, and they were married soon afterward. A favorable location for a settlement having been found, a number of families united in building a stockade for protection from Indian attacks, this fort or station being called Ruddell's, in honor of the oldest settler. In June, 1780, this small gathering of pioneers was surprised by an army of six hundred Canadians and Indians, the latter commanded by Simon Girty, and the whole party headed by Col. Byrd, an officer of the British army. They were obliged to surrender, and several of the party were taken prisoners by the Indians, among them being Leonard Scratch and his young wife. He was started northward with one party, and in time reached Detroit, where an American officer, Gen. McCoombs, was then in command. He purchased the prisoners, as was his habit, paying for them in blankets. Leonard Scratch had no more knowledge of the whereabouts of his wife than she of him, but he kept a sharp watch of all boats that arrived from the south, in the hope that he would find her among the prisoners brought in almost daily by the Indians. He was at length rewarded, and husband and wife were reunited. Mrs. Scratch was nearly dead from exposure and hardships when she reached Detroit. In 1781, after they had in a measure recovered from these frightful experiences, Leonard and Mary Scratch took up their residence on Hog Island, now Belle Isle, and there a son, Peter, was born to them. In the winter of 1782 Leonard Scratch started on a trip to his native land in order to obtain an honorable discharge from the army. With many other soldiers of the Hessian army who had remained in America, he had never been formally discharged, and as a consequence there were insinuations that all such should be ranked as deserters. Always priding himself on his good name, this story affected Leonard Scratch so

deeply that he determined to clear up any uncertainty on the point, and he succeeded in doing so. He returned to his home in Canada after an absence of eighteen months, to find that his son Peter had died during his absence. The family remained on Hog Island until 1785, and then for about a year and a half lived in Trenton, Michigan. On March 25, 1787, Leonard Scratch and his family, with several others, moved to Grosse Ile, which was then owned by Gen. McCoombs.

In recognition of his military service Mr. Scratch was enrolled with the United Empire Loyalists, and as such was entitled to a free grant of land, besides other privileges. He received Lot 9, in the western division of the township of Gosfield, as his U. E. right, and moved to that place in 1792. He afterward exchanged with an old German for Lot 2, but the German soon tired of his lot and it again passed to the original owner, Leonard Scratch thus coming into possession of 400 acres on the banks of Lake Erie. On the front of Lot 2 he put up a log house, and at once began the work of clearing the land. In time he prospered, and was able to buy more land, his holdings eventually amounting to considerably over a thousand acres. He gave a farm to each of his relatives of the name of Leonard. He was not only prominent as a well-to-do man, but was looked up to by his neighbors of all classes, and in his day was by far the most important man in the township. His judgment was sought in all matters of moment, and he was highly respected, for he lived an upright, useful life, devoted as much to the interests of his fellowmen as to the furtherance of his own projects. He and his family occupied the log house until 1823, when he erected the large brick house in which he passed the remainder of his days. Bred in the Umbrian Church, he never united with any other, but his house was open to ministers of all denominations, and he gave liberally to all worthy causes, whether of a religious nature or otherwise. He was a large man physically as well as mentally, and many interests rounded out a life full of the best that the world offers. Though always looking out for the good of others, he was ready to defend his own rights when necessary, as is shown by an incident of the war of 1812. A company of American soldiers had been quartered in his loomhouse, and when they left they carried off his plow chains. He did not hesitate to follow and demand their return from the

officer, who returned them with many apologies and evidently admired the pluck of the owner.

Another incident in the same line will not be out of place. In those days it was customary to keep liquor in the house. The Indians had told Leonard Scratch that he must do so, and that if he refused to furnish them with it, they would kill him. The next morning after making this threat five Indians appeared, and demanded liquor. Mr. Scratch, not one whit dismayed, walked out of the house armed with sword and rifle, and the Indians, being armed only with tomahawks, promptly stopped their threats, saying he was too brave.

Leonard Scratch passed away Aug. 12, 1829, and his widow survived until 1840. They were the parents of eleven children, the two eldest dying in infancy. Susanna, born July 23, 1785, on Hog Island, married John Wigle, and they had a family of fifteen children. Peter, born Nov. 29, 1786, at Trenton, Michigan, was married in Colchester, this county, May 3, 1808, to Mary Wigle; he became the first postmaster of Gosfield, in 1831. Isabella, born in Gosfield May 18, 1788, married Wendle Wigle, and was the mother of fifteen children. Katie, born in 1789, became the first wife of George Friend, of Virginia, and later settled in Indiana. Mary, born July 26, 1791, became the second wife of George Friend. Elizabeth, born July 25, 1793, married Charles Friend. Leonard Scratch married a Miss Sellers, and went to Ohio, where he died, leaving one daughter. Henry, born April 5, 1797, was the father of Edgerton R., and is mentioned below. John, born July 24, 1795, is mentioned below.

Henry Scratch was born April 5, 1797, on the old homestead on Lot 2, in the east division of the township of Gosfield, and was there reared to manhood. His youth was filled with hard work, and he received little opportunity for education, attending school in all only three months, but by application he gained considerable knowledge and became a fairly well educated man. On attaining his majority he received from his father the south part of Lots 8 and 9, west division, comprising 360 acres, and on the lake shore built a log house which stood until 1845. However, he had in 1834 erected a large brick mansion, 40x55 feet in dimensions, using in its construction 96,000 brick; this was one of the first brick buildings in the county. In recent years it has been torn down, and part of the brick was used in building the Howard Scratch home,

in Kingsville. Henry Scratch devoted his time principally to farming, but he also followed the mason's trade in connection therewith, having learned same when a young man. During the Rebellion of 1837-38 soldiers were billeted at his home, and with them a surgeon, Dr. McKenzie, under whom, during those two years, Mr. Scratch gave his attention largely to the study of medicine. When the Doctor returned east he left large quantities of medicine, and as there was no doctor in the neighborhood at the time Mr. Scratch took up practice, with much success. All his life he was an active worker in religious affairs, being a Methodist in belief, and he became a local preacher of that church in 1818, continuing in the good work until his death. One room in his large house was given over to church purposes. Politically a staunch Reformer, he served as reeve and county councillor with marked efficiency. Thus it will be seen that in spite of his lack of early advantages he gained and maintained a position of prominence in the county, being identified with its most important interests, and in his death, which occurred Jan. 23, 1861, the community lost one of its best citizens.

Henry Scratch was married in Colechester, in 1817, to Isabella Wilkinson, who was born in Ohio May 25, 1798, and died Nov. 29, 1854. They became the parents of seven children, of whom we have the following record: Peter, born May 6, 1818, married Mary Little, who died Nov. 29, 1854. Mary Ann, born April 3, 1820, married Thomas Goverean. John, born March 2, 1822, lived in Tilbury township, County of Kent; he married (first) Harriet Randall and (second) Sarah Fox. William, born March 20, 1824, married Charlotte McDonald, and their descendants live in Detroit. Alexander, born July 20, 1826, married Ann Adams; he is now a superannuated minister, and resides at Leamington. Melissa died when six years old. Edgerton R. is mentioned below.

EDGERTON R. SCRATCH was born July 31, 1834, in the log house near the lake which his father erected on his removal to the homestead. During his boyhood he attended school under Col. King, receiving good advantages, and he was trained thoroughly in the work of the farm. When he struck out on his own account he engaged in that calling, receiving 120 acres on the north part of the homestead property. After a time he disposed of forty acres of this tract, but he still retains the balance, which he

keeps under an excellent state of cultivation. As becomes a member of the family, he has taken his place among the intelligent citizens of the county, and no member of his community is more highly respected. In May, 1854, he located on his land, building a log house for his first dwelling, and by untiring labor he succeeded in clearing his land, which is now one of the most desirable farms in the township. It is well improved in every respect, and in 1872 Mr. Scratch erected a comfortable residence.

From early manhood Mr. Scratch has taken an active part in the work of the Methodist Church, of which he has been a local preacher for the past quarter of a century. He is class-leader and one of the trustees of the Kingsville Church, in which he has been prominent for many years. In public affairs he was equally active, and for a long time was township collector and magistrate. On May 20, 1854, Mr. Scratch was united in marriage with Jane Cowan, daughter of William and Mary (Stevens) Cowan. They have had no children of their own, but have reared an adopted daughter, Lavena Adeline. The family occupies a high place in the social and religious life of the locality.

JUDSON SCRATCH, a successful farmer of the township of Gosfield South, is a son of Theodore Scratch and a grandson of John Scratch, and a great-grandson of Leonard and Mary (Munger) Scratch. John Scratch was born July 24, 1795, in the township of Gosfield, where he grew to manhood. He was reared to agricultural pursuits, and in time inherited the old homestead. He was quite a prominent man in his day, and served as magistrate from 1834 until the time of his death. In November, 1818, he married Sarah Malott, who was born May 10, 1799, and died Feb. 21, 1849. To this union came children as follows: Leonard, born March 25, 1820, was married Nov. 14, 1837, to Mary McNamara, who was born in Ireland in December, 1822. Theodore, born June 20, 1822, became the father of Judson Scratch. Merian, born Oct. 28, 182-, was first married to John Nutson, and subsequently became the wife of Alexander Wilkinson. Mary, born March 10, 1827, was married April 29, 1847, to Capt. William J. Malott, who is mentioned elsewhere. Esther, born April 19, 1829, was married April 29, 1845, to Samuel Black, who was born in Ireland Oct. 1, 1823, and is now one of the most respected residents of Kingsville. Peter died when fifteen years old. Albert was born Dec. 5,

1831. The mother of these dying, John Scratch married Sarah LaFleur, who was born June 11, 1833, and to this union were born: Wallace, June 2, 1853; Richard, Nov. 14, 1855, (residing in Kingsville); Parmelia (who died aged twelve years); Almer, March 12, 1857, (who married, and died in Hamilton); George, July 13, 1863 (of Kingsville); Alberta, April 29, 1869 (wife of Mr. Sawyer, of Mersea township).

Theodore Scratch was born on the homestead June 20, 1822, and when twenty-two years old came into possession of 100 acres of that place, lying in Lot 2, east division. Later he sold that place to Daniel Wigle and bought a farm west of Ruthven, but after a few years he bought a fifty-acre tract in Lot L, 2d Concession, to which he removed. That land is now almost within the village of Kingsville, but when he first moved to it it was swampy and heavily timbered, and he built his house upon the highest spot. There his family was reared, and there Mr. Scratch passed the remainder of his days, reaching the advanced age of eighty-two years, and living to see the place all cleared and highly improved. Mr. Scratch was prominent in the various interests of his community, for forty years serving as deacon of the Baptist Church, in which he held membership most of his life. He also took an active part in municipal affairs, as a staunch member of the Reform party, and was tax collector for several years when Gosfield North and South were one. Theodore Scratch was but sixteen years of age when he served in the rebellion and he received the distinction of appointment as orderly for Col. Prince.

On April 29, 1844, Theodore Scratch was married to Sarah Loop, by whom he had three children: Alfred, now a prosperous business man of Fitzgerald, Georgia; Sydney, who died of fever while serving in the American rebellion, in 1863, at the age of seventeen years, and was buried in Virginia; and Josiah, who died when four years old. For his second wife Theodore Scratch married Elizabeth Tofflemire, on Sept. 24, 1854, and they became the parents of four children: Sarah, who is the wife of Darwin Jones, of Gosfield North; Caroline, who died when twelve years old; Theodosia, who died when five years old; and Judson. The mother of these dying Jan. 27, 1899, Mr. Scratch married Mrs. Mary Gladys, by whom he had no children.

Judson Scratch was born July 4, 1861, on

the place he now owns, and was reared there. He enjoyed such advantages as the village schools afforded, and meantime was trained to hard work on the farm, when twenty years old coming into possession of the farm, which he has carried on ever since. His holdings comprise 100 acres, he having acquired the fifty-acre tract adjoining his original place, and all of his land is cleared and under a fine state of cultivation, most of this improvement representing the work of Mr. Scratch himself. He has done well in his agricultural work, and his place gives evidence of the prosperity and thrift of the owner, who is painstaking in all his work. He carries on general farming, and also raises some tobacco. In 1883 he built his present cozy brick house, and he has also put up all the other buildings which adorn the place.

Mr. Scratch has given proper attention to his private affairs, but he also finds time for local public matters, and has been quite prominent in municipal politics, serving six consecutive terms as councillor. In 1902 he was candidate for reeve. His political faith is that of the Reform party. For nine years Mr. Scratch has been a member of the board of education of Kingsville, and in 1902 was chairman of that body. Socially he affiliates with the I. O. O. F. and A. O. U. W. at Kingsville, having held membership in the latter order for fourteen years, and being at present a past master.

On Jan. 9, 1881, Mr. Scratch was united in marriage with Miss Zilla Wigle, and to this union have come two children: Roy Howell, born June 24, 1884, and Theodore Michael, born Jan. 17, 1892.

Michael J. Wigle, father of Mrs. Scratch, was born in the township of Gosfield March 15, 1831, and was the fifteenth child born to John and Susanna (Scratch) Wigle. He is now a resident of Kingsville. He married Jane Crow, and their family consisted of four children, namely: Cornelia, born July 7, 1854, is the wife of John Ulch. Rosenia, born Sept. 16, 1856, is the wife of Charles Quick, a merchant of Kingsville. Byron, born Sept. 6, 1858, married Maud Broadwell. Zilla, born Dec. 17, 1860, is the wife of Judson Scratch.

NAPOLÉON ALEXANDER COSTE.
Among those who for years have been prominently identified with the affairs of the County of Essex is Napoleon Alexander Coste, who was born at Marseilles, France.



N. A. Coste

Louis Coste, his grandfather, was born in 1780, at Marseilles, France, and was an extensive and successful cattle dealer in his own locality, where he died in 1851. He left two children, Marius, who is mentioned below; and Margueritte, who became the wife of William Michel, and had one son, Louis, whose son Louis is a physician at Marseilles. The estate of Louis Coste is now included within the limits of the City of Marseilles, a portion of it being a very valuable possession, and until recently belonging to our subject, who sold it to his brother.

Marius Coste was born in 1809, near Marseilles, where he was reared and educated. He entered into the business of provision, meat and ship furnishing, and held the position of furnisher for the English Admiralty for a number of years. In 1827 he married Josephine M. Pecoul, and to this union the following children were born: Louise, who died unmarried; Mathilda, who married J. Gregoire; Napoleon A., of this sketch; Adele, a resident of Marseilles; Jules F., consul-general of France at Glasgow for twenty years; Therese, deceased; Lucien, who died leaving a son and a daughter in New Orleans; and Pierre, who married, and has three daughters, Lily, Gabrielle and Margueritte.

Napoleon Alexander Coste was born Dec. 3, 1835, and was educated in the Lyceum College of his native city, becoming an accomplished French scholar. He was later fitted for entrance into the navy, and subsequently, with this branch of his country's service, he visited South America. On his return, at the suggestion of his father, who was connected with the English navy as a furnisher, and much admired it, he shipped on an English vessel, induced thereto, somewhat, that he might learn the English language. This English vessel was bound for Canada, where he was landed, and remained, as the vessel never returned to French ports. In 1856, at the age of twenty-one years, the young foreign sailor was made a Canadian citizen, at Sandwich, County of Essex, and so rapidly did he gain the confidence and esteem of his fellow-citizens that three years later he was made reeve of Malden township, and thereby a member of the county council. In 1860, when the then Prince of Wales, now King Edward VII., visited Ontario, Mr. Coste read an address in French, in behalf of the county council, at the arrival of the Prince at Windsor. At the same time John

O'Connor read an address in English. Mr. Coste had been appointed to this honorable position on account of his education, manner and general responsibility as a citizen.

In 1863 Mr. Coste returned to his native land and took a prominent part in the completion of the Suez canal, being connected actively with this great undertaking. He remained eleven years in this work, and before the canal was formally opened, he was given the honor of piloting the first English vessel, the "Psyche," into its waters. So prominent a part did he take in these ceremonies that before the opening of the canal he was presented to the Prince of Wales, who, with the Princess, was visiting Port Said and the canal, and by him was introduced to Her Gracious Majesty, the present Queen Alexandra. During this time of rejoicing Mr. Coste was honored by the Khedive of Egypt with the order of the Mejidie. Afterward Mr. Coste was made the manager of the Suez canal coal depot, with an office in London, England, which position he ably filled for eight years. Failing health warned him to discontinue his business activities in London, and the physician prescribed the clear, bracing air of Canada, to which country he was glad to return.

In 1883 Mr. Coste was warmly welcomed back to Ontario. He located near his present beautiful house, just outside the corporate limits of Amherstburg, on the bank of the Detroit river. In addition to his fine residence property, Mr. Coste owns a fine farm in Anderson township, which makes him a man of comfortable competence. He had scarcely settled, in 1883, when he was again made reeve of Malden township and member of the county council, and, with the exception of the year 1890, was a member of that body ever after until 1903, being the oldest member in the county council of Essex, in which he served twenty-two years altogether. During 1886 and 1897 he served as warden of the county. In any public event Mr. Coste is called upon to officiate as the representative of his fellow citizens. Thus, in October, 1901, upon the occasion of the visit of the Duke and Duchess of York to Canada, he presented a memorial address to them, at the city hall at Toronto, in behalf of the county council of County Essex. In 1886 he was the Conservative candidate for Parliamentary honors, but was defeated by no less a statesman than Mr. Balfour, of the Liberal party.

Mr. Coste has been particularly happy in his domestic life. On Nov. 16, 1854, he married Matilda Robidoux, daughter of Jean Baptiste Robidoux, a member of one of the leading and oldest families of Malden township. The following children have been born to this marriage: Anna died in England; Louis, ex-chief engineer of Public Works for Canada, married Mary Anne Hester, of New Orleans; Eugene, president of the Mining Institute, and living in Toronto, married Louisa Tims, and they have four children, Dillon, Gabrielle, Frank and Marie; Denis Alexander, the manager of the Natural Gas Company of County Welland, with offices at Buffalo, N.Y., married Harriet Tims, and they have two daughters, Ida and Isabella; and Maurice, who married Muriele Haynes, has one son Louis, and resides in the States. The second son of Mr. Coste had the distinction of first discovering natural gas in Canada in paying quantities in the counties of Essex and Welland, and it was under his direction that Mr. Coste began gas operations in Gosfield township, County of Essex, and struck Coste well No. 1. The fine mansion in which the family reside is fitted with furnishings purchased by Mr. Coste in foreign lands, and shipped from London to Fraser's wharf, on the Detroit river, opposite his house.

Religiously Mr. and Mrs. Coste are prominent members of the Roman Catholic Church. Fraternally he is a member of the C.M.B.A. Probably no man in the county is better known, and surely no one enjoys the general esteem in a higher degree.

G. J. LEGGATT, one of the leading barristers of Windsor, and also one of the most prominent business citizens, is a most worthy representative of distinguished English ancestors, being a son of the late Judge Leggatt of the County of Essex, and a grandson of John Leggatt, who came to Canada as assistant commissary-general on the staff of General Brock.

John Leggatt was located for a considerable period at Quebec, but later was stationed at Fort Malden, now Amherstburg, and there he died. He was the father of the following children: Thomas J., who at one time was manager of the Bank of Upper Canada; H. P., deceased, formerly manager of a large lumber company at Quebec; Gordon Watts; and Annie, who married Rev. Gore Elliott. Of this family, the third

member, better known as Judge Leggatt, became the father of our subject.

Judge Leggatt was born in Sorel, near Quebec, and accompanied his father to Amherstburg. Here he passed his minority. After completing his law studies, he located there, where his successful practice of his profession made him the chosen successor of Judge Chewett, to the Bench of the County of Essex, and the second incumbent. Judge Chewett was the last judge of the Western District, including the present Counties of Essex, Kent and Lambton, and the first judge of the County of Essex after the division. Judge Leggatt was a man of great ability, and his long term of service on the Bench made him widely and most favorably known. He was an able expounder of law, which combined with rare judgment, fitted him for the responsible position he held from 1860 to Sept. 19, 1883, the date of his death. Judge Leggatt was twice married, first to L. A. Liberte, a native of Amherstburg, and to this union two children were born, viz.: J. H. C., clerk of the Division Court at Amherstburg; and Amy, deceased. After the death of the mother of these children, Judge Leggatt married, second, Mary A. H. Cary, born in 1832, in Quebec, daughter of Joseph Cary. She died in January, 1901, in Windsor. The children of this union were: G. J., of this sketch; Alberta E. A., Mary G., and Helena A., of Windsor; and Elizabeth, deceased.

G. J. Leggatt was born in the family home at Windsor, and his early education was secured in the public schools of his native city, in preparation for a collegiate course at Trinity and at Port Hope. His legal education began under Judge McHugh, of Windsor, and in 1887 he was called to the Bar. His first legal partnership was with his preceptor, the firm style being Patterson, McHugh & Leggatt, and his second partnership caused the firm style to change to Leggatt, Murphy & Sales. In 1898 Mr. Leggatt established an office of his own, and since that date has conducted an individual practice which has been large and remunerative. For eleven years he was secretary and counsel for the Lake Erie & Detroit River Railroad.

In addition to his professional duties, Mr. Leggatt is identified very prominently with a number of important business enterprises. He is president of the Port Stanley Elevator Company; director and secretary of the Windsor Gas Company, and was for some time secretary of

the Natural Gas & Oil Company of Ontario, now known as the United Gas Company.

Fraternally Mr. Leggatt is a member of the Great Western Lodge of the F. & A.M. Politically he adheres to the principles of the Conservative party. He was elected a councilman of Windsor, in 1898, 1902 and 1903. His religious connection is with the Church of England.

Professionally he possesses that even balance of judgment so necessary to success. He is well versed in the law, and from the beginning of his career, attracted attention by his earnest and intelligent methods. He is honorable and trustworthy in business, and enjoys the fullest confidence of those with whom he is associated.

REV. THOMAS NATTRESS, B.A., pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, at Amherstburg, is a son of English-Scotch parentage and of Canadian birth.

The late Thomas Nattress, his grandfather, was born in Durham, England, in September, 1805. Coming to Canada from Yorkshire in boyhood, his whole business life was spent in this country. About 1837 he settled at Weston, Ont., where he conducted a farm, the land he farmed being part of the well-known Holly property, in that locality. Later he removed to the County of Peel, Toronto Gore township, and continued farming on what is known as the West Branch farm, the Nattress homestead. To this property he afterwards added the Gore Road farm, on which he died at the age of seventy-three years. In 1837 he married Anne Watson, of Yorkshire, England, who died in Brampton in 1887, at the age of seventy-three years. Although they belonged to the Church of England, and were married in St. James Cathedral, in Toronto, they supported and attended the Methodist Church during the greater part of their married life, on account of its proximity and the absence of a church of their own denomination. Eight sons and two daughters were born to them, as follows: Jonathan, John, Isaac, Thomas, Lieut.-Col. Dr. William, P.M.O. of Toronto district, Joseph, the Rev. George (rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Wellesley, Massachusetts), Leonard Watson, Elizabeth (Mrs. John Scarlett), and Sarah (Mrs. Joseph Lawson).

Of this family, John Nattress was the father of Rev. Thomas Nattress. He was born in 1841, at Weston. At the age of eight years he had the misfortune to lose his right hand, an accident that caused him to turn his attention the more

closely to books. By the time he had reached his seventeenth year he had qualified as a teacher in the public schools, and followed that profession for twenty-four years. He acquired a fine piece of land in Vaughan township, County of York, and conducted farming operations the greater part of this time. He is now clerk of the Seventh Division Court of York County, at Woodbridge, where he resides. Politically he is a Reformer. Both he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church.

In 1863 Mr. Nattress was united in marriage with Miss Mary Ann Lawrie, who was born in Vaughan township, York County, of Scotch ancestry, a daughter of John and Isabella Reid Lawrie, early settlers in that part of Ontario. Eight children were born to them: Thomas, the subject of this sketch; Isabella A., wife of James Watson, of Vaughan township; John Lawrie, who married Edith Allan; Margaret E., deceased, wife of William Alfred Brown, whose one son is William Allan Nattress Brown; Mary Laura; William Reid; Jennie Evangeline, and Ethra Vaughan Frederica.

Rev. Thomas Nattress was born Nov. 6, 1864, in Vaughan township, County of York, Ont. His earlier education was secured in the schools of sections numbered 13 and 15, Vaughan, and largely under the able tuition of his father. In the fall of 1879 he attended the Brampton high school for three months, under the principalship of Mr. Fessenden, a fine instructor. During 1880 he gave himself up to the lighter duties of the home farm, in pursuit of health. In 1881 he entered the high school at Weston, and came under the instruction of George Wallace, B.A., a graduate of Trinity College, Dublin, here successfully passing the examination for a second-class teacher's certificate, non-professional, and senior matriculation at Toronto University. Entering University College in the fall of 1885, Mr. Nattress took the honor course of mental and moral science and civil polity, now a double honor course, supplementing this with honors in English. In 1887 he graduated from Toronto University, receiving the degree of B.A. During the third and fourth years at the University Mr. Nattress took the first year of the course in Theology at Knox College, and was granted a diploma by the Senate of that college in the spring of 1889. In the final year of his University course he was the local editor of *Varsity*, the college paper, and was associate editor of the *Knox College Monthly* during 1888-89. In the

spring of 1889 he was licensed by Toronto Presbytery to preach the gospel, and in 1890 came to Amherstburg as pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. This church, established in 1828, celebrated her seventy-fifth anniversary in the fifteenth year of Mr. Nattress's pastorate. In the long interval she has had the following pastors: Alexander Gale, 1828-1831; George Cheyne, 1831-1843; Robert Peden, 1844-1852; William McLaren, now a professor in Knox College, Toronto, 1852-1857; Archibald McDermid, 1867-1870; Frederick Smith, 1874-1883; J. H. Paradis, 1884-1889; Thomas Nattress, ordained and inducted, Feb. 6, 1890. During the intervals between pastorates, the church was served by students, some of whom have become eminent.

On April 17, 1890, Mr. Nattress was united in marriage with Miss Margaret Emeline Corbet, daughter of the late George Corbet and Isabella Lee Corbet, of Owen Sound. George Corbet was one of the founders of the town of Owen Sound, and lived at Guelph when the first tree was cut for the site of that city. In association with the late Capt. Simpson, he established the first dry dock on the Georgian Bay, at Owen Sound. They together were extensive ship-builders and promoters of shipping interests.

Mr. Nattress and his wife have a family of six children, all born in the manse at Amherstburg, viz.: Jonathan Leonard, born Oct. 18, 1892; George Corbet, March 4, 1894; Marianne Isobel, Aug. 17, 1895; William Watson, Sept. 3, 1899; Julia Margaret van Nateris, Sept. 27, 1900, and Frances Alida, April 23, 1904.

Rev. Mr. Nattress combines with deep scholarship the practical qualities indispensable to a successful minister. He has a warm place in the affections of his congregation, and is esteemed most highly by all branches of the church in Amherstburg.

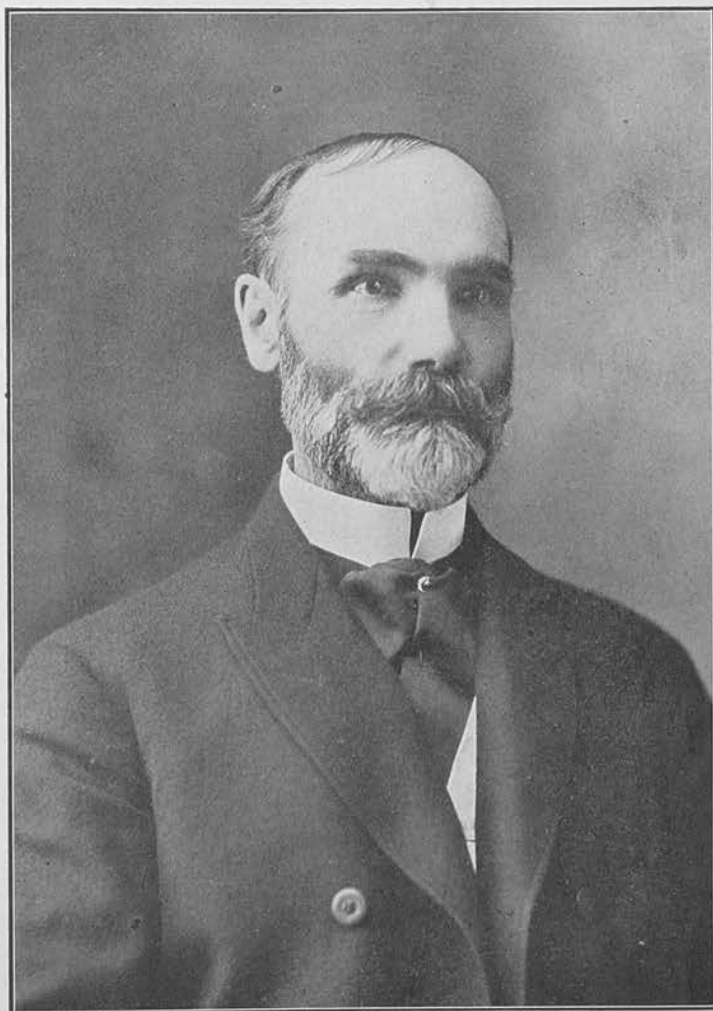
J. OLIVER PECK, one of Windsor's prominent business men, is descended from one of the oldest families in the County of Kent. His great-grandfather, John Peck, was born in Sussex, England, coming to Canada, as bandmaster, with the British forces to capture Quebec, in the year 1759. During the taking of the French citadel John Peck was wounded, and while in the hospital became acquainted with Mademoiselle Brau, whom he married in 1760. He then abandoned military service, and concluding to remain in Canada started westward, remaining a few years on the Hamilton Heights, the pre-

sent site of the "Mountain View Hotel." However, he did not make a permanent home until he went still further west in 1763, and located on the river Thames, County of Kent, about seven miles west of Chatham, Ont., he being one of the first settlers in that county, where he passed the remainder of his life and died in 1806, leaving a family of two sons and two daughters, viz.: John, Robert, Elizabeth and Margaret.

John Peck, Jr., was married at Sandwich, Ont., to Mary Drake, sister of Col. Francis Drake. He served in the war of 1812, and gallantly fought at the battle of Queenstown Heights. Settling on the old homestead of his father, he reared a large family, namely: William, John, Joseph, Alexander, Angus, Nelson, Catherine and Jane.

Nelson Peck, the father of J. Oliver Peck, was born in the County of Kent in the year 1814, and died in 1900. He was closely associated with the history of his native locality, was active in the suppression of the Rebellion of 1837-38, and except when engaged in the service of the country resided at the old homestead, in Raleigh township, County of Kent. Politically he was a Reformer. He married Phyllis Dauphin, who was born in 1825 in the County of Kent, daughter of John Noel Dauphin, and a member of one of the oldest French families in the county. The following children were born to Nelson Peck and his wife: Louise, Emily (Mrs. Pike), Frank, J. Oliver, Richard, Theresa, Arthur, Walter, Maggie (Mrs. Watson), Alice and Raymond.

J. Oliver Peck was born Sept. 17, 1850, on the old homestead in the County of Kent, and remained there until he was sixteen years of age, in the meantime acquiring a practical education. He then engaged in the general store of H. F. Cummings, of Chatham, Ont., and remained with that business house for a period of eleven years. In 1878 he opened a dry-goods business in Wallaceburg, the following year removing to Essex Centre, building there the finest general store building in the country, and for twelve years carried on a general mercantile business there with eminent success. Deciding to move to Windsor, Ont., in 1889, he sold out his interests in Essex Centre. After locating in Windsor Mr. Peck engaged in the clothing business in the White block, and afterward removed to the site of the present Bank of Commerce, where he did a very large business, but in July, 1897, his



J. D. Peck

stock was destroyed by fire. He then turned his attention to general insurance, and has been very successful in that line, representing many of the leading Canadian and British companies.

Mr. Peck has been twice married. In 1874 he was united in marriage with Adria S. Smith, of Chatham, daughter of the late John Smith. She became the mother of eight children, namely: Mabel, now wife of Dr. F. T. Leys, of Detroit, Michigan; Charlotte, wife of John A. Stewart, of Detroit; Harry, an employe of the Algoma Central & Hudson Bay Company; Wendell, billing clerk for the Lake Erie & Detroit River Road at Walkerville, Ont.; Milton, Marion and John at home; and Adria, deceased. The mother of these children died March 27, 1895. On Dec. 5, 1898, Mr. Peck married (second), Miss Florence, daughter of Capt. Jarmin, of Amherstburg, Ont. Mr. Peck belongs to the Roman Catholic Church. He is secretary and ex-chancellor of the C.M.B.A. He served on the board of education for two years, being county representative of the high school, and for two years was license commissioner. He also held other important offices. He is secretary of the Windsor Club, Limited. In politics he is a Reformer. He is well and widely known in his vicinity, and enjoys a high measure of esteem.

JOHN MOONEY, one of the leading merchants and most highly esteemed residents of Windsor, comes of a family which originated and for generations flourished in Ireland. Richard Mooney, his grandfather, married Margaret Mooney, of the same name but belonging to another family, and they reared these children: Patrick, who became a resident of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland; Lawrence, who came first to Quebec, but later moved to the State of Wisconsin, where he engaged in farming and died; Michael, who was the father of John Mooney; John, who first settled in Canada, but later joined his older brother in Baltimore; and Elizabeth, Mary, Bridget and Ellen.

Michael Mooney was born in 1803, in Ireland, and in 1821 came to Canada, locating in Valcartier, near Quebec, where he married Catherine Sweeney, daughter of Edward Sweeney. In 1836 he removed to the County of Essex, Ont., and settled in what is now known as Sandwich South, where he engaged in farming. There he died in 1891, his wife also passing away at the same home. In politics he was a Liberal. His religious connection was with the Roman Cath-

olic Church. The children born to Michael and Catherine Mooney were as follows: Philip, deceased, who was a farmer in Sandwich South; Richard, a farmer in Maidstone township; Edward, a resident of Windsor; Michael, who died at the age of five years; Ellen and Mary, both deceased; Catherine, deceased, wife of Emory McKay; Rose, wife of Thomas Tierrien; Elizabeth, deceased; and John, who was the second member of the family.

John Mooney was born at Valcartier, Quebec, in October, 1834, and was but two years old when his parents came to the County of Essex. In Sandwich South he grew to manhood, and until 1866 followed farming in Maidstone township, in that year selling his farm to his brother. He then moved to Windsor and engaged in a grocery business which he has continued and expanded, being now the oldest merchant, doing business continuously, in the city. Mr. Mooney has been a useful citizen of Windsor in many ways, serving acceptably as assessor for twelve years, was census enumerator from 1881 to 1901, and has taken a leading part in all public movements which have been of benefit to the city.

Among his many admirable attributes, Mr. Mooney possesses the gifts of a natural and educated musical sense, which was shown in boyhood and was of such strength that it made him willing to ride the distance of fourteen miles from his home, in Sandwich South, to Sandwich, in order to profit by lessons from the well-known teacher, Dean Wagner. His gifts developed rapidly, and he was the first organist of the church at Maidstone Cross. His father encouraged him to the extent of contributing largely to the purchase of an organ. On coming to Windsor Mr. Mooney organized the first band in the city, and has always been foremost in all musical matters, serving as a member of the church choir for thirty-six years.

On Jan. 15, 1863, Mr. Mooney was married to Mis Sarah O'Connor, a native of Northfield, State of Michigan, where her father, Martin O'Connor, was an early settler. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Mooney were John and Ann (Johnson) O'Connor, and her parents were Martin and Margaret (Cavanagh) O'Connor, the latter a daughter of James Cavanagh, an early settler in Maidstone township. Martin O'Connor was born in 1785 in Ireland, and died in 1878 in Northfield, Michigan, where his wife died in 1896, at the age of eighty-three years.

Five children have been born to Mr. and

Mrs. Mooney: Ella, Margaret, Effie, Dr. Edward W. (a successful medical practitioner in the city of Detroit), and John, the last-named deceased. The children have, in a great measure, inherited their father's musical talent, and Misses Ella and Effie are members of the choir of St. Alphonson's Church, to which the family belong. Fraternally Mr. Mooney is connected with the C.M.B.A.

COL. JAMES C. GUILLOT, colonel of the 21st Regiment of County Essex Fusiliers, and treasurer of the city of Windsor, is a well-known resident of this locality.

Col. Guillot is of mixed ancestry, being of French extraction on the paternal side, and of Scotch on the maternal, a combination resulting in a sturdy line of descendants. The Guillot family was founded in the County of Essex by Hillaire Guillot, the grandfather of Col. Guillot, who located at Sandwich early in the 19th century. There his son, H. C. Guillot, the father of Col. Guillot, was born March 3, 1818. On reaching his majority, H. C. Guillot engaged in a mercantile business at Sandwich, and also became a manufacturer of potash. Later in life he transferred his mercantile business to Windsor, and continued there as he had been in Sandwich, a leader in his line. For many years he served on the board of education of Sandwich, and was always a public-spirited citizen. He married Barbara Erskine Pollock, daughter of James Pollock, of Easton, Pennsylvania. The Pollocks were of Scotch extraction, and for some time prior to locating at Easton, Pennsylvania, Mr. Pollock was engaged in business at Trenton, New Jersey, where his daughter was born June 28, 1820. She died in Sandwich, Sept. 25, 1862. Mr. Guillot died May 28, 1870. In early life he was a member of the Roman Catholic Church, but previous to his death connected himself with the Methodist Church. In his political views he affiliated with the Reform party. To H. C. Guillot and wife were born these children: Helen Ann, married to Edward Adams, of Michigan; James C., our subject; John P., manager of a general store at Tilbury, County of Essex; Alice J.; Barbara Erskine, born Oct. 15, 1850, died Aug. 7, 1851; and Barbara Erskine (2), born in 1853, died Sept. 21, 1856.

Colonel James C. Guillot was born Oct. 26, 1845, at Sandwich, and was educated in his native town. He engaged in merchandising at Sandwich, and in 1863 joined his father in the same

line at Windsor. They continued in business until 1866, when our subject went to Armada, Michigan, as manager of a general store for T. H. Henderson, and at the end of three years was transferred as manager of the business house at Detroit. For twenty-one years he continued there, and then severed his connection and returned to Windsor. In February, 1893, he was appointed treasurer of the city of Windsor, and has most satisfactorily served in that capacity ever since.

Col. Guillot has always taken an active interest in military matters, and he has a fine military record. In 1862 he joined an independent company in Sandwich, as a private, under Captain, now Senator, Charles E. Casgrain. In April, 1865, he graduated from the military school at Hamilton, Ont., under Col. Lowry, and was then appointed sergeant-major of Windsor artillery, under Capt. Worthington. Later he was made adjutant of the 23rd Light Infantry. In June, 1885, when the 21st Regiment of Essex Fusiliers was organized, he was appointed major, and in August, 1897, was advanced to the rank of colonel, a position he still holds.

On Dec. 23, 1866, Col. Guillot married Ellen, eldest daughter of John Weaver, Esq., who was born Jan. 7, 1811, and who died at his home in Sandwich in August, 1867. Mrs. Weaver was born June 4, 1821, and died Nov. 16, 1900. Four children have been born to Col. Guillot and wife, namely: Henry C., is not only a popular practicing physician of Pontiac, Michigan, but has served as mayor; he married Annie Treble, of Windsor, and they have one son, James C. Bessie Erskine is married and lives at Toledo, Ohio; she has one daughter, Elizabeth. Ida Stuart is the wife of Wendle Van Hook, of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. Nellie is at home, in Windsor. Mrs. Guillot is a member of the Church of England, while the Colonel belongs to the Methodist faith. Politically he is a Reformer. Fraternally he is an Odd Fellow, and is past master of Windsor Lodge, No. 403, A.F. & A.M.

OSCAR E. FLEMING, a leader in the ranks of the Conservative party and a prominent lawyer of Windsor, is descended from Scotch ancestry, and is a worthy representative of the sturdy characteristics of that race. He is a son of Samuel and Sophia (Harwood) Fleming, whose other children were: Arthur H., formerly a lawyer of Detroit, later a large lumber dealer in Michigan, and now a retired resident of Pasa-

dena, California; Harwood O., engaged in the drug business at Windsor; Clarence S., assistant cashier of the Dime Savings Bank of Detroit, formerly with the Canadian Bank of Commerce; Donald W., an accountant in Cameron & Curry's Bank, who died in 1881; Lilla, deceased, wife of Dr. Palmer, of Salem, Michigan; Bertha, married to A. C. Stelwagen, an attorney at Detroit; Florence V., married to William E. Scotten, president of the Scotten Tobacco Company of Detroit; Felicia, who married R. H. Holmes, a barrister of Toronto; and Evelyn, who married Albert Montreuil, sub-collector of customs at Walkerville, Ontario.

Oscar E. Fleming was born March 17, 1862, on the old Fleming homestead, and was six years old when his parents removed to Windsor. He was educated in the public schools of Windsor, and was under the tutorship of Mr. Cheney, inspector of schools. In 1881 he began reading law, first with the firm of Cameron & Cleary, and later with Doctor John Hoskin of Toronto. Mr. Fleming was also a student at Osgoode Hall, Toronto, and in addition was under instruction with the firm of McCarthy, Osler, Haskins & Creelman, of Toronto. In 1886, after most thorough instruction, he was called to the Bar, and in the same year opened an office in Windsor. Here he practiced alone until 1888, when E. S. Wigle was taken into partnership, the firm style being Fleming & Wigle, and in 1893 the partnership was further strengthened by the admission of John H. Rodd, the name then becoming Fleming, Wigle & Rodd. It is a strong combination and covers every line of practice, engaging in the greater part of the litigation in this part of the county.

Mr. Fleming has always taken a prominent part in both political affairs and educational movements. For several years he has been a member of the school board, and for a long time has been chairman of the Conservative campaign committee. For three years he served on the Windsor town council, and in 1891 was elected mayor of the town of Windsor, and in 1892 was re-elected, and during that year the town was incorporated into a city. In 1893 Mr. Fleming was again honored by being elected mayor, and has, therefore, the record of being the last mayor of the town, and the first mayor of the city of Windsor. For three years he was a member of the Conservative Union, of Ontario, at Toronto. In addition to his professional duties and political interests, he is engaged in large business

enterprises which engage much of his attention. He is vice-president of the McAlpin Consumers Tobacco Company, Limited, at Toronto; a director in the Standard Paint & Varnish Works Company, Ltd., at Windsor; and a director in the Windsor Turned Goods Company, Ltd., at Windsor, and in several other industrial concerns. In 1892, in company with his brothers, he built the Fleming building, at the corner of Ouellette and Chatham streets, Windsor, a fine office building in which is also located the drug store of H. O. Fleming.

In 1890 Mr. Fleming married Caroline M. Drake, daughter of Dr. Drake, of Kingsville, and a family of nine children has been born to this union, namely: Augusta C.; Donald M., a student in St. Andrew's College, at Toronto; Frances M.; Thelma C.; Oscar S.; Canmore D.; Kennett E.; Hugh E.; and Caroline B. Mr. and Mrs. Fleming belong to the Presbyterian Church. Fraternally he is a prominent Mason and Odd Fellow.

RUFUS STEPHENSON, one of Kent County's most revered pioneers, had a most remarkable career. He held almost every office within the gift of the people of this district and enjoyed the unique distinction of never having suffered defeat upon any occasion. He was universally esteemed and was without an enemy.

Rufus Stephenson was born in Springfield, Massachusetts, on Jan. 13, 1835. He was a descendant of Deacon Samuel Chapin, a Puritan who came to Roxbury, Massachusetts, prior to 1640. Mr. Stephenson's grandfather was from Lancashire, England, and was of that branch of the Stephenson family from which sprang George and Robert Stephenson, so famous as railway engineers. In 1850 Mr. Stephenson came to Chatham as manager and associate editor of the *Kent Advertiser* and became proprietor of *The Planet* in 1857. He conducted this journal until 1878, when he disposed of it to his sons, Sydney, the present proprietor, and E. Frederick, now commissioner of Crown Lands, Winnipeg.

In Chatham Mr. Stephenson held many important offices. He was chairman of the public school board, chief and chief engineer of the fire department, member of the county board of instruction, member of the city council, member of the county council and mayor three years in succession, being elected twice by acclamation. He was commissioned as captain of No. 2 Company,

24th Kent Battalion Volunteer Infantry, in 1866. In 1867 Mr. Stephenson was the successful candidate of the Liberal Conservatives of Kent for the first Dominion Parliament and was re-elected at the general elections held in 1872, 1874 and 1878, respectively. Among the legislative measures initiated by him were the action of the Government in regard to the status of naturalized foreigners in British colonial possessions and the coasting relations with the United States and the navigation of inland waters, besides a number of general and local improvements of substantial value to Western Ontario. In 1882 Mr. Stephenson retired from Parliament and accepted an appointment as inspector of the colonization country, and afterward was appointed collector of customs, which position he held until his death, on Feb. 15, 1901.

On Oct. 11, 1854, Mr. Stephenson married Georgiana Emma, eldest daughter of Thomas Andrew, barrister, of London, England, who predeceased him. There were nine children, five sons and four daughters: Sydney Stephenson, publisher of *The Planet*, Chatham; E. F. Stephenson, commissioner Crown Lands, Winnipeg, Man.; Mrs. William Goodeve, of Ottawa; Rufus Stephenson, of West Superior, Wisconsin; Andrew C. Stephenson, of Winnipeg, Man.; Mrs. J. A. McWhinney, of Toronto, Ont.; John A. Stephenson, of Duluth, Minnesota; Mrs. Walter O'Hara, of Ottawa, Ont.; and Mrs. James Fleming, of Chatham.

J. W. HANNA, who enjoys the distinction of being one of the best known, as well as one of the oldest, members of the Bar at Windsor, Ont., is descended from Irish ancestors. His great-grandfather was a native of Ireland, and a farmer of that country. Among his children was a son, Robert, the grandfather of our subject.

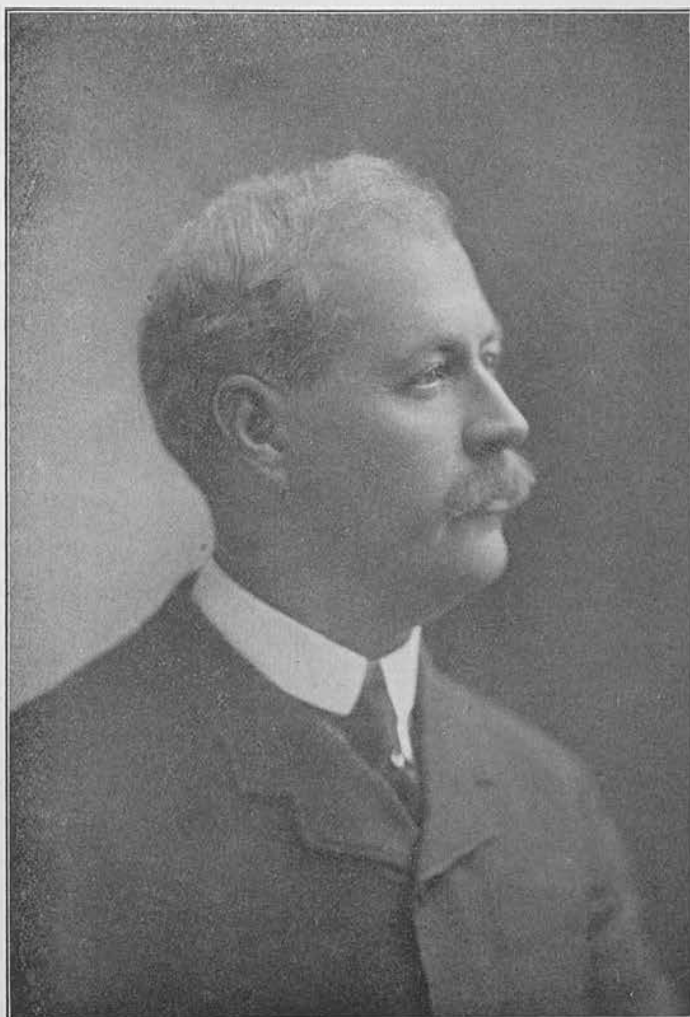
Robert Hanna was born in Ireland in 1793, and there married Marjorie Milligan, also a native of Ireland, and in 1820 the two emigrated to Canada, locating in the County of Lanark, Ont. Later they removed to the County of Leeds, where he engaged in farming, and where he died in 1861, his widow surviving until 1883. Robert Hanna took part in the Rebellion of 1837, and also had a hand in the "Windmill Affair" at Prescott. The following family was born to him and his wife: Jane, deceased; Ann, who married a Mr. Milligan, of Sarnia; Lucy,

deceased, who married Alexander Porter; John, deceased; and James, deceased.

James Hanna, son of Robert, was born in Lanark in 1823. When only a boy his parents moved to the County of Leeds, where he (James) followed farming until his death in 1901. James Hanna took considerable interest in educational matters, and gave each of his children a thorough literary and professional training. He was married to Jane Gallagher, who was born in 1831, daughter of William Gallagher. The following family was born to them: Agnes, educated in Stanstead, married Hiram Lockwood of West Port; Dr. Frank, a graduate of the McGill University, is now a physician of Brantford, Ont.; and J. W.

J. W. Hanna was born in the County of Leeds in 1860. His literary education was acquired at Athens, Ont., and at Cobourg. After completing his studies along classical lines, he took up teaching in the public schools for two years, and then began the study of law with the well-known firm of Cameron, McMarshall & Hoskins, of Toronto, and in 1884 was graduated in law from Osgood Hall of that city. For two years Mr. Hanna was clerk for the above-mentioned law firm of Toronto. In 1884 Mr. Hanna came to Windsor, becoming a member of the law firm of Cameron, Cleary & Hanna, which continued until 1885, when Mr. Hanna withdrew and continued alone for several years, but in 1891 the partnership of Cowan & Hanna was formed, and continued until 1896, when Mr. M. K. Cowan was elected to Parliament, and Mr. Hanna has since then been without a partner. While Mr. Hanna practices general law, he makes a specialty of criminal cases, and has been very successful, his eloquence and forceful utterances having great weight with the jury.

In 1891 Mr. Hanna and Miss Jennie Bothwell were united in marriage, she being a daughter of R. C. Bothwell, then of Toronto, now of Oakland, California. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hanna: Elwood and Delmer. The family adhere to the faith of the Church of England. Politically Mr. Hanna is a Conservative, and has been a member of the council of Windsor a number of times. Fraternally he is a Mason. Mr. Hanna is one of the most popular men in Windsor, and his prospects are very bright, both in his profession and in a political way, and he is justly regarded as a leading exponent of the best interests of the County of Essex.



J. W. Harris

ROBERT STUART WOODS, Q.C., revising officer of the electoral district of Kent, late junior judge of Kent, local judge of the high court of justice, surrogate judge of the maritime court of Ontario, and for fifty years a prominent figure in the Western District, is, with his more than fourscore years, one of the grand old men of Kent. His eye is as bright, his mind as clear, his step as elastic, as when in the flush of early manhood he was called to the Bar.

In both paternal and maternal lines Judge Woods is of Scottish descent. His grandfather Woods was a Scotchman engaged in mercantile pursuits in St. John's, Lower Canada. His maternal grandfather, Hon. Alexander Grant, familiarly known as Commodore Grant, was a member of the ancient family of that name at Glenmoriston, Inverness, Scotland, and came to Canada as a midshipman under Lord Amherst, in 1759 being appointed to the command of a sloop of war, and taking an active and honorable part in the exciting events of those early days. Later he became commander or commodore of the western lakes, and at the time of his death had been an officer in His Majesty's service for nearly fifty-seven years. Commodore Grant was one of the seven men called by Gov. Simcoe to the first legislative council, and was the third member of the first executive council of Upper Canada; and in 1805-06 he was lieutenant-governor of that province. Although both Judge Woods's grandfathers were reared in the strict faith of the Scotch Presbyterians, both of them wedded French-Canadian wives, of the Roman Catholic Church.

James Woods, father of Judge Woods, was a barrister-at-law at the Montreal Bar. In 1800 he came to the Western District, and took an active part in public matters. At his death he left a large landed estate. He married Elizabeth, seventh daughter of the late Alexander Grant.

Robert Stuart Woods was the fourth son of his parents, and was born at Sandwich, Essex, Ont., in 1819. He was educated in the district grammar schools under Rev. David Robertson, and the late Rev. William Johnson, until he was seventeen years of age, and subsequently under the Rev. Alexander Gale, of Hamilton. The course of study in those days was somewhat limited as compared with the curricula of modern schools, but what was lacking in extent was amply compensated for by thoroughness. In 1837 came the Rebellion, and the young student went to the relief of Toronto under Col. MacNab, as

one of the famous fifty-six men of "Gore," in the steamer "Gore," by means of whom, on the first day of the Rebellion, the city was saved from MacKenzie's forces. He continued with Col. MacNab throughout the campaign, and of one of the exploits of that force, the cutting out of the "Caroline," Judge Woods has written an interesting account.

Judge Woods pursued his legal studies under Judge O'Reilly, of Hamilton, was called to the Bar in 1842, and was made a Q.C. by the Earl of Dufferin in 1872. Up to the time of his appointment as junior judge, in 1885, he was actively engaged in the practice of law, and he won for himself a high place through his lofty conception of the duties and the dignity attendant upon members of his profession. From 1846 to 1849 he was solicitor of the county council of the Western District, and is the oldest municipal officer in Kent. In 1843 he acted as judge of the division court, at a time when the circuit was 150 miles in length, and two weeks were required for the work. In 1850 he came to Kent, and at once took his place among those interested in the advancement and development of this section. His means and his energies have been given freely to the securing of railways, good roads, canals, and other enterprises. To him is due the forcing of Hamilton citizens into the construction of the Great Western Railway, which, with the opening of the Michigan Central to Chicago (1849), became the link between the roads of the East and the West.

Judge Woods has never belonged to any secret society. While a faithful member of the Church of England, he has a broad sympathy for all other denominations, and is liberal in his aid to further any of them in good work. He belongs to the Church of England Synod, and is an earnest advocate of temperance, and of all legislation to promote it. For some time he was president of the Kent branch of the Dominion Alliance, and has belonged to other organizations having similar intent. In his politics he is a Conservative, first and last, and is proud of the fact that his allegiance to his party has never wavered, even while his personal relations with the leaders of the Opposition have ever been most cordial. In 1854 he contested Kent against Larwill, McKellar and Waddell, when Larwill was returned, and Mr. Woods was defeated on the secularization of the Clergy Reserves, on which question he was in advance of his party.

In 1849 Judge Woods was united in marriage

with Emma Elizabeth Schwarz, eldest daughter of the Hon. John E. Schwarz, adjutant-general of the State of Michigan. Since the advent of the year 1904 Judge Woods has retired from the junior judgeship, followed by the good wishes of all his legal brethren, whose admiration for his honorable career and reverence for his high character were unbounded. His public career has covered an important and historic period in the Province, and his reminiscences of the conditions and of people a lifetime ago are of great interest. His volume, "Harrison Hall and Its Associations," gives the history of the District of Hesse and the Western District from their earliest organization, with that of their municipal, judicial, political and educational interests. He is a fine conversationalist and is by nature most social, and time spent in his society is never devoid of pleasure.

JAMES S. GREENHILL, one of the prominent and representative men of Leamington, County of Essex, was born in Scotland in June, 1841, a son of David and Isabella (Seath) Greenhill.

The father and mother were born in Fife-shire, Scotland, and he was a millwright by trade. During the forties he removed to Dundee, Scotland, where they resided until 1855, and then emigrated to Canada, locating in Hamilton, Ont. There they made their home until Mr. Greenhill's death, which occurred about 1876, when he was sixty-three years of age. He was a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church. In politics he was a Conservative. In manner he was quiet and unassuming, and never sought office. He and his wife had a family of seven children, five of whom survive: Andrew, of Smith's Falls, Ont.; Agnes, who married James Traill, of Toronto; Johanna, widow of William Traill, of Hamilton; Jessie, who married George Valence, a member of Wood, Valence & Co., of Hamilton; and James S.

Until he was seventeen years of age James S. Greenhill remained at home attending the Central school. At that time he was apprenticed to the book and stationery business, but after two years he accepted a position in the wholesale hardware house of Buchanan, Harris & Co., and remained in this connection ten or twelve years, being promoted from time to time until, when he resigned his position, he was representing the firm on the road. He left this concern to accept a better position with Wood & Leggett (now

Wood, Valence & Co.), wholesale hardware dealers. He represented this firm on the road for seven years, then resigned, and embarked in business for himself, purchasing a hardware stock at Kincardine, where he carried on a successful business for about ten years. Mr. Greenhill then sold his business, and returned to Hamilton, where for two years he looked about him for a profitable investment. In December, 1889, through advertisements, he heard of a hardware business at Leamington for sale, which appeared to meet his requirements, and after inspecting it he purchased the property, and operated it alone very successfully until 1899, when he took into partnership J. H. Conover, the firm name being changed to Greenhill & Conover.

In 1870 Mr. Greenhill married Miss Anna M. Campbell, daughter of William Campbell, a manufacturer and member of the firm of Campbell Bros., of Hamilton, now deceased. One child was born of this marriage, Susan I., who is at home. Mrs. Greenhill died April 1, 1899, in Detroit Hospital, after an operation.

In politics Mr. Greenhill is a Conservative, but is not radical in his views. Although he served one term as reeve of the town, he is not in any sense an office seeker, only accepting nomination at the earnest solicitation of the best men of his party. Fraternally Mr. Greenhill is a member of Leamington Lodge, No. 290, A.F. & A.M.; King Cyrus Chapter, No. 119, R.A.M., of which he is treasurer; and a member of the I.O. O.F. He is treasurer and member of the bowling club of Leamington, and secretary and treasurer of the Veterans' Association of South Essex County. In religious matters he is a Presbyterian, and a member of the board of management, and an elder in the church with which he unites. In all lines he is very prominent, and he is one of the most highly esteemed men of Leamington.

JOHN MELLOW, one of Comber's grand old men, who for over twenty-five years was a farmer of Tilbury West township, and is one of the largest land owners of Essex County, and who is now living a retired life, enjoying the fruits of his hard labor, was born in Toronto township, County of Peel, on the 6th Concession, Lot 3, East Centre Road, Aug. 12, 1825.

Samuel Mellow, his father, was a native of Cornwall, England, born near the Three Castles in 1792, a son of John and Elizabeth Mellow, the former a silver miner by occupation, who spent

his life in his native home, and died there. The family were members of the Church of England. Politically John Mellow was a Conservative. Samuel Mellow grew to manhood in his native home, and in 1815 he left for the New World with the hope of bettering his condition. He crossed the sea on a sailing vessel to Canada, making the trip in nine weeks, and landing at Quebec, where he remained some time. Later he removed to New York State, where he lived for several months. In 1818 he came to Ontario, Canada, locating in Toronto township, County of Peel, where he bought a clergy reserve, a tract of 100 acres, on which he built a log hut on the 6th Concession, Lot 3, east of the Centre Road, and there began the life of a pioneer. The county was new, and he was among the first settlers. By hard work he succeeded in clearing up the farm, making extensive improvements, and the remainder of his life was passed in agricultural pursuits. He lived to a ripe old age, dying on his farm Aug. 20, 1866, aged seventy-four years. He was buried in Lambton, County of York, Ont. In his political belief he was a staunch Conservative, and in religious belief was a member of the Church of England. Samuel Mellow was married in Little York, now Toronto, to Hannah Garbutt, a native of Yorkshire, England, daughter of George Garbutt, who with his family came to Canada in 1817, locating in Toronto township, County Peel, where he lived and died. Nine children were born to Samuel Mellow and wife, namely: John; William, who resides in County Cardwell; Elizabeth, deceased; Susanna, who married John Elliott, and resides in County Bruce; Anna, deceased wife of William Garbutt; Miss Eliza, who resides in Rochester township, County Essex; Rebecca, widow of Richard Truman and residing in Toronto, Ontario; Samuel, a farmer in Rochester township, County Essex; and Elizabeth, who married John Graham, and died in Toronto. The mother of these children died in Rochester township, County Essex, Aug. 21, 1886, having attained to the ripe old age of ninety-three. Her remains rest in Cottam, Gosfield township, County Essex. She was a member of the Church of England, and a good Christian woman, devoted to her family and her home.

John Mellow was the oldest of the family. He was born in a log house, and the schools he attended were constructed of the same material. He went to school in Toronto township three months in the year, having to go six miles to

what was then known as a subscription school. He also attended a private school, near home, kept by an old lady whose zeal made up for what she might otherwise lack in ability. He worked on his father's farm from early youth until of age, when he started for himself, buying in 1846 a 100-acre bush farm for \$800, borrowing \$300 from his father to make the first payment. He thus started in life with a debt of \$800. He built a frame house and cleared up the farm, planted an orchard, and made extensive improvements, paid off his indebtedness to his father and the other debt on his farm. For thirty years he was engaged in general farming. In 1875 he came to County Essex, and locating in Tilbury West township, he bought a tract of 200 acres of bush land on Concession 9, Lot 13, where he built a log house, and in 1880 moved his family to the farm. He set to work and succeeded in clearing up the farm, later building a fine brick dwelling house, barns, etc., making extensive improvements. He bought 150 acres on the same Concession, Lot 12, which he improved with new buildings, and later he bought a 200-acre lot, and on Concession 10, Lots 13 and 14, he purchased 200 acres partly cleared, which he also improved. In all he owned in Tilbury West township over 650 acres of well cultivated land, which his children are now operating. He disposed of his farm in County Peel, and bought in the North-West, at Alberta, near High river, 600 acres of land which is now under cultivation, and where he spent two years, owning altogether 1,250 acres of highly productive land.

In 1898 Mr. Mellow retired from active work, and now makes his home in Comber, where he is enjoying the fruits of his hard labor. Although seventy-nine years old he is still quite active and in possession of all his faculties. He attributes his good health and activity to a well-spent life, being temperate in his habits, and using no tobacco or tea. His life has been a domestic one, and he has attended strictly to his own business. A shrewd man in business affairs, he has been careful of his investments, and his accumulation of wealth has been the result of his own hard work, economy, good investments and attention to business.

In politics Mr. Mellow is a staunch Conservative, but is not a politician. He was a member of the township council in County Peel, and in County Essex he filled the office of school trustee of No. 12 S. S. for sixteen years, taking a deep

interest in school matters. He is a member of the Church of England, and was warden of the church at Strinefield.

Mr Mellow was married first, June 22, 1848, County Peel, to Martha Rhodehouse, who was born in Albion, County Peel, Ontario, a daughter of Joseph and Margaret Rhodehouse. Twelve children were born to them: Hannah, who married James Lynn, of Toronto; Keziah, who married Francis Burst, of Tilbury West township; Elizabeth, who married George Colyer, and resides at Victoria, British Columbia; Sarah, who married William Brown, and resides near London, Ont.; Mary, who married David Strong, of Tilbury West township; Rachel, who married Allen Perrin, and resides in Marine City, Michigan; Emma, who married Russell Humphrey, and resides at Toronto; Harriet, who married Amos Smith, and resides in Alberta, North-West Territory; John, a farmer on the homestead; William Henry, a farmer in Tilbury West township; Lila, who resides in Toronto, Ont.; and Joseph Samuel, a farmer in Tilbury West township, who married Mary Lattimore. The wife and mother died on the farm Dec. 28, 1893, and was buried in St. George's Cemetery. She was a member of the Church of England. For his second wife Mr. Mellow married, March 11, 1903, in Detroit, Jennette Grindlay, who was born in Hamilton, Scotland, daughter of John and Catharine (Bucannan) Grindlay, and widow of Arthur McGie. By her first marriage five children were born: William, who resides in Belleville, Ont.; John, who resides in the West; Arthur, of Belleville; Isabella, who married William Wilson, and lives in Toronto; and Walter, of Salt Lake City. Mrs. Mellow is a woman of refined taste, devoted to her home. She is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

QUICK. The Quick family, prominent for several generations in Canada, has had able representatives in the township of Colchester South, County of Essex, in the late Cornelius R. Quick, and now in his capable daughter, Mrs. Annie A. (Quick) Brush, widow of the late Arthur B. Brush.

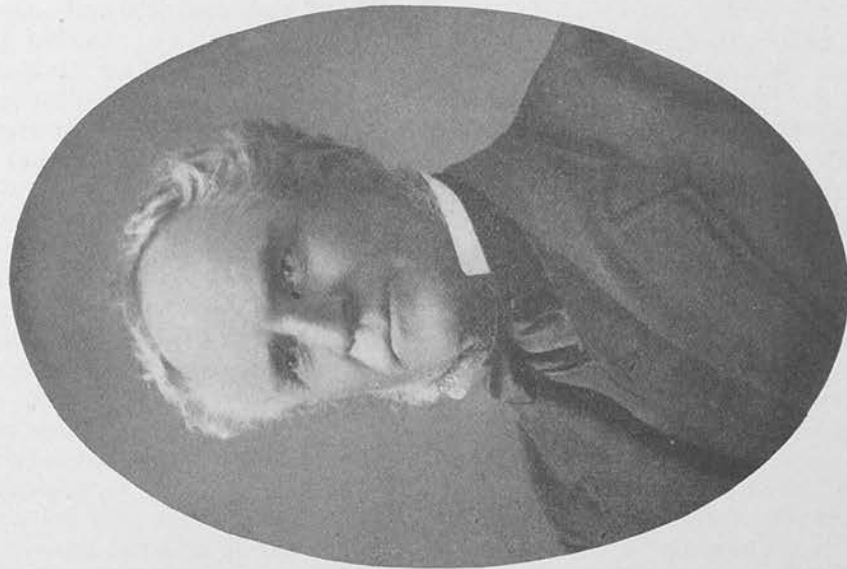
The first of the family here was Alexander Quick, grandfather of Cornelius R., who was undoubtedly one of the large family of Quicks who were natives of Cornwall, England, though settled in the State of Kentucky, near Cincinnati, Ohio. Being unwilling to take up arms against England, he was obliged to leave his

home, and with his entire family he moved to Canada, and settled on Lot 8, of the Gore, in the township of Colchester, at a time when there were but one or two families anywhere in the region. In those days the Indians were troublesome and the family were obliged to protect their log cabin by a stockade of logs, set endwise in the ground. Tradition says that three of the daughters and one son of Alexander Quick were carried away captive by the Indians, and only two of the daughters were regained even by the payment of a ransom, though the son, Joseph, was released. Mr. Quick was well advanced in life when he went to Canada, and only survived a few years after the change. His sons were: Joseph, father of Cornelius R.; Cornelius, who moved to Mersea; Elijah, who settled in Colchester South, and lived there until 1879, when he removed to the State of Michigan, and there remained; John, who located in Trenton, Michigan; Alexander, who resided in the township of Colchester South; and David, who removed to Illinois in 1865.

Joseph Quick was born in Kentucky, about one mile from Cincinnati, Ohio. He was the eldest of the family, and, with his sisters, was captured by the Indians. While two of his sisters were brought back, he was kept thirteen years before released through the agency of Col. Elliott, of Amherstburg. He followed his parents to Canada, and after his father's death he carried on the clearing of the farm and homestead, a tract of 200 acres in Lot 8, given his father by the Government as a reward for his loyalty. His brother, Alexander, was a farmer and a blacksmith, and had a shop near the house, where he made axes, hoes—in fact, all the metal tools required by the pioneers. Joseph Quick died of typhoid fever, at a ripe old age, passing away Aug. 29, 1845, aged seventy-six. In Gosfield South, County of Essex, he married Susanna Munger. She bore her husband twelve children, all but one of whom were living at the time of their mother's death, Jan. 16, 1849. Mary, born May 21, 1811, was twice married, first to Stephen Brush and second to Philip Wright. John, born Dec. 18, 1813, died in this county. David, born Nov. 26, 1815, married Margaret Loop, and moved to Flint, Michigan, where both died. William F., born July 24, 1817, married Miss Angeline Pelon, and lived in Colchester North. Cornelius R. is mentioned below. Alexander, born Dec. 7, 1821, married Henrietta Lipps. Leonard, born May 25, 1825,



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CORNELIUS R. QUICK.

died young. Sarah Ann, born Feb. 26, 1827, was the wife of Domineque Pelon, who was drowned in the Detroit river. Elizabeth, born Dec. 28, 1828, married first Joseph Kline, and second Thomas Nesbett, who resided at Flint, Michigan. Hannah, born Oct. 7, 1830, married Thomas Leslie. Philip, born Sept. 24, 1832, married Miss Amelia Pastorious, and at Harrow operates a hotel. Lucinda, born Aug. 31, 1834, is Mrs. Albert Lidwell.

CORNELIUS R. QUICK was born on the homestead, Feb. 18, 1820, and in time came into possession of a part of the farm, which was divided between him and his brother, Alexander. Later he disposed of his portion, and, instead, bought 125 acres on the lake front, Lots 78 and 79, where he carried on farming very extensively and with much success, being a painstaking and energetic worker. Many, if not all, of the improvements were the results of his own efforts, and the property is now considered one of the very best along the lake front—a section noted for its exceptionally fine farms. Mr. Quick took a prominent part in public affairs, and served as reeve of the township for ten years, during which time he was also a member of the county council. His death occurred Dec. 30, 1896. Fraternally he was a fifth degree Mason.

Mr. Quick married Miss Abigail Wright, the daughter of Henry Wright. Henry Wright was the son of Henry, the original settler in Canada, and was born in Rutland, Pa. He was twice married, first to a Miss Hitchcock, by whom he had a daughter, Deborah, born March 1, 1803, and second, Hannah Lipps. The children of the second marriage were: John, born March 11, 1809, who married (first) Miss Anna Bell, and (second) Mrs. Rebecca Wilson; Mary Ann, born Dec. 15, 1810, who married John Buchanan; Thomas II., June 19, 1815, who married Miss Euphemia Bell; Francis, March 7, 1818, who married Miss Jane Wilcox; Eliza, Feb. 15, 1821, who married Matthew Ferriss; Abigail, Aug. 25, 1823, who became Mrs. Cornelius R. Quick; and Amelia, Sept. 15, 1825, who never married.

Mrs. Cornelius R. Quick died about three years before her husband, Dec. 12, 1893. She was the mother of the following children: Annie Amelia, Gordon Wright (who moved to the Northwest some twenty years ago, where he has since been engaged in ranching, and who married Miss Carrie Noice), and Francis Gore (born April 18, 1862, who married Miss Matilda

Rae, and was killed by the explosion of a boiler at William Craig's, June 25, 1890).

Annie Amelia Quick married Arthur B. Brush, and ten years after her marriage returned to live at home, as her husband then assumed charge of the old farm. She was left a widow March 23, 1903, with one daughter, Cornelia, who lives at home with her mother, a most accomplished young lady.

The late ARTHUR B. BRUSH, born Dec. 2, 1850, was a descendant of the John Brush, who came to Canada about 1799, with a company of United Empire Loyalists, and who was followed a few years later, in 1806, by his brother Stephen, from whom many residents of Colchester and Malden townships are descended. John Brush, in the assignment of government land drew Lot 89, Concession 1, and resided there till the day of his death. He married Miss Betsy Wright, who bore him the following three sons: Charles; John, who married Miss Ann Grubb; and Thomas, who married Miss Lucinda Fox. There were also several daughters.

Charles Brush married Miss Anna Hartley, by whom he had two children: Arthur B.; and Ellen Melinda, born Sept. 29, 1852, the wife of Darius Wigle, of Kingsville.

Arthur B. Brush inherited his father's homestead, and by him it was willed to his beloved daughter, as will also be the old Quick home, which Mrs. Brush inherited from her father. Mr. Brush was an able business man, and a most honorable, upright gentleman, who had many friends. He belonged to the Odd Fellows and the Workmen, and was very popular in both organizations.

Mrs. Brush is a gracious woman, of marked business ability and artistic tastes. Her home is beautifully located on the lake, and its charm and order delight all who see it.

REV. CHENEY BURDETT, for many years one of the highly esteemed residents of Ridgetown, County of Kent, Ont., was born at Naseby, Northamptonshire, England, May 1, 1826, and passed away at his home in Ridgetown, May 5, 1904.

Having lost his parents when still a child, Mr. Burdett was thrown upon his own resources not only to obtain a living, but also to secure the education his active mind craved. Notwithstanding all the drawbacks he labored against, he gradually overcame every obstacle, and achieved remarkable success, gaining an intimate knowl-

edge of the various branches of science, theology and ecclesiastical history, and becoming an eloquent and useful clergyman, as well as a well-educated man. During the thirty-three years of his ministry he was stationed on eighteen different circuits, and, being a very forcible and convincing speaker, he was invaluable at revivals and camp meetings during the early days in the history of western Canada.

Cheney Burdett came to Canada when a young man, and found employment in Sombra township, County of Lambton. While there he was converted and soon began preaching. He is first recorded as preaching in 1852, when twenty-six years old, and in that and the following year he promoted and held two camp meetings. In 1854 he was appointed to his first circuit, the Maitland circuit, near Goderich, and his next charge was the Southwold circuit, thirty miles in extent and consisting of nine appointments. Following this, from 1858 to 1860, he was on the Dover circuit, adjacent to Wallaceburg, and he was then successively on the Ennis-killen, London, Newbury and Leamington circuits. From 1867 to 1869 he was on the Yarmouth circuit, and from 1869 to 1871 he traveled the Walsingham circuit; from 1871 to 1873 was in Hartford; 1873 to 1880, Harwich; 1880 to 1882, Essex Centre; 1882 to 1883, Highgate; 1883 to 1885, Wallaceburg; 1885 to 1887, Oil Springs. From this circuit he was superannuated, taking up his residence in Ridgetown, where he lived in the enjoyment of his books and the companionship of a devoted wife, as well as the friendship of all who knew him. Thereafter he readily gave himself to church work whenever it was possible, assisting neighboring ministers, etc., thus passing many useful years before his death. During the active period of his ministry, to quote from his own writing, he had the following record: "Total number of camp meetings held, fifty; field meetings, four; four days' meetings, six; number of persons received into the church as the result of my humble ministry, five hundred."

Politically Mr. Burdett was always identified with the Conservative party. His fraternal relations were with the Masonic order, he being a member of Glencoe Lodge, No. 292, and at his funeral were present, besides the members of the Howard Lodge, delegations from Blenheim and Highgate. Several pastors took part in the services, and many beautiful tributes of reverence and respect were paid to the life and char-

acter of Mr. Burdett, and his long and effective services in the church.

On May 2, 1852, Mr. Burdett married Miss Nancy Rouse, who was born in December, 1832, in the County of Lambton, and was reared there. She was a good Christian woman, and shared faithfully the toils and privations of the earlier years of the itinerancy, passing away at their home in the town of Essex in 1881, leaving four children: Adaline, wife of Dr. James Brien, of the town of Essex, was born in 1856, in Ontario; Reuben, born in March, 1858, now a farmer of Manitoba, married Miss Louise Brown, of Manitoba, and they have five children, Louise, Annie, Olive, Albert and Dorothy; Rev. James Burdett, born in 1861, a minister of the Free Methodist Church in Michigan, married Miss Emma Vancuren, of Michigan, and has a daughter, Ethel; Frederick, born in the County of Essex in 1866 resides in the State of Washington; he married Miss Cora Johnston, and has one son, Harland. In November, 1882, Mr. Burdett married Mrs. Emily McTavish, the estimable daughter of Joseph and Bethany Cornwall, both natives of Canada. Mrs. McTavish was born at Clearville, County of Kent, in 1851, and in 1869 married Daniel McTavish, who was born Nov. 15, 1841, at Duart, Ont., of Scotch parentage. When a young man he learned the trade of carpenter and pursued it successfully during his active life. In 1869 he located near Hamilton, Missouri, where he carried on an extensive building and contracting business. While residing near that town he died, Oct. 30, 1873, leaving a wife and two children. The daughter, Rosa, received an excellent high school education in the County of Kent, Ont., and was given a first-class certificate from the Ridgetown Collegiate Institute; for six years she was a teacher in Alma Ladies' College of St. Thomas, for two years taught in the Ridgetown public school, and was subsequently a teacher in the school at Indian Head, in the N. W. T., being an accomplished young lady; on April 12, 1904, at Indian Head, she became the wife of Alexander Ross, barrister, of Regina, N. W. T. The son, Malcolm J., received his early education in the schools of the County of Kent, and graduated from the Detroit College of Medicine April 30, 1903.

Mrs. Burdett is a leading temperance worker in Ridgetown, and is now president of the W.C.T.U. of that town, in which capacity she accomplishes a wonderful amount of good. Like

her husband, she is kind-hearted and charitable and their Christian influence for good in the community can scarcely be overestimated.

JOHN BUCKLAND, a retired farmer of Gosfield North, belongs to a family long prominent among the settlers of the County of Stanstead, Quebec, and was born there Feb. 13, 1829, son of William and Clarissa (Heath) Buckland.

Walter Buckland, the paternal grandfather, a cabinetmaker by trade, originally lived in Connecticut, moving thence to the Province of Quebec, then called Lower Canada, while his son, William, was a child. He died in that Province in 1832, the father of a large family; E. P., the eldest son, never came to Canada, but settled and died in Massachusetts. Anna, the eldest daughter, married and remained in Connecticut, where she died. Leverett, Walter, Henry, William and Alexander, all born in Connecticut, and Erastus, John, Polly, Mary and Sarah, who were born in Canada, all settled and died in the County of Stanstead, Quebec, where they were wealthy and prominent people. John, one of the sons, returned to Massachusetts, where he was manager of a cotton mill for many years, came back to Canada for a few years, and again went to Massachusetts, passing his last years in retirement, in Lowell, that State.

William Buckland, married, in 1828, Miss Clarissa Heath. They were united in the town of Hatley, by an English minister, and theirs was one of the first marriages in that region to be solemnized by a clergyman, most of the previous ones having been performed by civil authorities. Miss Heath, who was born in 1808, was the daughter of John Heath, an Englishman, who came first to the United States, and from there to Canada. Mr. Buckland and his wife settled on a farm in Barnston and began life in a small way, but later he added by purchase until he finally owned a large farm. In 1850 he joined the gold-seekers in California, and was successful in his mining ventures. Returning to Canada after eleven months, he resumed the occupation of farming, and was counted among the prosperous agriculturists of that section. Politically he was a staunch Liberal, and a very influential man; for twenty-five years he was judge of the commissioners' court, and also for a long time was county councillor. Religiously he and his wife were Methodists. Mr. Buckland passed away, honored and lamented, in February, 1886, and his wife followed him

to the grave five years later. They were the parents of seven children: (1) John, our subject, was the eldest. (2) Erastus, born in the Province of Quebec, in 1831, is a retired farmer of the town of Coaticook, Quebec. He married Miss Carrie Wilcox, of Quebec, and has four children, namely—Pardon B.; Clara B., the wife of J. Buckland; Maria, wife of a Mr. Baldwin; and Mary, unmarried. (3) Jane, died when just entering womanhood. (4) Persis is the wife of John Converse, one of the wealthy retired men of the Province of Quebec, and they have four children—Charles E., of Grand Rapids, Michigan; Burton, living on the old homestead; John, of Quebec; Katie, the wife of J. Remick, of Barnston, Quebec. (5) Norman, born at Barnston, married Miss Helen Bayton, of Canada, and they settled on a farm in Barford, where he died in 1871, leaving two daughters; Jennie, who married Rev. Frank Gordon, of New Jersey; and Annette, a successful teacher in a college in New Jersey. (6) Elvester is the deceased wife of Elias Batchelor, who lived near Quebec. (7) Hiram Osmand, born in 1849, married and settled at the old homestead, where he still resides with his three children.

John Buckland grew up at the old home in Quebec, was sent first to the public schools near his home, afterward the high school at Stanstead, and finally became a teacher for some few years. In 1852, he, too, caught the gold fever and went to California, by way of the San Juan river, through Lake Nicaragua. After several years in the mining regions, during which time he had been quite successful in his prospecting, he returned to Canada by way of the Isthmus, afterward settling on a farm of 150 acres. He also embarked in business as a merchant, in Coaticook, Quebec. In 1880 he sold out and moved to the County of Essex, Ont., buying land from George Stephens, now of England, his present home on the Talbot road. The property had not been cleared then, but Mr. Buckland now has over 100 acres under cultivation, and has made his farm one of the best in the locality. In 1881 he built a large brick house, and five years later put up good barns and other necessary buildings.

In 1861 John Buckland was married to Miss Elvira Baldwin, born in the Province of Quebec, in 1843. Her parents, Levi and Lydia (Converse) Baldwin, came originally from Connecticut, and were among the prominent pioneer families of the Province of Quebec. Mrs. Buck-

land was a highly educated and cultured woman, for a number of years was a successful teacher in Quebec, and was known as a fine French scholar. Her beautiful life was cut off by an untimely death, Nov. 4, 1899. Mr. and Mrs. Buckland had four children: (1) Alice G., born in Quebec, March 12, 1863, was educated in the high school of Barnston, Que., where she also taught for some years. She is now the wife of William T. Abercrombie, a ranchman of Montana, but is still a teacher. She has one daughter, Maud E., born in Michigan, April 2, 1885. (2) Clara A., born in Quebec in August, 1864, is the widow of Robert Abercrombie, of Red Lodge, Montana, who died in East Helena, in January, 1900. Mrs. Abercrombie owns a Montana ranch in her own right. (3) William L., born in 1871, in the Province of Quebec, was graduated from the Essex high school, where he received a teacher's certificate. He married Miss Maud Dennis, of Walkerville, and they settled on a part of his father's homestead, but in 1900, he moved to Pontiac, Michigan, where he is engaged in business. He has one daughter, Eva, born in Essex, in 1900. (4) Norman B., the youngest, born in the Province of Quebec, in October, 1873, was educated in the district and high schools of Essex, where he received a fine education. In 1894 he married Miss Louisa Ash, the estimable daughter of William Ash, one of the prominent farmers of Gosfield North; they reside at the Buckland homestead, where he is manager of the farm. Three children have been born to them—Clara S., in 1898; John R., in August, 1899; and Norman P., Feb. 8, 1904.

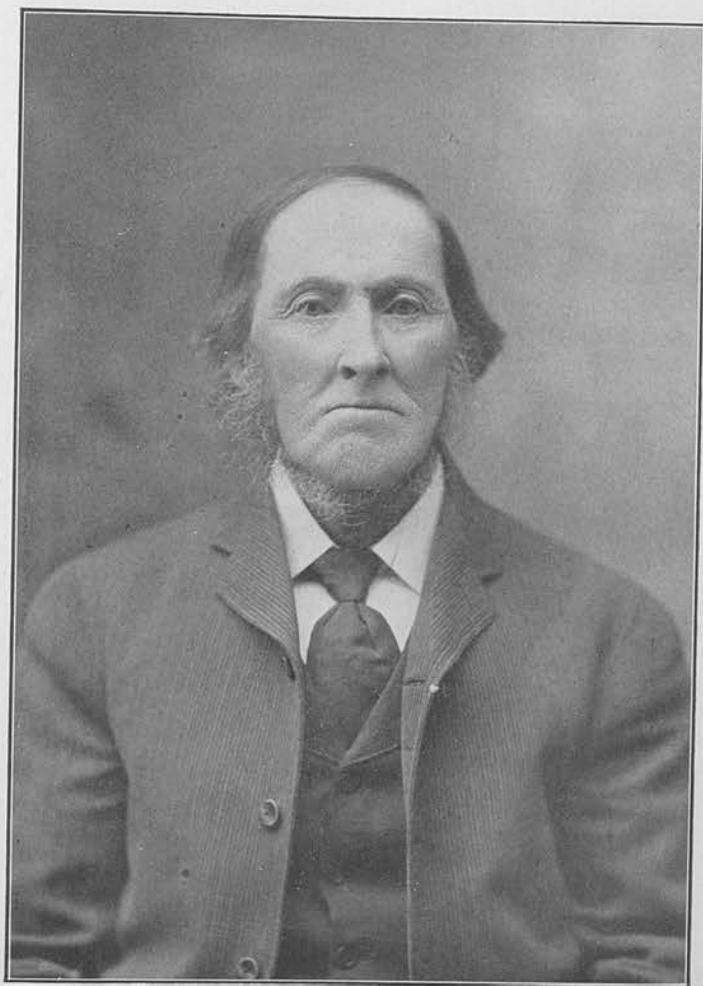
Politically, John Buckland has always supported the old Liberal party; while he lived in the Province of Quebec, he was for a number of years one of the commissioners, and likewise served as clerk of the commissioners' court, from the time of his father's retirement, in 1864, until he removed from the township, in 1871. He was commissioner until 1880, when he came to the County of Essex. Since his residence in Gosfield he has filled the office of township clerk for four years. In 1886 he was appointed justice of the peace, in this county, and has filled the office ever since. In religious belief he is, as was also his wife, a member of the Methodist Church, and was one of the trustees and stewards of that congregation at Cottam. All his life he has been an enthusiastic church worker, and in Quebec was as prominent in religious affairs as he has been since in Gosfield.

Well along in years, Mr. Buckland can rest from an active life with the consciousness that his work lies behind him, work well done and meriting the universal esteem paid to the doer.

ANTOINE ST. LOUIS, a retired farmer of Sandwich East, is a descendant of one of the first families that settled in Detroit and Sandwich, the St. Louis family belonging to a small colony of French pioneers who were the first to take up land in that section, where they endured all the hardships of the early days. They were all men of sterling worth, and the members of the family to-day inherit the honest integrity and many of the manly qualities of their ancestors. Several participated in the wars of 1812 and 1837-38.

The first of the St. Louis family in this section was Louis Villier di St. Louis, who was born in France in 1706, the son of Jean and Marguerite Gatineau, of Toul, Lorraine. He had been educated for the priesthood, but feeling that it was not his vocation determined to seek his fortune in the wilds of Canada, which offered so tempting a field to the adventurous. From Quebec he came to Detroit, where Cadillac had laid the foundation of a future city. He married there, April 26, 1746, Marguerite Morin, daughter of Pierre and Josette Drouet. Through her mother, Marguerite was related to Drouet, Sieur de Richarville, a French officer; to the Creviers and LeNeuf du Herrison, one of the oldest and most remarkable families of Canada. Louis was called St. Louis on account of his great piety. After his marriage in 1746 he came to the County of Essex and took up Government land. He died in 1765, leaving the following children: Louis, born in 1747, married in 1770; Christopher married in 1785 Josette Suzor; Marianne married in 1766 Francois Drouillard; Marie Louise married in 1767 Joseph Thomas Dajot; Jeanne was born in 1754.

Louis St. Louis, grandfather of Antoine, was born in Petite Cote, County of Essex, Ont. He and three of his sons, Baptist, Robert and Louis, were in the war of 1812 under the command of Gen. Brock. In about 1780 he purchased 300 acres from the Indians, the land extending from the Detroit river back to the 3rd Concession, in Sandwich East. It was deeded to Mr. St. Louis by the chief, Francis Macouse, who marked the corners by notched sticks. Some years later Mr. St. Louis received a deed from the English Gov-



Antoine St. Louis

ernment. All of his family were born in the place where the fourth generation of the name is now living. He cleared the first land on the river, and is known to have been the first settler in Sandwich, where he and his wife lived in a log fort, erected by himself as a protection from the Indians. Louis St. Louis died in 1826, and his wife in 1827, both when past eighty years of age. They left four sons and five daughters: (1) Louis, the eldest, settled and died in Sandwich East, leaving one son, Louis, who died in 1902, at the age of eighty years. (2) John Baptist married and settled in Sandwich, where he died, leaving eight children. (3) Robert married and settled on Lake St. Clair, where he died, leaving two sons, also deceased. (4) Francis was the father of our subject. (5) Josie married Lawrence Reaume, and had a large family. (6) Victoria, Mrs. Leazey, had a large family. (7) Jeanette married Thomas Louis. (8) Charlotte married Francis ———. (9) Ferazine married Antoine Reaume.

Francis St. Louis, born in 1794, was the youngest son, and grew up at the old homestead, which descended to him from his father Louis. There he spent his life, having many adventures with the Indians during the early days on the farm. At one time the Indians accused him of killing one of their ponies and threatened his life, which he saved only by bargaining to give them six gallons of whiskey and some flour and meat, a proposition which not only served its immediate purpose, but also made him friends among the tribe. The Indians found, however, that he was not guilty. Mr. St. Louis erected a small brick house on the river front, where he lived until his death, in 1850. He and his father were among the founders and builders of the first Catholic Church in Sandwich, where they worshipped for many years, until the chapel was built at Tecumseh, in Sandwich East. They were devout churchmen.

Francis St. Louis married Theodore Lauzon, who was born in Michigan, the only child of Louis Lauzon, who was killed by the Indians at Saginaw. She was raised by her grandmother Morass, after her father was killed, and died at Windsor in September, 1879, leaving two sons and four daughters: (1) Antoine and two sisters are still living. (2) Alexander settled and died in Windsor, Ont., after retiring from active life; he has four children living. (3) Mary is the wife of Alexander Langlois, of Windsor. (4) Charlotte (deceased) was the wife of Francis

Drouillard, of Walkerville. (5) Annie is the widow of Patrick Pageau, and with her family lives in Windsor. (6) Eliza died when a young lady.

Antoine St. Louis was born Nov. 19, 1823, and received a limited education in the subscription schools of Sandwich; later he attended for nine months a college on the Detroit side, near Belle Isle, where he learned the English language, and still later he went to the Sandwich and Windsor schools. His first experience as a business man was keeping the books for his father during the years that the latter manufactured sawed lumber; afterward, having by that time attained a fair understanding of business, he was hired by the township to make an assessment.

In 1850 Mr. St. Louis married Miss Annie Baby, who was born in the County of Kent, Ont., on the river Thames, in 1825, and was the worthy daughter of Edmond and Fanny Baby, Scotch people, who were among the wealthy and prosperous residents of the County of Kent. When Francis St. Louis died he left the old homestead to Antoine, where he had the care of his mother. The son became one of the successful and prosperous men of his section, and purchased 400 acres of land in Sandwich East, giving to each of his sons a farm. In 1880 he erected the present brick house, and has also put up barns and good outbuildings on the old homestead. Mrs. St. Louis died at this farm in 1880. She was a lady of many virtues and of true Christian character. Nine children were born to Antoine and Annie St. Louis, namely: (1) Francis, the eldest, born at the old homestead in 1851, is one of the custom house officers of Walkerville. He is married, and has two living children, Rainey and Mary, Arthur being deceased. (2) Henry married Miss Clara Marentette, and they settled on one of his father's farms, where he died, leaving three children, Frank, Blanche and Edna. (3) Joseph, born in 1855, married Miss Rose Mailloux, of Sandwich, and they reside on the Tecumseh Road, in Sandwich, with their family of twelve children, Oscar, Eva, Armand, Gaspard, Columbus, Lorette, Denise, Albenie, Ida, Violy, Dora and Rufus. (4) August married and settled on one of his father's farms in Sandwich East; he holds the office of councilman. He and his wife have had a large family: Charlotte (deceased), Fannie, Locadie, Clara, Alfred, Corinne, Blaze, Lawrence, Edna and Normand. (5) Adolphus married Miss Rose

Stamour, of Sandwich, and they reside on one of his father's farms on the base line in Sandwich South; they have a family of nine children: Woodwill, Ernest, Josephine, Eugene, Maria, Cecile, Beulah, Frank and Lawrence. (6) Charlotte is the wife of Jerome Janisse, a business man of Detroit, and has three children, Jerome, Harvey and Ella. (7) Fannie (deceased) was the wife of Dennis Mahoney, also deceased, who lived near Tecumseh, Sandwich East. (8) Annie died when a young lady.

(9) WILLIAM ST. LOUIS, the youngest of the family, was born at the old homestead, May 24, 1867. His early education was obtained in the district schools, and in 1881 he entered the business college of Detroit, graduating from that institution in 1883. He then engaged with his uncle in the grocery business in Detroit one year, and worked for other parties in that city for two years more, finally returning to the farm, where he worked for his father until his marriage. In January, 1891, he married Miss Mary W. Seidler, who was born in Kiel, Germany, in 1866, daughter of Frederick Seidler, and was educated in her native country. Her mother came from Germany to Detroit in 1885, after the death of the father. Since his marriage William St. Louis has managed the old homestead farm, and is still living there. To him and his wife have come five children: Alma, born Nov. 3, 1891; Henry, Oct. 4, 1892; Lillian, November, 1893; Frank, March 29, 1895; and Heman, September, 1898. William St. Louis was elected councilman in 1893, and has held the office three years, resigning in 1896; the same year he was appointed township treasurer, which office he still holds.

Politically, Antoine St. Louis has generally been affiliated with the old Liberal party; he has held the position of treasurer of Sandwich East ten years, was assessor one year, and treasurer of schools. Religiously, like his entire family, he has been a consistent member of the Catholic Church, and has been one of the founders of four different churches in Sandwich, Tecumseh, Windsor and Walkerville. Mr. St. Louis is remarkably well preserved and active for one of his years, enjoys good eyesight and an unusually good memory, and is a man welcomed and respected wherever he goes.

McKEOUGH. The McKeoughs, who were among the early settlers of Chatham, County of Kent, trace their genealogy from the ancient

family of McKeoughs of Ballymackeough, Tipperary, Ireland, who were chieftains of that part of Ireland in the thirteenth century. James McKeough, an ancestor of the family, lived at and owned Rathhealty Castle, County Tipperary, in the latter part of the eighteenth century. His wife was a sister of Rev. Francis Mahoney, author of the musical poem, "The Bells of Shannon."

In 1829 Thomas McKeough, son of James, mentioned above, came to Paris, Ont., where he lived for a time, and then returned to Ireland, leaving his sons, John and William, in Ontario. Thomas McKeough was twice married, and by his first wife, who bore the maiden name of Honora Phelan, had three children, John, William and Mary, all of whom are deceased. For his second wife he married Johanna Shanahan, by whom he had four children. John and William McKeough, sons of Thomas, settled in Chatham, County of Kent, in 1847, and for forty years engaged in the hardware business under the firm name of J. & W. McKeough. John McKeough passed away in 1899, aged seventy-five years, at his beautiful residence, Summerlands, where he had lived for many years. He was a Presbyterian in religious belief, a prominent Freemason, captain in the militia, and justice of the peace. In August, 1854, he married Mary Jane Dolsen, of Chatham, whose father was a U. E. Loyalist. Mr. McKeough left no children.

WILLIAM McKEOUGH, the other of the twain who founded the family in Chatham, and from whom the remaining members of that family are descended, was born May 1, 1824, at Thurles, Tipperary, Ireland. In 1854 he married Betsey Ann Stone, daughter of John Stone, of Orford, and to this marriage were born four children: George Thomas, John Franklin, William Edward and Alice Maude.

William McKeough was not only a prominent business man, but took an active part in everything pertaining to the welfare of his city. At his death, which took place Dec. 7, 1888, the *Chatham Banner* published the following in the issue of Dec. 12:

"In the death of William McKeough, Esq., which took place at his residence, Head street, on Friday night, Chatham loses one of her best known and most esteemed citizens.

"Deceased always took a lively interest in public affairs, and his sterling qualities of head and heart gave great weight to his judgment, and won for him the lasting popularity he has

always enjoyed. In January, 1871, he was honored with the mayoralty of the town of Chatham, and his administration of municipal affairs justified the public confidence. He was one of the promoters of the Erie & Huron Railway, and the first president of the company. In educational matters he has always taken a deep interest, and for nearly thirty years has served on the school board, during the last twelve or fourteen years of which term he has presided as its chairman. So deep was his interest in its work, that on Tuesday night of the last week he sent a brief note of apology to the board for his enforced absence, which note called out general expressions of regret and sympathy. In politics Mr. McKeough was a pronounced and active Liberal, and on several occasions was urged by his party to accept nomination for the House of Commons, but declined. Anything he did not enjoy in the way of public honors was due solely to his unwillingness to accept it. His views on all public matters were marked by a latitude and liberality which gave him the respect of all, and he was one of the few whom increasing years never blinded to the necessity of continual progress in every sphere. In religion he was a Methodist, and one of the trustees of the Park Street Church. His public services, his sociability, and his large business acquaintance, had endeared him to a wide circle of friends who will deeply deplore his loss. Particularly in the school board and church will he be missed from among his fellow-workers."

GEORGE THOMAS McKEOUGH, born in Chatham in 1855, received his literary education in the public and high schools of Chatham, and in 1873 began the study of medicine with his present partner, Dr. T. K. Holmes, of Chatham. In 1874 he entered Trinity College, Toronto, from which institution he was graduated in 1877, with the degree of M.D., being the gold medalist. The same year he received the degree of M.B. from Toronto University. He then spent one year in the London Hospital, at London, England, receiving the qualification of M.R.C.S. of England, and later received the L.R.C.P., of Edinburgh, Scotland. The Doctor pursued his studies still farther, in London and Paris, and for one year was house surgeon in the Royal Free Hospital of London, England. Thus well fitted for the practice of his chosen profession, Dr. McKeough returned to his native city, and in 1880 formed the partnership with his former preceptor, which has continued to the present time.

The Doctor was married, in 1881, to Catherine, fourth daughter of David Morris, Esq., Seigneur of Ste. Therese de Blainville, of Quebec, and by her has two daughters, Mary Leney Franklin and Bessie Honora. The Doctor's residence is "Dover Lodge," Head street, Chatham. On the death of his father the Doctor succeeded him as school trustee, which position he has filled for sixteen years. He is a member and trustee of the Park Street Methodist Church. He is a member of the Ontario Medical Association, of which he has been vice-president; of the Canadian Medical Association, of which he has been secretary; and is corresponding member of the Detroit Medical and Library Association. He is the author of numerous papers on medical and surgical subjects.

JOHN FRANKLIN McKEOUGH was born in 1857 in Chatham, where he received his early literary training. This was supplemented by study at the Wesleyan College, Dundas, Ont. His business career was begun with his father, and in 1881 he formed a partnership with Samuel Trotter, under the firm name of McKeough & Trotter, manufacturers of steam boilers, engines and foundry products. John F. McKeough is unmarried, and with his sister Alice (who is also unmarried) and their mother resides at the old homestead, Bushy Park, Chatham.

WILLIAM EDWARD McKEOUGH was born in 1860 at Chatham, was educated in the public and high schools of that place, the Wesleyan College, at Dundas, and the French-Canadian Seminary at Ste. Therese de Blainville. In 1880 he entered the law office of Robinson & Wilson, Chatham, completing his legal studies with the firm of Moss, Hoyles & Aylsworth, of Toronto. After obtaining the degree of barrister and solicitor he formed a partnership with Robinson, Wilson & Rankin, afterward Wilson, Rankin & McKeough, and later Wilson, Rankin, McKeough & Kerr, which latter partnership was dissolved in 1887. Since that time Mr. McKeough has been without a partner in the legal profession. In 1899 Mr. McKeough was elected city alderman, and in 1900 he was chairman of the board of works. Mr. McKeough was the candidate in 1901 for mayor of Chatham, but was defeated by a small majority. In 1902 he was again elected at alderman at the head of the polls, and in 1903 he was elected as mayor of Chatham, and by the largest majority ever given a candidate for the mayor-

alty in Chatham. In 1904 he was re-elected mayor by acclamation.

In 1892 Mr. McKeough married Mabel Annie Stewart, of Toronto, second daughter of the late Charles Edward Stewart, of Hamilton, Ont., who was at one time proprietor of the *Brantford Expositor*, the *Hamilton Times* and the *Ottawa Post*.

Mrs. McKeough is a great-granddaughter of Hon. Alexander Grant, one of the five members of the Executive Council of Upper Canada, appointed in 1792, and who, as senior member thereof, was Governor of the Province and opened the Provincial Parliament in 1806. Mr. and Mrs. McKeough have two sons, William Stewart and George Grant. Their handsome Colonial home, "Rathhealy," is charmingly situated on the banks of the river Thames in Chatham.

ALICE MAUDE McKEOUGH, the only daughter of William and Betsey Ann McKeough, was educated at private schools in Chatham and at Miss Nixon's in Toronto. She remains with her mother.

CAPT. ERNEST S. WIGLE, B.A., barrister-at-law at Windsor, Ont., is descended from one of the old and substantial families of the County of Essex. He is the youngest son of Solomon Wigle, a grandson of John Wigle, and a great-grandson of John W. Wigle, a well known United Empire Loyalist.

Capt. Wigle was born March 5, 1859, on the old Wigle homestead, Lot 3, Concession 1, Gosfield township, where he grew to manhood. At the age of seventeen he entered Galt Collegiate Institute, Galt, and in 1880 he matriculated with honors in the Toronto University, where he continued his literary studies until 1884, when he received the B.A. degree. Following this Mr. Wigle began the study of law with White & Ellis, at Windsor, and in 1887 he was called to the Bar. That same year he formed a partnership with Oscar E. Fleming, and in 1895 Mr. J. H. Rodd was admitted to the firm, the style then becoming Fleming, Wigle & Rodd. Mr. Wigle has always taken a deep interest in politics, as a Conservative, and has been a member of the board of education of Windsor, being chairman thereof in 1900. During campaigns he is one of the most active workers, and is an eloquent speaker.

Mr. Wigle owns landed property in Gosfield township, County of Essex, near the old homestead, and naturally takes an interest in the af-

fairs of that township, as well as those of the whole county. He does not conduct his farm personally, his time being absorbed by his law practice, but he is much interested in agricultural matters.

In 1885 Capt. Wigle was married to Miss Alice M. Hirons, daughter of the late W. B. and Margaret (Clinton) Hirons, the former a prominent business man of his day. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Wigle: Esther Margaret, Gerald, Mary, Leila, Douglas St. John and Clinton Ernest. The family are all members of the Church of England.

Fraternally Mr. Wigle is a Mason, being a past master of Windsor Lodge, and past district deputy grand master of the Erie District, No. 1, and for six years has been member of Grand Lodge. He is also a member of the A. O. U. W., and captain of No. 1 Company, Essex Fusiliers. In addition to his other diversions Capt. Wigle is very fond of all outdoor sports, and he lends his influence toward advancing them in every way. He is genial, enterprising, public-spirited, an excellent lawyer, a good business man, and a pleasant gentleman, and enjoys the friendship of many throughout the county.

PETER A. DEWAR, M.D. The City of Windsor has been favored in many ways, by both nature and circumstances, and perhaps in no direction more notably than in the location there of men of high professional attainments. One of these is found in Dr. Peter A. Dewar, one of the leading physicians and surgeons of western Ontario, who has descended from a long line of intelligent and sturdy Scotch ancestry.

Dr. Dewar was born in the County of Lambton, Ont., Sept. 4, 1859, of Scottish parentage, and was educated in the public schools of his native place and at Sarnia. In 1881 he entered upon the study of medicine, and in 1885 was graduated from Trinity University with his degree. He entered upon practice at Essex, in partnership with Dr. Brien, ex-M.P., and remained there for eleven years, removing to Windsor in 1896, since which time his name and fame have continually become better known. His skill is unquestioned, and in everything which goes to make a successful practitioner Dr. Dewar is fortunate. His beautiful home, where his well-appointed office is also located, is on Ouellette avenue, and is one of the finest residences in Windsor. While in Essex the Doctor served for two years as mayor of the place, and



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was for several years a member of the council. He is a man of public spirit and modern ideas, and one of Windsor's first-class citizens.

In 1888 Dr. Dewar was married to Miss Annie Nesbitt, daughter of N. K. Nesbitt, a lady of accomplishments and many social graces. To this union five daughters have been born: Grace, Agnes, Helen, Florence and Catherine. The religious connection of the family is with the Presbyterian Church.

Dr. Dewar is well known in fraternal life and is interested in the branches of the Masonic fraternity, the A.O.U.W., the I.O.O.F., the C.O.F., and St. Andrew's Society, of which latter he is president. Politically he is identified with the Reform party, and takes pride in declaring himself a Scotchman, a Grit and a Presbyterian.

GEORGE CATHERWOD, councillor, and one of the representative farmers of Colchester South, was born in Albion township, County of Peel, Ont., Feb. 17, 1862, son of Andrew and Elizabeth (Bryant) Catherwod.

Andrew Catherwod was born in Ireland, and was but eight years of age when brought by his parents to Canada. They located first in Toronto township, County of York, Ont., where the father took up land. There Andrew grew to maturity, and when he started out for himself, he took a farm in Albion township, County of Peel. Later he moved to Chinguacousy township, where he became the owner of 100 acres of wild land. This he cleared, and on it he made his home for twenty-five years. He then removed to a farm near Hamilton, Ont., and there lived until his death, in 1886, when he was aged seventy-two years. His widow, Elizabeth Bryant, also a native of Ireland, lives near Hagersville, Ont., at the age of seventy-six. She belongs to the English Church. To Andrew and Elizabeth (Bryant) Catherwod were born the following children: Thomas, a blacksmith at Grand Forks, North Dakota; Joseph, in the lumber business in Bay City, Michigan, where he is married and has a family; George; James, a farmer in Manitoba, where he has a family; Andrew, John H. and Sheldon, unmarried, and farming in Manitoba; and Albert, unmarried, a farmer in British Columbia.

George Catherwod was ten years of age when he accompanied his parents on their removal from Albion township to Chinguacousy, where he remained until he was sixteen, receiving a good common school education. At that age,

however, he began his business career and, coming to the County of Essex, he worked for Mr. Watt at Essex Centre for nine years. In 1887 he had accumulated sufficient of this world's goods to enable him to purchase from John Thomas his present excellent farm of 120 acres, Lot 10, Concession 4. Only a portion of this was cleared, but he went to work and soon developed the property into one of the best farms in the county, and erected all the buildings now standing.

On April 15, 1883, in Colchester North, Mr. Catherwod married Margaret Bailey, and they have the following family: Andrew, Bella, Lura May, Rockwell, Harold, and Henry Neil. In politics Mr. Catherwod is a Conservative, and for the past five years he has served his constituents in the township council, and has displayed excellent judgment in deciding upon matters brought before that body. Industrious, energetic and thrifty, Mr. Catherwod is one of the most prosperous general farmers of the township, and has a number of warm friends.

BURWELL W. WIGLE, a member of one of the oldest and most prominent families of this part of the County of Essex, is an enterprising farmer here, and one of the leading men and substantial citizens of Gosfield township, which he is serving as councillor. The Wigle family is a large and influential one.

Henry Wigle, father of Burwell W., was the eighth child of Wendel Wigle, and was born April 1, 1818, on the homestead farm which is now the property of Zacharias Wigle. He was about five years old when the family moved to Cedar Creek, where he grew to manhood. When he started out for himself, his father gave him all of Lot 10, Concession 2, of which only about five acres had been cleared. He took possession of a small log house on the property, and lived there during the hard work incident to the clearing of this large body of land. In the course of time as the family increased, more room was needed, and he enlarged the house, but in 1854 he erected the large brick residence which still stands on the place, although its builder has long passed away. In 1858 he sold that farm, at which time he had succeeded in clearing about 100 acres. He then bought the Gerty farm, located on Lot 256, in Concession 4, which he gave to his son, Albert, a few years later, and returned to the old farm, which is now included in the present village of Ruthven. He was a man

of progressive ideas, and much of the rapid growth of the hamlet was immediately due to his enterprise. He encouraged the establishment of the woolen mill, and laid out village lots, and made them attractive. In association with his eldest brother, John Wigle, he started a saw-mill, which was the first business enterprise at Ruthven. He was identified with all the educational and moral movements in this locality, and was liberal with money and time, while his advice was always to be relied upon in practical matters. He was a faithful member of the Church of England, and did much to found it and support it here. After a long and useful life Mr. Wigle died April 12, 1874.

Henry Wigle was twice married (first) in Detroit, Oct. 5, 1840, to Sarah, daughter of Matthew and Deborah (Wright) McCormick, of Colchester, who died April 14, 1868. His second marriage occurred at Windsor, May 10, 1869, to Elizabeth McCormick, daughter of Alexander and Mary (Lidwell) McCormick, of Colchester. She still survives, and resides with our subject. Mr. Wigle's children were all born to his first union, and were as follows: Lucetta Deborah, born Oct. 24, 1841, is the widow of Martin Moore, and resides at Hannibal, Missouri; Mary Ann, born Nov. 7, 1843, is the wife of James Moore, of Odanah, Wisconsin; Francis Arthur, born June 2, 1845, now the popular postmaster at Ruthven, married Jane Whaley; Albert Henry, born May 15, 1848, is a farmer of Gosfield North, and married Sarah Loundsbury, now deceased; Cordelia Sarah, born July 15, 1850, married William S. Wilder, of Kansas City, Missouri, and both died in 1904, just six days apart; Cornelius Matthew, born Aug. 19, 1852, is a farmer of Gosfield North, and married to Mary Cook; and Burwell Wendel was born Nov. 22, 1855.

Burwell W. Wigle is the youngest of his parents' family. He was born on Lot 10, Concession 2, and was reared and educated in Gosfield. At the time of his father's decease, he was eighteen years of age, and was engaged in farming independently. He later entered the employ of William Fulmer, a merchant of Ruthven, and after he had learned the business he purchased a mercantile stock for himself, and for three years he carried on merchandising for himself in his native village. In April, 1886, he bought fifty acres of land in Lots 11 and 12, Concession 2, and has continued to improve this property ever since, devoting his entire time to general

farming and the growing of tobacco and fruit, making a specialty of the latter industry. His land is well adapted to horticulture, and he has been very successful.

On Aug. 29, 1878, Mr. Wigle was united in marriage with Ella D. McCormick, daughter of Thomas L. and Jane (Rudes) McCormick, and they have had the following children: Roy Adelbert, born June 10, 1879, died Jan. 20, 1881; Erie Alberta; Vera Elfleda; Cora May; and Laura Margery. Mr. Wigle and family belong to the Episcopal Church, in which he is serving as senior warden. Politically he is a Conservative, and for the past four years he has served most efficiently as township councillor. During a period of nine years he served as school trustee, and he has been much interested in the cause of public education. Fraternally he is prominent in the I. O. O. F., belonging to the Beaver Lodge, of Ruthven. He is a charter member of the Encampment and the Rebekahs, has been through all the chairs, and for the past twelve years has been treasurer in the I. O. O. F. He also belongs to the Order of Woodmen. His father was a Mason, a Masonic Lodge started here being the first secret organization in this part of Ontario.

CAPT. JEREMIAH O'CONNOR was for many years a prominent member of the legal fraternity of Windsor, and in his death, which occurred in 1883, that city lost one of her best known citizens. He was mourned for his personal qualities as much as for his worth to the community, being a man of genial disposition, who made and retained friends wherever he went, and nowhere was this characteristic good nature more in evidence than in the home circle.

Capt. O'Connor was a native of the County of Essex, born in Maidstone township, Aug. 1, 1838. After receiving his preparatory education he attended Assumption College, at Sandwich, and St. Michael's College, Toronto, from which latter he was graduated. Having decided upon the law as his profession, he commenced special preparation for his work with his brother, John O'Connor, who at one time was postmaster-general of Canada. [Further mention of the O'Connor family will be found in the sketch of J. Edward O'Connor.] After completing his legal studies he formed a partnership with Sol. White which continued for many years, and in the fire which destroyed their office Capt. O'Con-

nor came near losing his life in an attempt to save valuable papers. He became prominent as a successful lawyer, and active as a leading public man of his day, serving several years as a member of the city council and also as a member of the board of education, and in 1873 he was the candidate of his party—the Conservative—for Parliamentary honors, against William McGregor, the Liberal candidate. The latter was elected, but Capt. O'Connor's popularity was attested by the large number of votes he polled in a district politically adverse to his principles. He showed his loyalty to the government by going out in its service at the time of the Fenian Raid, as captain of the Windsor company, and he rendered efficient service in that capacity.

In 1869 Capt. O'Connor was united in marriage with Miss Eleanor M. Jacob, a descendant of an old English family, founded in the County of Essex by her great-grandfather, George Jacob, a native of England, who settled in Sandwich at an early day and became a large land owner in the Counties of Essex and Kent. He died in Sandwich and was buried in St. John's cemetery. The maiden name of his wife is not known, but it is known that they had the following children: George, John (who settled in Kent), Phyllis, Monique and Isabella.

George Jacob, grandfather of Mrs. O'Connor, was born in the County of Essex, and in time settled in the township of Raleigh, County of Kent, in which county he was one of the largest land holders. He was prominent in public affairs, serving as magistrate of his township for some time, and as a member of the county council. He was a man of fine mind and literary attainments, and possessed a library of choice volumes. He married Eleanor Grant, daughter of the Hon. Commodore Alexander Grant, who in 1774 married Threse Barthe. George and Eleanor (Grant) Jacob had two children, George Alexander and Mary Archange.

George Alexander Jacob, father of Mrs. O'Connor, was born in 1824, in Raleigh township, County of Kent, where he at one time owned much landed property. During the Civil War in the United States he joined the 1st Michigan Cavalry, and he was killed in the battle of the Wilderness. On June 29, 1844, he married Emilie Labadie, who was born in what is now Walkerville, in 1826, daughter of Charles and Veronique (Bartheume) Labadie, and they had four children, namely: Eleanor M., Mrs. O'Connor;

Grant, deceased; Theresa; and Mary, of Sarnia. The mother of this family is still living, and makes her home with Mrs. O'Connor.

Mrs. O'Connor was born in 1846, in Raleigh township, County of Kent, and was educated in the Ursuline Convent at Chatham, having the honor of being the first graduate of the institution, where she completed her course in 1865. Of the children born to her union with Capt. O'Connor two grew to maturity, both of whom are still unmarried. Arthur Barthe is by profession a lawyer, but is now in business in Detroit; Marie Aileen is living with her mother in the family home at No. 156 Ouellette avenue, Windsor. In 1880 Mrs. O'Connor was appointed chief of the registry department of the Windsor post office, and she has ably filled that position ever since—a period of over twenty years. She and her family hold membership in the Catholic Church, to which faith the Captain also adhered.

ADOLPHUS H. WOODBRIDGE, one of the members of the county council of the County of Essex, is one of Kingsville's most representative and highly esteemed citizens.

Adolphus Woodbridge, father of Adolphus H., was born in Pennsylvania. He removed at an early day to Ohio, residing at Wooster and at Sandusky, at the latter city learning the tailor's trade. In 1831 he married Julia Ray, and they came to the County of Essex, settling on an acre of land, a part of the Peter Scratch property. Mr. Woodbridge opened a country store, and continued to work also at his trade. His latter days were passed with his son William, in Colchester, at whose house he died in September, 1881, aged seventy-six years, his wife having passed away in November, 1867, aged sixty-five years. To them were born these children: Theodore, born at Sandusky, Ohio, married Harriet Gilbert, and lived and died in Michigan. William, born at Sandusky, engaged in farming and died in Colchester; he married (first) Mrs. Charles Brush, and (second) Hannah Aikman. Caroline married Thomas Martin, of Colchester South, where she now resides. Elizabeth is the widow of Jeremiah Lockhart, of Amherstburg. Susan died unmarried. Adolphus H. is the subject proper of this sketch. John died in Windsor.

Adolphus H. Woodbridge was born July 29, 1839, in Gosfield township, of which he is so honored and esteemed a citizen. His education

was completed in the village schools by the time he was sixteen years old, when he went to Kingsville, and there learned the shoemaking trade, later following the same at Albertville—then a stirring little village. Later he removed to Kingsville, and continued to follow his trade there. Prior to this he had purchased a tract of forty-five acres of land in Lot 4, Concession 1, and while still working at his trade, began farming there, erecting all the buildings now standing. In 1883 he built his fine brick residence, one of the most attractive homes of this locality.

Ever since manhood Mr. Woodbridge has taken an intelligent interest in all matters of public interest, and has devoted close attention to the wants of his own section. In municipal matters he has shown so much good judgment and wise discretion that his official life has been of considerable duration. For four years he served as reeve of the township, and he is now serving his second year as a valued member of the county council. Politically he is identified with the Reform party. Socially and fraternally he is connected with the I. O. O. F., and the Foresters, and is a charter member of the Order of Workmen, all of Kingsville.

In 1861 Mr. Woodbridge married, in Malden township, Miss Amelia Mickle. They have had these children: Theodore, born June 1, 1862, died at the age of fourteen years; Minnie, born May 10, 1864, married Howard Scratch, of Kingsville, and they have five children, Ray, Faith, Hattie, Edith and Ettie; Angus, born July 26, 1866, is a trusted employe of a Detroit business house; Carrie, born July 2, 1868, married Edward Baulslaugh, of Walkerville, and they have one daughter, Florence Genett, born May 26, 1898; William, born Aug. 8, 1871, is the farmer on the home place; John, born May 26, 1874, and now conducting a machine shop in Detroit, married Dora Granagher, and they have two daughters, Ellan and Florence Amelia; Walter and Arthur, (twins) born Jan. 24, 1876, the former is now in his second year at the Detroit Dental College, and the latter is employed in the Page Wire Fence Company, of Walkerville; Fred, born March 16, 1878, is a dentist in Detroit, Michigan; and Ernest, born July 12, 1882, is employed at St. Louis, Missouri.

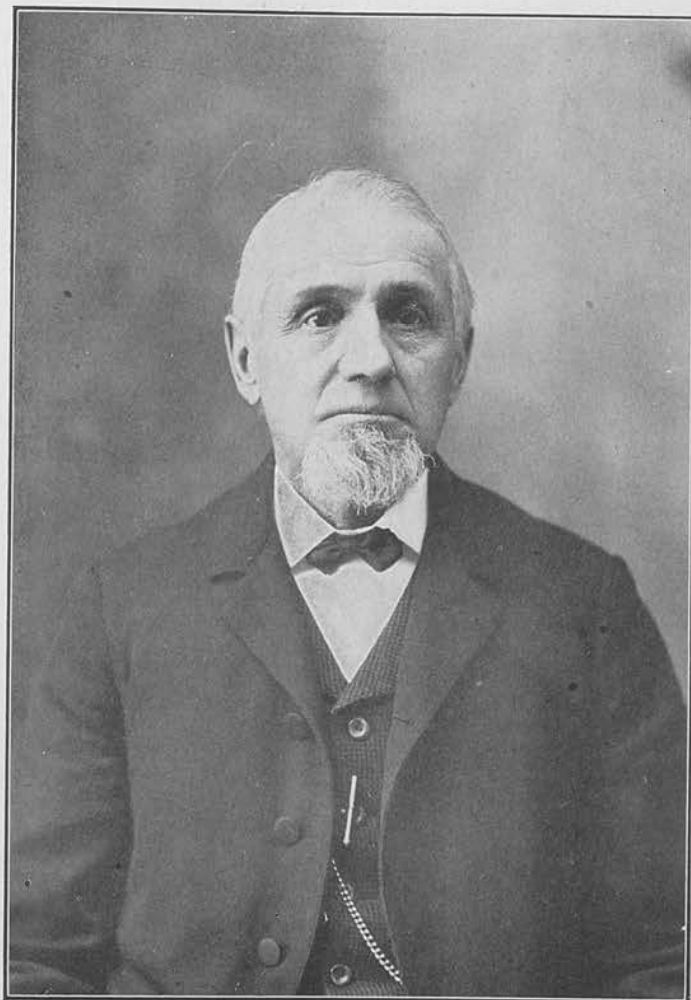
Mr. Woodbridge and family belong to the Methodist Church, and he has served many years as superintendent of the Sunday-school, still acting as assistant. He is one of the trustees

and a member of the Quarterly Board. As an usher of the church he is a very familiar figure to the attendants at this house of worship. He is a man who is held in universal esteem, and one who takes a very prominent part in all that concerns the material and spiritual welfare of his fellow-citizens.

HIRAM A. WALKER, who now lives retired from active business, is one of the most esteemed citizens of Walkerville. He was the first mayor of that thriving town, and has been prominently identified with the growth and development of this section of the County of Essex, and of the town which bears the family name. He comes of a long line of honorable New England ancestors, Obadiah Walker, his great-great-grandfather, having been born in Massachusetts prior to the Revolution. He was succeeded by his son Benjamin, who farmed his home estate and reared a family in his native State. His son Willis, grandfather of Hiram A., succeeded his father, married Ruth Buffum, also a member of an old family, reared a family, and died one of the most respected men of his community. His children were as follows: Eunice; Chandler, father of Hiram A.; Hiram, the founder of the great firm of Hiram Walker & Sons, Limited; and Julia. All the members of this family died in Massachusetts except Hiram, who established the family in Ontario.

Chandler Walker was born in 1814, in Massachusetts, led an agricultural life, and died there in 1897. He married Mary Southwick, who was also born in the Bay State, and died at the age of eighty years. To Chandler Walker and his wife were born five children, as follows: Sarah, who married a Mr. Richardson, of Massachusetts; Ruth, who married William C. Bagley, of Detroit; Hiram A., our subject; Henry A., a resident of Walkerville; and C.M., of Walkerville.

Hiram A. Walker was born in Massachusetts, but has spent the greater part of his life in Walkerville. His birth occurred July 11, 1840. In his native State he learned the machinist's trade, and followed the same for a short time prior to coming to Ontario, in 1864. He became associated with his namesake uncle in the refining department of his great distillery, and very soon, because of his knowledge of mechanics, was promoted to the position of superintendent of the machinery department, for which no one could have been better qualified. Mr. Walker continued as superintendent of this department



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until 1895, when he withdrew from the firm. During the three succeeding years he engaged in a paint and wall-paper business in Detroit, later selling the same and retiring from active business interests, having spent a long and honorable life in business and gained the respect of all who knew him. In 1892 he built his beautiful brick residence on Sandwich street, Walkerville, which is one of the finest homes in the place.

Mr. Walker has been twice married. His first union, which was solemnized in 1862, in his native State, was to Maria Ollis, daughter of Luke Ollis, natives of Massachusetts. Three children were born to this union, viz.: Emma, wife of Henry J. Herbert, of Detroit, has one daughter, Marion; Hiram Chandler married Annie Reid, of Bothwell, and they have one son, Chandler; Henry died in infancy. The mother of these children died in 1875. Mr. Walker was married in 1876 to Emelie M. Yates, who was born in Massachusetts, daughter of Norris Yates, and two children have come to this marriage: Jonnie, who died in infancy, and Fred, who is a member of the class of 1904, at the Detroit Business College.

Mr. Walker has the honor of having served as the first mayor of Walkerville, taking the chair in May, 1890, at the time of the forming of the corporation. He has served on the town council at various times, and is a valued and public-spirited citizen. He has made Walkerville his permanent home, having large business and property interests here, and takes pleasure in promoting its progress and advancement. With his family he belongs to the Methodist Church. Fraternally he belongs to the orders of A.O.U.W. and the Royal Arcanum. Politically he is identified with the Conservative party.

HIRAM WALKER, who passed away Jan. 12, 1899, was a native of East Douglass, Massachusetts, born July 4, 1816. In 1838 he went to Detroit, and engaged in the grocery business, and in 1858 he came to Walkerville, County of Essex, Ont., where, in a small way, he commenced the distilling business. As time passed he was joined in that business by his three sons, and the partnership was known as Hiram Walker & Sons until 1890, when the concern was incorporated as Hiram Walker & Sons, Limited.

Hiram Walker, however, did not confine his attention to the distilling business. He engaged in numerous other enterprises in the neighbor-

hood, notably the Lake Erie & Detroit River Railway, and he was a large land owner in Essex and the adjoining county. Either personally, or in conjunction with his sons, he assisted in starting several new industries in Walkerville, including a brewery, a furniture factory, a malleable iron works, an engine works, a basket factory and a wagon works. He also did much to encourage good farming and stock-raising in this vicinity.

WIGLE. The prominent and numerous family of this name in the County of Essex, Ont., is descended from John Wendel Wigle, who was born in Germany in the year 1753. Being left an orphan at an early age, he was obliged to shift for himself, and was a mere boy when he made his way to the seacoast, where, having neither means nor friends, he hid himself on board a sailing vessel which was about to leave for America. He was discovered after the ship sailed by the captain, who proved himself a most cruel man, and immediately upon arrival in America bound young Wigle out to service for seven years, it is said, to pay for his passage. To what trade he was apprenticed during this time is not definitely known, but as his occupation in later life was weaving, it is most probable that his knowledge of the business was acquired during that period.

At the age of twenty-one years John Wendel Wigle made his home at York, Pennsylvania, where in 1776 he was married to Julianna Romer. He did not bear arms in the Revolution, though he was undoubtedly a British sympathizer, as we find that he decided to leave soon after the war closed. In 1786, along with a number of other families, he and his family started for Canada, making the journey to Detroit through Ohio, with pack-horses, driving their cattle before them. They spent several years near Detroit, probably on Grosse Ile, as the government had not yet acquired the land from the Indians, but about 1792, when government grants were thrown open to settlers, John W. Wigle and his family settled in Gosfield township, County of Essex, on Lot 6, Eastern Division. Here he passed the remainder of his life, dying in the home he established there, and he was buried in Lot 6, as is also his wife, who passed away in May, 1824. In spite of the hardships and trials they had to contend with in making a home in the wilderness, these good people prospered, and John Wendel Wigle

acquired possession of some 3,000 acres before he died. Thus he was able to leave his children in comfortable circumstances, and as his family was a large one he had ample use for his numerous acres.

We have the following record of the eleven children born to this pioneer couple: John, born in Pennsylvania, Dec. 21, 1778, died in Gosfield Jan. 28, 1871; he married Susanna Scratch, and they had a family of fifteen children. Wendel, born in Pennsylvania, Dec. 17, 1781, married Isabella Scratch, and died April 6, 1860. Kate, born in Pennsylvania, married Theodore Malott, who settled on Lot 13, in Gosfield, East Division. Elizabeth, born in Pennsylvania, became the wife of Michael Fox. Julianna, born in Colchester April 4, 1789, married George Fox, and died on Pelee Island July 3, 1879. Joseph, born March 22, 1792, died July 23, 1864; he married Euphenia Miller, and they had eleven children (they were the grandparents of William R. Wigle, who is mentioned elsewhere.) Mary, born in Gosfield June 29, 1793, married Peter Scratch, and died June 3, 1872. Sarah, born in Gosfield Aug. 26, 1798, married Solomon Shepley, and had eight children. Maudlin married Jacob Fox, and had seven children. Christopher married Mary Wilkinson. Michael married Julianna Tofflemire, and, for his second wife, Prudence Chapman.

Wendel Wigle, second son of John W. Wigle, was a boy when the family came to Gosfield, grew up on the homestead, and was thoroughly trained to the work of farming as it was in those days. When he concluded to start for himself, at the age of about twenty years, his father gave him the 200-acre farm now owned by Zacharias Wigle, lying in Lot 10, 3rd Concession, East Division in the township of Gosfield, and he made the first clearing and erected the first buildings on that tract. He made his home there for a period of seventeen years, at the end of that time turning the place over to his son John W., and in March, 1823, moving to Cedar Creek, where he purchased 200 acres in Lots 11 and 12. He erected a dwelling on the front of Lot 11, and again began at the beginning, clearing the land from its primitive condition into a fine farm. By hard work and economy he wrested success from the wilderness, and added to his original possessions until he owned some 2,200 acres, which at the present time would represent a large fortune. Mr. Wigle died April 6, 1860, at the home of his son Theodore, aged seventy-

nine years, and his wife, Isabella (Scratch), passed away May 21, 1848, at the age of sixty. They were members and regular attendants of the Methodist Church. To this couple came a large family, viz.: John W., born July 12, 1806, married Salome Fox. Elizabeth, born Nov. 8, 1807, married Joseph Gilboe. Peter, born April 14, 1809, died Aug. 21, 1878; he married Mary Jane Girty. Joseph, born Jan. 19, 1811, died April 26, 1835; he married Jane Davis, but they had no children. Julianna, born Nov. 26, 1812, married John C. Fox. Leonard, born Nov. 27, 1814, is mentioned below. Michael, born June 14, 1816, married Demarius Girty. Henry, born April 1, 1818, died April 12, 1874; he married (first) Sarah McCormick, and (second) Elizabeth McCormick, and was the father of Burwell W. Wigle, who is mentioned elsewhere. Susanna, born Sept. 13, 1819, married Thomas Conklin (they were the parents of David Conklin, who is mentioned elsewhere). Theodore, born June 19, 1821, was the father of Atkinson Wigle, who is mentioned elsewhere; he was three times married, to Barbara McKenzie, Margaret Kennedy and Mrs. Rosamond Baker. Jacob, born July 12, 1823, is mentioned below. Mary, born Oct. 24, 1825, married William McCain. Daniel, born Jan. 5, 1828, married for his first wife Jane Augustin, and, for his second wife, Emma Gillett. Simon, born April 1, 1830, was twice married, first, to Jane McCain, and second, to Maggie Mains. David, born May 29, 1832, died in 1862, in San Francisco.

Leonard Wigle, son of Wendel, and father of Philip Wigle, a well-known farmer of the township of Gosfield South, was born Nov. 27, 1814, on the old homestead which is at present known as the Horatio Wigle farm. He grew to manhood on his father's farm at Cedar Creek, and adopted his father's calling. When he began farming on his own account, he received Lot II, in the 2nd Concession, from his mother, and Grandfather Bruner gave him Lot 16 in the 1st Concession. He first came into possession of Lot G from his father; he had 500 acres in one block, these farms being separated only by a road which was laid out after they came into his hands. In addition he bought a tract of seventy-five acres in Lot 15. His land was perfectly wild when it came into his ownership, and he had to cut a road through to the lake shore. In his active years he accomplished much in the way of clearing, for he was an energetic, enterprising man, but a large part of the land was

brought under cultivation by his sons. His first dwelling was a log house which he built on the east bank of Wigle creek, and he and his family occupied that place until 1856, when he put up a frame house across the creek, near the house now owned by George Coghill. In later years he built the brick house on the south side of the road, on the tract which he had purchased in Lot 15, and there he was living at the time of his death, which occurred Oct. 4, 1896. He attained the ripe age of nearly eighty-two years. Mr. Wigle was one of the most successful men of his day, and was regarded as an intelligent, useful citizen in every way. He took a leading part in the work of the Methodist Church, in which he held membership.

Leonard Wigle was three times married, his first wife being Ann Bruner, by whom he had the following named children: Lovina, who is the widow of Robert Allen, of Gosfield South; Philip, who is mentioned below; Jonas, a resident of Kingsville; Mary, wife of Jacob Eede, a prosperous farmer of Colechester South (he is mentioned elsewhere); Isabella, wife of John H. Nelson, of Kingsville; and D. L., a hardware merchant of Windsor.

For his second wife Leonard Wigle married Nancy Fox, and to this union were born: Sarah, wife of Thomas Floyde, of Colechester South; Julia, wife of Solon Nelson, a farmer of Gosfield township; Elizabeth, who died when three years old; Sylvanus, who died when one year old; Delilah, wife of Charles Moore; Lucinda, who died at the age of nine years; and Orlando, a farmer of the township of Gosfield South, who married Miss Georgina Wright. Leonard Wigle's third wife was Mary Wright, by whom he had four children: Alice, wife of George Coghill; Edith, who died when nine years old; Sidney, who died when one year old; and Linnie, wife of Norman Iler.

PHILIP WIGLE was born Feb. 14, 1838, in the log house on Lot G, and there passed his youth and early manhood. His chances for education were somewhat limited, the nearest school being some distance from his home, but what he lacked in literary training he more than made up for in experience of a practical nature, for he assisted with the work at home from an early age. When twenty-two years old he was given the east half of Lot H, comprising 100 acres, and at once located there, building a log house at first and later a frame one. He had had plenty of experience in the work of clearing while help-

ing his father, and he set diligently to work clearing up his own land, which in time yielded him a good income. As he prospered he added to his acreage, buying 103 acres in Lots 9, 10 and 11, 1st Concession, directly south of his other property. In 1890 he erected a fine brick dwelling on this tract, and within the next three years put up other buildings, his son, Orra C., taking the old home place, upon which he has recently put up a commodious brick house. With the assistance of his brother Jonas, Philip Wigle cut a mile of the 2nd Concession road. Mr. Wigle is not only one of the most prosperous farmers of the township, but likewise one of the most respected, and in his long and useful life he has worthily upheld the name of the honored old family to which he belongs. Mr. Wigle has not been particularly active in public affairs, though for a period of twelve years he was one of the trustees of school section No. 10, and in 1894 he served as township councillor. His political sympathies are with the Liberal party. He has been quite prominent in the work of the Methodist Church, having served as steward for twenty-five years.

On March 28, 1866, Mr. Wigle was united in marriage with Hannah Wright, daughter of Peter Wright, and five children have blessed this union, namely: Lambert P., a farmer of the township of Gosfield South, married Miss Jennie Granger. Orra C., who is on the old home place, married Laura Bockwell, and they have had two children, Garth and Artemus. Annie is the wife of Robert Leeming, a farmer of Gosfield South, who is at present a member of the township council (he is mentioned elsewhere). Artemus was drowned at Cedar Creek when twenty-five years old. Lucinda was engaged for several years as a school teacher, but she is now at home. No family in the township occupied a higher place in the esteem of the citizens in general than that of Philip Wigle.

Jacob Wigle, the eleventh child of Wendel Wigle, was born July 12, 1823, at Cedar Creek, at the home on Lot 11, where he grew to manhood. During his boyhood there were no government schools, and a teacher was hired only when there were enough patrons to warrant the expense, each pupil being taxed a stated sum. Thus it will be seen that his studies, such as they were, were pursued with little or no regularity. But it was not so with work. From early boyhood he was thoroughly trained to such work as there was to be done on a pioneer farm, where

the tasks were heavy and modern appliances for the lightening of labor were unknown. In 1844, when twenty-one years old, he began for himself on the north end of Lot 13, this tract of 100 acres being partly cleared when it came into his possession. However, he cleared a space for the log house which he erected a short distance east of the brick dwelling, which now adorns the place, and which was put up in 1859. Jacob Wigle completed the work of clearing and carried on farming successfully until his retirement, at one time owning and conducting as much as 550 acres besides his home place. He was an enterprising man, up-to-date and intelligent in all he undertook, and was always ready to embark in any venture that seemed likely to help the farmers. However, these enterprises did not always prove financially successful, as, for instance, the Farmers' Woolen Company, and the sailing vessel built by a company for carrying farm produce. For several years he was a member of the Kingsville Gas Company, which was a paying investment. In politics Mr. Wigle is a Reformer, and for one year served as township councillor. In religious matters he has been prominently identified with the Methodist Church for the past sixty years, in fact it was largely through his efforts that the church was built in his neighborhood in 1877. He has been steward and trustee for many years.

On April 13, 1886, Mr. Wigle left the home place and moved to Kingsville, where he has since lived in retirement, though, even now, at the age of over eighty, he is fully equal to a good day's work. Mr. Wigle has been twice married, and by his first wife, Jane Chapman, a native of Raleigh township, County of Kent, he had children as follows: Nellie, born Dec. 1, 1846, died when one month old. Theresa, born in 1848, married (first) William Sanderson, and (second) David Devitt, of Kingsville. Alfred, born in 1850, died when two months old. Althea, born in 1852, is the wife of Lewis Malott, who is mentioned elsewhere. Margaret Ellen, born March 9, 1853, is the wife of William Vickars, who is mentioned elsewhere. Nelson, born in 1855, is captain of a steamer and makes his home at St. Catharines; he married Victoria Toll. Mary Ann, born in 1857, is the wife of Edward Cook, of Mersea township. Martha, born in 1859, is the wife of Rev. William Godwin, of Exeter, Ont. Arthur Howard, born Dec. 29, 1861, married Miss Ellen Nailor. Alvin, born March 13, 1863, resides on the homestead; he

married Mary Hindarsh, and they have two children: Gertrude, born Oct. 3, 1890, and Jacob, born Oct. 22, 1893.

Jacob Wigle married for his second wife Lucinda Hickmott, of Prescott, Ont., and to this union came four children: Gordon, born Aug. 2, 1865, married Eliza Askins. Addie, born March 4, 1867, married E. R. Wigle, a hardware merchant of Ruthven, and they have two children. Eliza Jane, born Aug. 26, 1870, is the wife of David Lancaster, of Kingsville, and has one child. Elva Edith, born May 19, 1872, is living with her parents.

SOLOMON WHITE, ex-member of the Legislature, and a prominent barrister of Windsor, was born in the County of Essex, where the family was founded prior to 1764. There John White, the grandfather, was born. He grew to manhood, and served with distinction as a loyal subject of the King, in the war of the Revolution and that of 1812.

Joseph White, son of John, the father of Solomon, of Windsor, was born in the County of Essex. He became a large land owner, and followed agricultural pursuits. His wife, Angeliue Fortier, a daughter of Capt. Fortier, a commandant in the war of 1812, and for some time after, bore him six children, as follows: Solomon; Thomas B.; Alexander, of Windsor; Joseph, of Windsor; Christie, Mrs. P. Ramen, and Eva, Mrs. E. J. Scully.

Solomon White, the eldest son of his parents, grew to manhood and acquired his primary education in his native township. He pursued higher branches under private tuition in Amherstburg. In the meantime he studied law, and in 1878 began practice, ever since following the profession at Windsor, with eminent success. In 1878 he was brought prominently before the people as a Parliamentary candidate, and was elected to that distinguished body, in which he served with signal distinction for a period of fourteen years. In 1900, although again the favored candidate of the Conservative party, he was defeated by R. J. Sutherland, the Liberal party being stronger. In 1890 he served efficiently as mayor of Windsor. Mr. White's offices are located on the second floor of the White block, a substantial stone front structure, which was built by Mr. White in 1886. The ground floor is devoted to business purposes, the second is used for offices, while the third offers most de-



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sirable quarters to the Business College of Windsor.

Mr. White takes great interest in agricultural matters, and has a fine farm of 500 acres, beautifully located on the Detroit river about three miles from Windsor. He is ex-president of the agricultural society of his Riding, and also ex-president of the Windsor Driving Park Association.

SEGER L. MCKAY, proprietor of the leading hardware establishment of Kingsville, is one of the foremost men in business circles in this town, and is now serving as its mayor. He was born of the old family of that name in the County of Oxford, son of John and Margaret (Lakeman) McKay.

John McKay was born in Dornoch, Scotland, in 1824, and as a boy of twelve years, came with his parents to Canada, locating in the County of Oxford, where he afterward made his home. Settling at Woodstock, he then engaged in a brokerage and express business, which he later sold to the Hon. James Sutherland. His death occurred at Woodstock in 1875. In his political views he was a Reformer, and in religious belief a Baptist. His two children were Seger L.; and H. J., who resides at Windsor, and is the proprietor of the Monroe Improved Gold Cure.

Seger L. McKay was born at Woodstock, Dec. 26, 1866. At the age of fifteen he became a clerk in the hardware store of James Holmes, with whom he remained one year, and then took a course in the Woodstock college. He again took up clerking, and afterward attended the Detroit Business College for a period of six months. At the age of nineteen years he became manager of the James Codville hardware store, and continued in that capacity four years. In 1890, he came to Kingsville and purchased the hardware business of D. L. Wigle & Co., since which time he has conducted the leading hardware establishment of the town, carrying a complete line of heavy and shelf hardware. He has identified himself with other business interests, the most important being the Pelee Island Oil & Gas Company, in which company he has served as secretary and treasurer. In 1895, the banking firm of McKay & Jaspersen was formed, the partnership continuing some two years, when Mr. McKay disposed of his interests to his partner. He was one of the organizers of the Essex Oil & Gas Company, of Leamington, of which he is secretary. He was the first presi-

dent of the Kingsville Board of Trade, and was secretary and treasurer of the old organization. In politics he is a staunch Conservative, and has served two years as member of the town council as mayor, one year as member of the school board, and two years as auditor, while he is now the mayor of Kingsville, and is giving the people a clean, honest, business administration. Socially, Mayor McKay is a member of the A.O.U.W., the K. of T. M. and of the Masonic order, and is past master of the latter lodge.

On June 28, 1893, Mr. McKay married at Leamington, Edith E. Wigle, a daughter of Hon. Lewis Wigle, and one child has been born to this union, Marjorie Ruth.

WILLIAM H. HELLEMS, well known in the newspaper and printing world, and present proprietor of the *Kingsville Reporter*, of which he is making a genuine success, is a native of the village of Kelvin, County of Norfolk, where he was born May 15, 1856, son of Joel M. and Elizabeth (Havens) Hellems, of the County of Lincoln, and near Smithville, Ont., respectively, both of good patriotic stock.

Henry Hellems, his grandfather, resided at one time in Pennsylvania, but came to Canada, and settled in the County of Welland. Later he went to Kelvin, Ont., and finally to Huron County, Michigan. He was a successful farmer, active all his life, and he died at an advanced age. He was a man of considerable force of character, firm in his convictions, and resolute in action. For many years he served on the county board of supervisors, and by his integrity and good judgment made an ideal public servant.

Joel L. Hellems, son of Henry, was a wood turner by trade. During his younger days he was a sailor on the lakes, and being in several wrecks had thrilling experiences. Nature had endowed him with no little mechanical skill, and he was able to do almost any kind of work. He died on a small farm in the township of Burford, County of Norfolk, in Oct. 1887, aged fifty-five years. His wife, Elizabeth Havens, died in January, 1890, aged fifty years. They were good Christian people, earnest members of the Messiah's Church. Their children were: Mary H.; Joel M.; John A.; Dorothy E., deceased; Robert E.; Ellen J.; Wallace R.; George I. B.; and William H.

William H. Hellems remained with his parents until he was sixteen years of age. He attended school until he was ten years old, then

finding employment in the shingle mills near his home. When he left home he entered a printing office in Norwich, Ont., where he served an apprenticeship of five years. Having thoroughly mastered the trade, he worked as a journeyman for two years, and then spent six months on the *Brantford Expositor*. In 1878 he became foreman of the Welland Printing & Publishing Company, a position he held for five years. The next four years he passed as foreman for the Ridgetown (Ont.) *Plaindealer*, and then for five years he worked on the *Essex Liberal* in the same capacity. In 1893, from S. T. Copus, Mr. Hellems purchased the *Kingsville Reporter*. This is an old established paper, founded in 1876 by Mr. Hughes, now inspector of weights and measures, Windsor, and it has for some years been regarded as a high-class sheet. It has a circulation of 500 weekly. The job printing department has an excellent reputation for first-class work, and Mr. Hellems exercises personal care that everything turned out from his establishment shall meet the highest requirements of his patrons.

In his politics Mr. Hellems is independent, but he can always be found on the side of progress and public improvement. He is a firm believer in good schools, and the weight of his influence in their behalf has been felt wherever he has lived. Both in Essex and Kingsville he has served as school trustee. Fraternally he belongs to the K.O.T.M., and religiously to the Methodist Church.

On April 30, 1880, in the town of Welland, Mr. Hellems was married to Victoria Buchner, daughter of Henry and Susan H. (Oliphant) Buchner, the former a contractor and builder, of German extraction. Three children have been born of this union: Lulu Mayne, Alice Florence and Bertha, all at home.

ELLIS HILLMAN, Sr., the grand old man of Mersea township, popularly known as Father Hillman, has for over sixty-five years led an earnest Christian life, and for over thirty years has been an active worker in the Lord's vineyard. He was born in the parish of Wiston, County of Sussex, England, Feb. 4, 1817.

Thomas Hillman, his father, was a native of the parish of Styning, County of Sussex, and was a farmer by occupation. In his young manhood he located in Wiston. He married Mary Simmons, whose father, Daniel Simmons, was a merchant in Wiston, and seven children were

born to them: James, a minister in London, England; Elizabeth, deceased; Thomas, who was a member of the second battalion of the Grenadier Guards for twenty-one years; Daniel, a captain of the Staffordshire militia, and a member of the Grenadier Guards for twenty-one years, afterwards being promoted to captain adjutant; Frances, who died young; Ellis; and Stephen, who died in England.

Ellis Hillman attended a private school for ten years, and at the age of seventeen, in 1834, determined to better his condition, he left home, with several other boys. They embarked at Portsmouth on the brig "British Star" for the unknown land over the sea, and after a passage lasting seven or eight weeks landed at Montreal, thence journeying by canal boat to Kingston, where they boarded the steamer "King William," for Toronto. There young Ellis called on a friend he had known in Wiston, who offered him employment at \$12 per month and the opportunity of learning the mason's trade. He did not accept the offer, and with his friend embarked on a sailing vessel owned by Fields & Gahoon, sailed down Lake Erie, and made their way to Sandwich. Parting company with his friend, young Hillman made his way to Colchester township, where he found employment with Thomas Parks. He began work on July 15, and stayed there until the end of the month. Going then to Gosfield township, he found work with Peter G. Malott, who proved a staunch friend to the lonely boy, and treated him as one of his own children. He remained in this place until his marriage. In 1836 he sailed on Lake Erie, on the "Adelaide," commanded by Capt. John McCormick, and the next fall he sailed on Lake Michigan, wintering in Chicago, then a settlement consisting of but a few houses on each side of the river, a few stores and three taverns. Nearly all of the population was French. In the spring of 1837 he sailed as seaman on Lake Michigan. When the Rebellion broke out in Canada he volunteered, and served under Capt. Rateliff. He was with the young Englishman who fired the shot killing the man in charge of the jib sheet of the schooner "Ann," in the Detroit river. Returning to his old place with Mr. Malott, he continued there until 1841.

That year marked the turning point in Mr. Hillman's life. Until then he was not unlike others in his position; he could drink; use profanity with ease, was not afraid to use force to convince others to his way of thinking—a typical

product of the primitive conditions of the times. A religious revival was held in the vicinity of Gosfield by Revs. Miles and Flummerfelt. In listening to the earnest exhortations of these worthy Christian men, Mr. Hillman saw things in a new light, and determined to live a life tending to higher and better things. He united with the Wesleyan Church, in the old log chapel near Kingsville, known as Uncle Peter Scratch's chapel. He was sincere in his efforts, and became one of the active religious workers in the community. The great change for the better in his own life was a sermon in itself to those who knew him. In 1873 he felt himself called to preach. He began in his own household, preaching the word of God, and converting first his own family. Then he went out into the highways, and in the homes of his friends and neighbors he continued his ministrations. His call was heard, and he had the pleasure of witnessing the conversion of nearly all the people of the community. He preached his first public sermon in Gore Hill Church, and in 1877 he was licensed to preach. From that time he has given his time to the work, holding services in the Counties of Kent and Essex. Father Hillman preaches like one inspired, and thousands have been led to repent by his simple eloquence. In hundreds of homes his name is revered for the good he has done, and for the man that he is. His home has become a house of refuge for the weary and unfortunate. Keenly alive to the temptations of the world and to the weaknesses of human nature, Father Hillman believes in and teaches the charity that forgives all, and he is unflinching in finding excuses for the frailties of others, and in lending a helping hand, not once, but many times, if necessary. In spite of his eighty-eight years, he is still active, and is in the possession of all of his faculties, except that his eyesight is growing dim. Since his conversion he has lived a temperate life, and has been a staunch advocate of temperance. In the Good Templars he held the office of Worthy Patriarch.

In 1841 Mr. Hillman bought a tract of land in Mersea township, from the widow of John C. Fox. This tract consisted of 100 acres, on which he built a log house. Thither he took his young bride, and together they shared the trials and dangers that attend the making of a home in the wilderness. The nearest neighbor was three miles away, there were no roads or bridges, and the woods were infested with wolves, bears, deer and turkeys. As the years passed by and success

came, Mr. Hillman built a frame dwelling. He also bought 100 more acres which he cleared, and then purchased an additional 300 acres south of the homestead, now owned and cultivated by his sons. He has witnessed the transformation of Mersea township from the primeval forest and impenetrable wilderness to waving fields of grain dotted with comfortable homes, churches and schools, and improved with good roads and necessary bridges. When Mr. Hillman built his log house there were only a few churches between St. Thomas and Windsor. As he looks upon all these changes, Father Hillman can well as did Aeneas of old, exclaim: "A great part of which I was." His life has not been lived in vain. Like Paul, he has fought a good fight for the faith.

On Nov. 16, 1841, Ellis Hillman was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Abbott, daughter of William Abbott, who proved a devoted helpmeet and faithful companion in all his work. In November, 1891, surrounded by their loved ones, they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, and a year later, Dec. 28, 1892, the good wife was called to her long home. Her remains were buried in the Lakeview cemetery. Fourteen children came to bless their home, namely: Thomas, a farmer, died at the age of forty, leaving eight children; Esther married George Setherington, of Mersea township, and had seven children; Jonas, a farmer, of Leamington, Ont., married Sarah Hutchinson, and has two children; David, who resides in Morpeth, County of Kent, married Charlotte Patterson, and has four children; Mary married John Upcott, of Mersea township, and they have four children; Peter, a carpenter and joiner of Leamington, Ont., married Mary Davison, and has two children; William, a farmer of Mersea township, married Roxie Hyatt, and has three children; Abigail died young; Oliver died Dec. 28, 1895, leaving a wife and five children; Lucinda first married Michael Wiper, by whom she had three children, and subsequently became the wife of John McKay, of Mersea township, and died Oct. 24, 1904; Ellis, Jr., a farmer of Mersea township, married Clarissa Heward, and has four children; Ezra, also a farmer of Mersea township, married Ella Vail, and has four children; Robert, a painter of Leamington, married Agnes Holliham, and has two children; George, a farmer in Mersea, married Jane Hyatt, and has three children. Father Hillman has over

sixty grandchildren, and thirty-one great-grandchildren.

Father Hillman takes a great interest in public affairs, and has always been a staunch Liberal, casting his vote for the Reform party. He was once honored by the office of justice of the peace, but never performed its duties. In every walk of life he has endeavored to do his duty, and whether on the farm, or in the pulpit, or in his home, he has been ever the same kindly, courteous Christian man, beloved and respected by all. Now crowned by more than four score honorable years, he is passing the evening of his life comforted by the knowledge of duty done, and serene in the confidence that when life's cares are ended he will receive the Master's commendation, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant. Enter thou into the joys of thy reward."

JONAS HILLMAN, who has recently taken up his residence in Leamington, County of Essex, and is now living retired, is the second eldest son of one of the most successful and most highly respected farmers of the county, and has had a successful career himself. His home has been in Mersea township for over half a century, and he has been intimately identified with the improvement and development of this, the garden spot of the County of Essex.

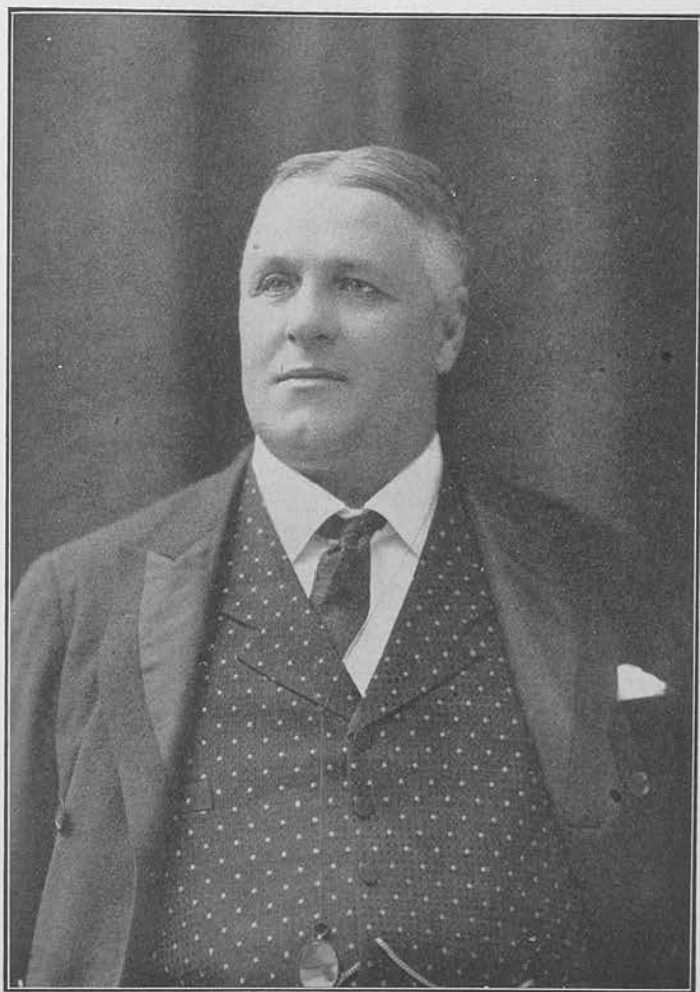
Mr. Hillman was born March 28, 1845, in the township of Gosfield, County of Essex, son of Ellis Hillman, and was quite young when he moved with his parents to Mersea township. There were but few homes in that section at the time the Hillmans settled there, the land was not yet cleared of the heavy growth of timber. Young Hillman assisted in clearing the land and preparing it for cultivation, sharing in all the hardships of farm life in those early days, when the farmer had none of the thousand aids he may now command to ease the heavier parts of the work. He remained at home until he commenced farming for himself, on a tract of 100 acres, which he purchased from James Staner, of Toronto, and on which he built a frame house and commenced to make improvements. He continued to follow general agriculture on this place for a number of years, transforming it into a most productive and profitable farm. For ten years he and his family resided in Leamington, but he still retained the place. In 1901 he purchased a 300-acre tract of land, on which he erected a fine frame dwelling house, and barns and other buildings, and where he resided until his retirement in the fall of 1903, doing much

during his short stay there to improve the property. He has sold 125 acres of this tract, but retains the remainder, which is being cultivated in his interest, he himself giving up the active work of farming. On his retirement, in the fall of 1903, he bought a home in Leamington, where he is now enjoying his leisure so well earned. Mr. Hillman has always taken a deep interest in questions affecting the welfare of his locality, and he was active in the work of draining Point Pelee, and is at present overseer of 5,000 acres of Point Pelee land. Other enterprises of a similar nature have also received his hearty support, and he is deservedly known as a public-spirited citizen.

Mr. Hillman was married in 1873 at Kingsville, to Sarah Hutchinson, who was born in Colchester, County of Essex, and died in 1883; she was interred in Lakeview cemetery. Mrs. Hillman left two daughters, Edith and Gertrude, who make their home with their father, and are much devoted to their home and its interests. They have received good advantages for education, and are intelligent young ladies, active members of the Baptist Church, in whose work they take effective part. Their mother was a member of the Methodist Church. She was a devoted wife, zealous for everything which contributed to the happiness and comfort of her home, and proved a helpful companion to her husband. Mr. Hillman holds membership in the Baptist Church, and attends the church of that denomination in Leamington. Fraternally he unites with the I.O.F. lodge at that place, and his political support is given to the Liberal party.

J. WALLACE ASKIN, Registrar of Deeds for the County of Essex, enjoys the distinction of having no superior in his special line in Ontario, being well equipped with an excellent education, which was supplemented by special instruction in French, his fluency in the latter language enabling him satisfactorily to transact business with many citizens of the county who speak no other language. Mr. Askin is the third generation of his family to occupy this position, both his father and grandfather having been incumbents. He was born May 25, 1848, in Sandwich, a son of John Alexander Askin.

Mr. Askin was educated liberally, passing through the common schools and the grammar school, and then attending Assumption College,



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at Sandwich. He next entered St. Hyacinthe College, in the Province of Quebec, where he made a special study of the French language. Upon his return to Sandwich he entered the military service as a volunteer, and was soon advanced to the rank of captain of a company. In 1866 and in 1870 he was a medalist and in 1868 he entered the military school at London, from which he was graduated with a first and second class certificate. Again returning to Sandwich, this young man of varied acquirements began the study of law, entering the office of David Shiel, at Windsor. In 1869 he was made a deputy registrar, under his father, and upon the latter's retirement, in 1872, he received the appointment to the office. Thus, in every way qualified, the County of Essex finds in Mr. Askin an admirable official, who is not only faithful in the discharge of his duties, but is also thoroughly competent.

Mr. Askin married Eliza Mary Baby, daughter of the late Charles Baby, and the following named children have been born to this union: Adelaide Mary, Marie-Louise Navarre, Elise Mary (who wedded Arthur Henry Fauquier and has two children, Beresford and Dorothy), Rosalie Archange, Charlotte (who died in infancy), Josephine and Fanchette. Religiously Mr. Askin is a Roman Catholic. Fraternally he is a member of the C.M.B.A. Socially he is one of the most genial of gentlemen, and can count his friends by many score. His hospitable home is situated on Bruce avenue, and he and his wife are generous entertainers.

DUNCAN DOUGALL. Among the distinguished members of the Bar of the County of Essex, Duncan Dougall occupies a prominent position. He is not only a native of the county, but is a member of one of the oldest families of this locality.

The first of the family of whom there is authentic record was Duncan Dougall, great-grandfather of our subject, who was born in Scotland, and there passed his entire life. In his family was a son John, who was also born in Scotland, and who married and became the father of two sons: John, born in 1808; and James, born in 1810.

In 1828, James Dougall emigrated to Canada, locating at Montreal, but later he settled in Perth, and still later in Toronto, embarking in the wholesale dry goods trade. However, he was burned out, and in 1830 he moved to Windsor,

where he established a general store, acting as agent for the Hudson Bay Company, and for the Bank of Montreal. While in business in Windsor his partner was his brother, and the firm was known as J. & J. Dougall, the branch establishment at Montreal being in charge of John. In 1834, at Windsor, James Dougall and Miss Susan Baby were united in marriage, she being a daughter of Francis Baby, and the following children were born to their union: John, deceased; Francis, deceased; Victoria, who married Edward Taylor, of Montreal, and is now deceased; Duncan; James Alfred, deceased; Charles B., of Windsor; and Frances Elizabeth, deceased.

In 1840 James Dougall opened a business in Rose Bank, still continuing his interests in Windsor, but in 1854 he returned and resumed charge of affairs. Ten years later he turned his interests over to his sons and practically retired. For a number of years he was honored by election as mayor of Windsor, and during the Rebellion of 1837 he contributed largely toward the support of the troops. He always took an active part in local affairs. In religion he was a staunch Presbyterian, and reared his family in the same faith.

Duncan Dougall was born in 1841, and received his education in the public schools and at McGill College, from which latter institution he was graduated in 1860, with the degree of A.B. During the prosecution of his literary studies, Mr. Dougall also took up the profession of law, and in 1863 was called to the Bar of Toronto, and there carried on a successful practice until 1868. At that time he settled in Windsor, and has since then made that city his home. Mr. Dougall owns the business block which bears his name, built by his father in 1875, as well as other very valuable real estate throughout the city, which he manages himself. He is also a stockholder in the Windsor Building & Loan Company of Windsor, and has been for several years.

In 1883 Mr. Dougall was united in marriage with Edith Bloomer of Baltimore, Maryland, and both he and his wife are consistent members of the Church of England. They are numbered among the leading people of Windsor, and they are well and favorably known to a wide circle of friends through this section of country.

MICHAEL MCCARTHY, postmaster and farmer of Sandwich South, is located on Lot 302, Talbot Road. He was born Nov. 27, 1835, in

Sandwich South, County of Essex, a son of Michael and Catherine (Finn) McCarthy. This is an old pioneer family of prominence, the father being a native of the County of Cork, Ireland, where he was born in 1790, and where his wife was born nine years later. They married and in 1836 started for America, crossing the Atlantic ocean in a sailing vessel. The journey required eleven weeks on the water, and it may easily be asserted that they were weary indeed when they reached New York.

In that great metropolis of the States, Mr. McCarthy worked at the shoemaking trade for three years, accumulating enough capital by that time to make the journey to Canada in order to secure a home in the opened-up lands in Sandwich township, Talbot Road. The first home of the family was but a log cabin in the wilderness, but later it gave way to a comfortable house of hewed logs in which the pioneer lived the remainder of his life, dying in 1868. His wife had passed away ten years before, and she was always tenderly remembered, for she had shared all his trials and hardships. Both were consistent members of the Catholic Church, and it was mainly through the father's efforts, joined with a few other early settlers and Christian men, that the church was established at Sandwich. Both he and his wife lie buried in the Sandwich cemetery.

Mr. McCarthy had three brothers who also came to Canada, namely: Richard, now deceased, settled in Sandwich South on the Talbot Road, and reared a family; Jeremiah settled and died in Sandwich South, and he also left a family; Cornelius settled and died on Lot 299, in Sandwich South, and left a family which now resides at Buffalo. Michael was the eldest of the brothers.

The children of Michael McCarthy and wife were as follows: (1) Jeremiah, born in Ireland, died in 1893; he married Susan McMahon, of Sandwich South, and they settled there and lived in the same place until within a few years of his death, when he removed to Buffalo to the home of a son. He left these children: Michael H., who is a mail carrier at Windsor; Catherine, deceased, wife of Israel Cloutier, of County Essex; Ellen, a sister in a London convent; Mary, also a sister, as is Susan; Miss Maggie; Alice, deceased; John, living in Sandwich South; Thomas, living on the old homestead; and Francis and Louis, who live in Buffalo. (2) Ellen was born in Ireland and married John Dennison, who was

a custom house officer at Windsor. Both are now deceased, and they left these children: Walter Dennison, of Windsor; Henry, of Detroit; Mary, of Windsor; Catherine, Mrs. Logan, of Chicago; and Fannie, wife of James Bassett, of Milwaukee. (3) Fannie, born in Sandwich, married Thomas Dorsey, of Cold Water, Michigan, and they have three children: Thomas, Louis and Catherine, who is the wife of a physician. (4) Catherine, born in Sandwich South, married Joseph Johnson, and they removed to California, where both died, leaving no children. (5) Julia was born in Sandwich South and now resides at Windsor. (6) James, born in Sandwich South, in 1839, married (first) Annie Kilroy, of Sandwich South, who died, leaving three children: Edward, who is now a member of Sandwich South town council; Sarah, who is the wife of John Battersby, of Sandwich; and Aggie, wife of P. O'Neil.

Michael McCarthy, the fifth member of the above family in order of birth, grew to manhood on the old homestead and received a district school education. He remained at home until his marriage, May 28, 1861, to Miss Mary Downing, who was born in Sandwich in 1835, daughter of Dennis and Nora Downing, a prominent pioneer family of Sandwich. Mr. McCarthy then bought the James Meehan homestead, and here the family has resided ever since. Mr. McCarthy has taken a great pride in the improvement of his farm. He has erected substantial and commodious buildings and has made many other improvements. For thirty-two years he conducted a hotel on this place and was also the proprietor of the "Crown Inn" at Walkerville for two years. Both enterprises were carried on successfully and many a weary traveler had reason to remember his genial host gratefully.

Mrs. McCarthy died at this home, Nov. 2, 1899, passing away as she had lived, a beautiful Christian character. The six children of this union were as follows: Josephine, who resides at home; Frank J., residing at Walkerville; Arthur, remaining at home; Nora C., one of the clerks in the post office at Windsor; Victoria, a trained nurse of Saginaw, Michigan; and Frederick H., railroad agent for the Michigan Central and Pere Marquette roads at Pelton Junction.

Politically Mr. McCarthy is identified with the old Conservative party, and has held a number of responsible offices, having been assessor

of Sandwich East and South for sixteen years, and in 1881 he was appointed enumerator for the latter. Since 1878 he has served as postmaster at Oldeastle, having been instrumental in getting this office established there. Religiously the family are all members of the Catholic Church. Mr. McCarthy is one of the most prominent as well as most substantial men of his locality.

T. JAMES PARK, M.D., of Amherstburg, represents one of the old and prominent families of County Essex, and is the oldest physician and surgeon, in point of continuous practice, in Amherstburg.

Dr. Park's grandfather, John Park, was a native of the State of Massachusetts, born Nov. 16, 1759. He died in his native State, March 6, 1829. There he married Lucy Richardson, who was born Dec. 20, 1769, and died March 2, 1849, and they reared the following children: Lucy, born July 13, 1792, died in 1852; Joseph, born Jan. 6, 1794, died Nov. 28, 1820; Gideon, born Nov. 6, 1795, died Jan. 1, 1802; Susan H., born Sept. 29, 1797, died Jan. 20, 1831; Thomas, May 17, 1799, died in 1864; John R., born March 26, 1801, died Oct. 2, 1880; Gideon (2), born March 14, 1803; died in August, 1807; Samuel, born Dec. 31, 1804, died Feb. 19, 1846; Hannah A., was born June 13, 1807; Sarah K., born July 6, 1809, died in 1889; Theodore Jones, born July 6, 1811, died March 23, 1884; Elizabeth D., born Dec. 3, 1813, died July 22, 1847. Of this family, all of whom were born in Massachusetts, John R., Theodore Jones and Thomas were the only ones to come to Ontario.

Thomas Park migrated in 1820 to Essex County, Upper Canada, and very soon thereafter erected on the town line between the townships of Colchester and Gosfield a log store, where he carried on a general mercantile and grain business for a number of years. Later he removed to Amherstburg and there expanded his business to include steamboat and general vessel business. Here he passed the remainder of his days and died in 1864, a man of wealth and prominence. He never married. In 1822 John R. Park, then aged twenty-one years, followed the pioneer of the family to Ontario, and he was for a time employed as a clerk at Amherstburg. He then established himself elsewhere, until 1864, when he returned to Amherstburg, and there he died in 1880. He married Amelia Ginkle, who was born in 1806 in Michigan, and died in 1875

at Amherstburg. Six children were born to this union, namely: Ellen, John R., Olive, Herbert, Eliza and E.G.

Theodore Jones Park, one of the three brothers who came to Ontario, was born July 6, 1811, at Framingham, Massachusetts. In 1833 he came to Amherstburg and engaged with his brothers in business, but in 1835 he removed his business from the settlement to Amherstburg, and there conducted a general store and engaged also in a wood business, supplying boats with fuel. In connection with his brother Thomas he owned almost the whole of the dockage at this place. The partnership continued until 1860, when Theodore Jones Park took in as a partner J. Richardson Park, his nephew. This partnership continued until 1864, when the docks were rented to a Mr. Mullen as coal docks. In 1877 Mr. Park built the "Lakeview Hotel," which was opened in 1878, and which he owned until 1884, when it was sold. On March 23rd of the same year Mr. Park died at the age of seventy-three. In 1854 he married Caroline Francis Kevill, only daughter of James Kevill, post master, and granddaughter of Col. William Caldwell, a prominent soldier in the war of 1812, and her grandmother was Susan Reaume Baby. Six children were born to this marriage, the eldest being Dr. T. James Park, and the others: Della Theresa, Carrie F., Elizabeth Lucy, Frank H. (deceased), and Thomas (deceased). The home of the late Theodore Jones Park is one of the first buildings built in Amherstburg, erected in 1810, on the bank of the river, with a beautiful extended view reaching for many miles.

Dr. T. James Park was born in Amherstburg April 19, 1856. His literary education was obtained in the separate schools of his native town and was supplemented by a course in the Upper Canada College, at Toronto, from which he graduated in 1876. He at once entered the medical department of the University of Toronto, from which he was graduated in 1880 with his degree of Doctor of Medicine, and he was also graduated from Trinity Medical College. He then spent one year as assistant resident surgeon in the Toronto General Hospital, and in 1881 began the practice of his chosen profession in his native town. Here he has continued for almost a quarter of a century, yearly gaining more thoroughly the confidence and esteem of all who know him, and attaining to greater eminence in the profession. He is a member of the Ontario Medical Society, and is local surgeon for the

Michigan Central Railroad, and is also examiner for the leading life insurance companies. Fraternally he belongs to the C.M.B.A. and C.O. C.F. With his mother and three sisters he resides at the beautiful old family homestead on Dalhousie street, a residence which is an object of interest to every stranger, and a charming, well-appointed home for its residents.

ARCHIBALD McNEE, of Windsor, Ont., was born in Perth, County of Lanark, in the year 1845. His parents were natives of Perthshire, Scotland, and came to Canada in 1821. He received his education at the public school, and at the Perth high school. His early life was spent on a farm, and with a view of going into stock farming, he took a course in agriculture at the Toronto University, and was among the first who obtained the diploma of the Ontario Veterinary College, Toronto.

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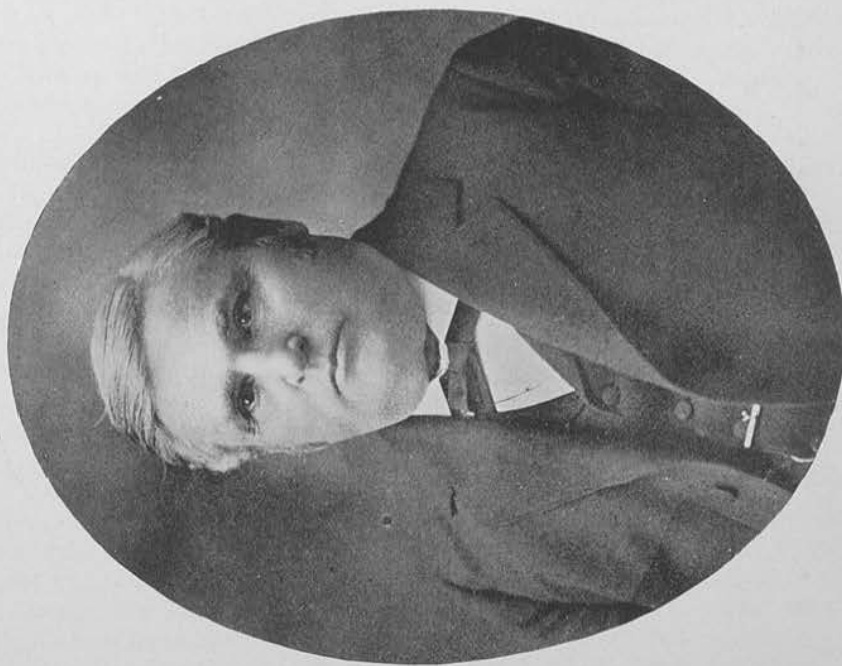
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GORDON H. GAUTHIER, barrister, of Windsor, Ont., has been engaged in the practice of his profession in that city since 1900, and has met with such encouraging success that he may be considered one of the promising young members of the legal fraternity there.

Mr. Gauthier comes of a family of French extraction which has been settled in the Dominion for several generations, his great-grandfather, Jean B. Gauthier, of Quebec, removing from that city to Sandwich, County of Essex, Ont., when a young man. He made his permanent home in Sandwich, and was engaged as a general merchant, trader and packer. His son, Jean B. Gauthier, the grandfather of Gordon H., was born in Sandwich, and became one of the important men of the place, doing an extensive business as a general merchant, packer and fisherman. He married Mary Collins, a native of Detroit, Michigan.

Charles W. Gauthier, father of Gordon H., was born in Sandwich in 1844, and married Miss Emma E. Reeves, who was born there in 1846. They continued to make their home in that place until 1885. When they removed to Windsor, Mr. Gauthier engaged in the fishing industry on a large scale, his interests extending over various parts of the United States and Canada. He retired in the year 1890, and has continued to make his home in Windsor ever since. He and his wife have reared a family of four children, viz.: Edith M., who married Berton F. Mason, of Cleveland, Ohio; Gordon H.; C. Harold; and Miss Lillian, who is at home. Mr. and Mrs. Gauthier are members of the Church of England, with which their family has also been identified.

Gordon H. Gauthier was born March 17, 1876, in Sandwich, and received his early education in the public schools of his native place. After the family removed to Windsor he attended school there until he was seventeen, following which he was a student at Toronto University for two years. Then he took up the study of law at Osgoode Hall, Toronto, and in 1900 re-

ceived his call to the Bar. He settled down to practice in Windsor, residing with his parents.

Mr. Gauthier is a firm believer in the duties of citizenship, and has taken an active interest in public affairs from an early age, politically being identified with the Conservative party; he has been secretary of the Conservative Association of North Essex for the past two years. At the age of eighteen he entered the local regiment of militia known as the Essex Fusiliers, and, beginning as a private, received rapid promotion until, by 1900, he was in command of No. 5 Company; after two years in that incumbency he was made adjutant of the regiment, and he still holds that appointment. Mr. Gauthier is a member of the Church of England.

JOSEPH DUROCHER, a prominent citizen and a representative of a family which has passed generations in this locality, is permanently located on Lot 21, Concession 1, Sandwich West. He was born in that township, March 27, 1847, son of Antoine and Francoise (Pajot) Durocher.

Antoine Durocher was born in 1805 in Concession 1, Sandwich West. He married Francoise Pajot, who was born in the same township, daughter of Antoine Pajot, who came to Canada at a very early day from his native France. Antoine Durocher and his bride settled on Lot 24, in Sandwich West, and there he cleared up a large and valuable farm, upon which he lived until his death, in 1874. His widow survived until 1881. They were quiet, Christian people, who led sober, industrious lives, and paid close attention to their religious duties, assisting in the organization of the First Roman Catholic Church in the town of Sandwich, now the capital of the County of Essex. They left a family of eight children, seven of whom still survive: (1) Alfred, died in young manhood. (2) Marcell is the wife of Thomas Gignac, of Windsor. (3) Zoe is the wife of Alexander Laferty, of Wayne County, Michigan. (4) Israel, born in Sandwich West, is a resident of the old homestead, where he has a wife and family. (5) Elizabeth is the wife of Thomas Bondy, of Sandwich West. (6) Henriette is the wife of Noah Reaume, of Sandwich West. (7) Emily is the wife of Jacob Gignac, of Sandwich West. (8) Joseph is the subject of this sketch.

Charles Durocher, grandfather of Joseph, came from Quebec to Detroit, and was the first merchant of that then frontier city. He became

a great trader with the Indians, and his first wife was the daughter of one of the chiefs; she died a year afterward. He attained to very high regard among the Indians, and accumulated great wealth. He was united in his second marriage to Genevieve Reaume, who was the mother of seven children, of whom Antoine was the youngest.

Joseph Durocher was educated in the common schools of Sandwich, and was reared to practical work on his father's farm. In 1872 he was united in marriage with Margaret Dupuy, only child of Dr. Dupuy, who came from France and settled in Sandwich West, where he became a very prominent physician. Dr. Dupuy was a graduate of a Philadelphia medical school. Mrs. Durocher was born in 1854, in Michigan, but was reared in Canada, where she was carefully educated, being a graduate of the Windsor Convent. She died in 1886 at the present home, the mother of eight children, as follows: (1) Dr. Francis, born in 1873, graduated from the Detroit Medical College, in which city he is now a successful physician; he married Belle Montie, of Detroit. (2) Albert was drowned in childhood. (3) Alfred, born in 1876, was educated in the Sandwich College. He married Amanda Maillieux, a member of an old and prominent family located near Amherstburg, and they reside in Sandwich West. (4) Ulysses, born in 1878, after being educated in the common schools and in Assumption College, at Sandwich, taught in the County of Essex, and is now a student of languages at the Windsor Collegiate High School, his linguistic ability making him the master of three languages, in addition to his own. (5) Eugene, born in 1880, received an excellent education, studied pharmacy, and graduated from the Ontario School of Pharmacy at Toronto in May, 1904, and is now a druggist at Windsor. (6) Edmund, born in 1883, was a student in the Windsor high school, and is now a successful teacher in the County of Essex. (7) Emma, born in 1885, is Sister Marguerite in a convent at Montreal. (8) Avila, born in 1885, is a student in a Michigan school.

In 1887 Mr. Durocher married (second) Sophia Langlois, daughter of Peter Langlois, one of the prominent old pioneer settlers of the county. To this union has come one son, Albert, born in 1889, who is a student in the Windsor schools.

In 1894 Mr. Durocher embarked in a mercantile business at Windsor, where he continued

for five years, selling out at that time in order to resume farming. Upon his return to the country he took charge of his own estate, and, in addition, purchased the Joseph Hamlin farm, which adjoined his former property, and also added 100 acres of Concession 2. This makes him one of the largest owners of real estate in the township.

Mr. Durocher has long been very prominent in public affairs in the county, serving in the county council for sixteen years, when he resigned the office. He also served a year as assessor; for sixteen years as reeve and county councillor; for nine years he was the collector for his township; and he was the second warden of the County of Essex, when the new law came into effect. His services of a public character have always been satisfactorily rendered, as his long retention in office testifies. His political preference is for the principles of the Conservative party, and on more than one occasion his influence has been a material factor in the election of Conservative candidates. He is social by nature, and is fraternally connected with the C.M. B.A. order, Branch No. 122, of Sandwich. In religious belief he and his family are associated with the Roman Catholic Church. Mr. Durocher is well and favorably known all over the County of Essex, and he is bound by ties of friendship and esteem to its best and leading citizens.

HORATIO WIGLE, a member of one of the oldest and most prominent families of his section of County Essex, is a successful farmer and progressive citizen of Gosfield township, in addition to being identified with large business enterprises. Full records of this family will be found in another portion of this work.

Wendel Wigle, grandfather of Horatio, began farming on Lot 10, Concession 3, Gosfield township, in a log house which he erected in 1805, the year of his marriage, and which he occupied until 1823, when he removed to Cedar Creek. The log house was a commodious one, larger than was usually constructed, stood some eight rods west of the present Cyrus Wigle house, and remained intact until 1876. When John W. Wigle, son of Wendel and father of Horatio, began to farm he moved into this large hewed log house, and about the same time acquired Government Lot 11, making him the owner of 400 acres of land in one block. From time to time he added to this until he owned over

1,000 acres. He cleared much of the homestead place and was considered a man of large capital and a successful farmer. Many are the thrilling and interesting stories told of the experiences he had with wolves and other wild animals, especially at the time when his father first settled on Lot 10. It is said that at one time, when he was away from the house, a bear grew bold and attacked and killed three pigs belonging to his father. In those days the women of the family were taught the use of firearms, and his mother tried to shoot the marauder, but failed to injure the animal, and when her husband returned he followed Bruin's trail to near the location of Gordon Fox's house. There the remains of the pigs were found, but the crafty old bear had disappeared. Upon another occasion our subject's father, with his wife and daughter Mary, then a babe, started in a cutter over the ice to visit friends on Pelee Island. When about five miles from the island a heavy snowstorm overtook them, resulting in their losing their way. The horse broke through thin ice, and all went into the icy waters of the lake. As may be supposed, the rescue was one of difficulty, probably only possible with people hardened by much constant exposure and the calm demeanor and courage produced by the many dangers with which they were always surrounded. Mr. Wigle secured the safety of his wife and child, and for two hours made every effort to rescue his horse, but without avail. Hurriedly wrapping his wife and child, he and them almost frozen, in the buffalo robes, he removed the strap irons from the cutter, fastened them to his own feet and started for the island. After reaching the land he was still obliged to go two miles before a house could be reached, and when he finally did reach it, after the most heroic endeavors, his friends were not slow in going to the succor of Mrs. Wigle and the child. When found they were almost frozen, but care and sound constitutions finally restored them to health. Such was the fibre of which the direct ancestors of Mr. Wigle were formed; no wonder that they reared a sturdy posterity noted for physical vigor and mental strength.

John W. Wigle was born July 12, 1806, and was the oldest child of his parents. In 1850 he removed from the above-mentioned log cabin to the hill, on Lot 11, the location of our subject's house. Here he erected a large frame house, 40 x 50 feet, which was destroyed by fire in 1877. The present handsome brick residence took its

place. John Wigle was an enterprising and progressive man, and he became the owner of large tracts of land, aggregating 1,288 acres, farmed on a large scale, and did much building. In company with Hugh Ruthven he built a saw-mill at Ruthven, this being the first business venture started in the village, and he was also one of the incorporators of the Ruthven Woolen Mills. His mental faculties remained unimpaired until within a very short time of his death, which occurred Oct. 28, 1894. In him the Methodist Church had an active, liberal and influential member.

John W. Wigle married Salonia Fox, daughter of Philip Fox, and she died May 3, 1878. They had children as follows: Isabella and Sarah were twins; Isabella (deceased), married John Cascadden, lived on the west half of Lot 259, Talbot street, Gosfield North, and had children: Sarah (wife of J. F. Jeffery), Wilson E., John W. and Thomas T.; Sarah (deceased), married James Neville, who is mentioned elsewhere. Wendel J. (deceased), married Susanna Cascadden, and they had Leonora (wife of John Noble), Sylvanus (of Kingsville), Alzora, (wife of Albert Pulford, Moretta (wife of Peter Peterson), and Mary (wife of William Bray of Michigan). Mary (deceased), married William McQueen and lived on the east half of Lot 259, and they had children—A. Burnes, Rosilla (wife of John McKinney), Capt. John S. (of Amherstburg), Salonia (wife of James Scratch), Elizabeth (wife of Charles Whittle), and James W., D.D.S. Elizabeth, the only one of the daughters now living, is the wife of R. W. Shanks, extended mention of whom will be found elsewhere. Cyrus married Louise McCormick, and is further mentioned elsewhere. Horatio is the subject proper of this sketch.

Horatio Wigle, the youngest member of the John W. Wigle family was born April 7, 1848, on Lot 10, the old home place. The family soon removed to the hill farm on Lot 11, and there our subject was reared, growing up a farmer and obtaining his education in the local schools. For a number of years prior to his father's death he was at the head of affairs, operating this place, which he later acquired. The barns and out-buildings here were originally built by his father, but he has remodeled and enlarged them and has made many substantial improvements. Mr. Wigle is one of the largest farmers in South Essex and is also a large fruit-grower. Latterly he has become much interested in the breeding

of fine stock in addition to his other enterprises. At one time Mr. Wigle owned 1,000 acres of land in this locality, and at the present time owns some 700. His careful methods and good management have made him a very successful man of business and one of the model agriculturists of the township.

Mr. Wigle has many other interests, one of these being the steel whistle-tree plant located at Ypsilanti, Michigan, of which he is president, the business of which is the manufacture of a patented steel whistle-tree, and also of a variety of pressed steel goods. The manager, secretary and treasurer of this large concern is Mr. Wigle's youngest son.

On March 8, 1869, Mr. Wigle was married, at Windsor, to Delorious S. Munger, and to this union have come children as follows: Ora, born April 1, 1870, widow of Dr. F. A. Wigle, has one daughter, Ora Leal; Mrs. Wigle is a medical graduate and now holds a responsible position in a large hospital in Brooklyn. Lewis Wilson, born Sept. 25, 1871, is a prosperous dental surgeon at Detroit, Michigan; he married Vera Pearl Richardson, and they have a daughter, Reona. Lena Arden, born Dec. 8, 1873, married Oct. 29, 1903, Arthur B. Clinton, of Detroit. Elmira Grace was born Sept. 3, 1875. Rinaldo Mervin, born July 24, 1887, is engaged at Ypsilanti, Michigan, as previously mentioned.

Mrs. Horatio Wigle is a member of one of the pioneer families of the county. Its founder, as far back as traced, located in Kentucky and was there captured by Indians and brought to Detroit at the same time as was Leonard Scratch, who married Mary Munger. Joseph Munger, grandfather of Mrs. Wigle, was born before the family came to Colchester township, County Essex. There he engaged in farming, owning Lot 18, the Gore, which was later owned by the late Thomas Clark. When Mr. Munger sold his farm in Colchester, he removed to Black Hawk County, Iowa, taking up a homestead near Janesville, where he developed a beautiful property and where he died. His wife, whose maiden name was Sarah Girty, survived him for several years. His family was as follows: Charles is a resident of Rockford, Illinois; Elizabeth married a Mr. Colstack, of Amherstburg, and died in Windsor; Sarah married and moved to California, where she died; Alexander owns and occupies a farm in Black Hawk County, Iowa, adjoining the old Munger homestead; Thomas Turner was the father of Mrs. Wigle; John resides

near Detroit, Michigan; Theodore lives in Michigan.

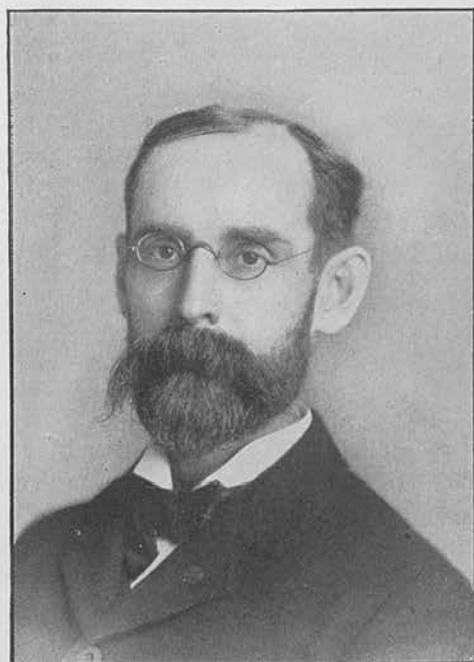
Thomas Turner Munger was born in 1828 in Colchester and was a young man when the family moved to Iowa, where he resided for some time, later removing to his present home at Toledo, Ohio. In Colchester he married Almira McCormick, a daughter of Matthew McCormick, and to this union were born: Delorious S., wife of Horatio Wigle; William, who was accidentally killed in Gosfield at the age of twenty-one years; Charlotte, who married (first) Frank Huntley and (second) Samuel Cook, and resides at East Toledo, Ohio; Arizona M., wife of Peter Lovelace, of Toledo, Ohio; Sophronia, who died at the age of six years; Bertha, who married George Agneau, and died at the age of twenty; Wilhelmina, who died aged three years; Althea, who died aged five years; and Mark, a resident of Toledo.

Mr. Wigle and family are all members of the Methodist Church. Fraternally he is a Mason, identified with the lodge at Leamington.

HON. JOHN ALLAN AULD, member of the Provincial Parliament, and editor and proprietor of the *Amherstburg Echo*, is of Scotch extraction in both paternal and maternal lines.

William Auld, his grandfather, was born in Scotland, and there married a Miss Allan. In 1838 they came to Ontario, locating at Warwick, County of Lambton, where he engaged in milling and farming. There his wife died, and he then retired from business activity, removing to Hamilton, where his death occurred. The children born to them were the following: Robert, a farmer in the County of Lambton; William and John, both deceased; Margaret, deceased wife of William Dixon, of Hamilton; and Janet, who married Charles Janes, and both are deceased.

John Auld, son of William, was born in 1830, in Scotland. He carried on an extensive milling business, in lumber and flour, and also operated a woolen mill, being one of the leading and progressive citizens, his usefulness being curtailed by his death at the early age of thirty-six years, of a cold contracted on one of his dams. He married Euphemia Hay, who was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, daughter of Thomas Hay, a prominent member of the Liberal party of the County of Lambton, having settled there in the early thirties. His children were: Isabella, deceased wife of James



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Wilson; Janet, wife of Clark Smith; Thomas, of Kansas City, Missouri; and Euphemia, who married John Auld. The children born to John Auld and wife were: Josephine, Mrs. Harry Bentley; Mary A., Mrs. Dr. Crouter; John A.; and William H., editor of the *Essex Free Press*.

John Allan Auld was born June 22, 1853, at Warwick, County of Lambton. His literary education was commenced in the old grammar school at Strathroy, and has been continued, until the present day, in the school of human life and experience. At the age of thirteen years he began to learn the printing trade in the office of the Strathroy *Dispatch*, and was with Hon. C. H. Mackintosh, at one time governor of the Northwest Territory. There he remained until eighteen years old, when he went to Toronto for a short time, after which he spent three years at St. Catharines, and on Oct. 30, 1874, he came to Amherstburg. In partnership with W. D. Balfour, he established the Amherstburg *Echo*, which was later organized into a stock company. On Aug. 23, 1896, Mr. Balfour died, and since that time Mr. Auld has managed the paper. He succeeded him in Parliament in 1896 and was re-elected in 1898, and again in 1902. He was for several years Chairman of the Printing Committee of the Ontario Assembly.

Since coming to Amherstburg Mr. Auld has taken a very active part in politics, and has championed the views of the Liberal party. He was a member of the public school board eight years, and of the town council thirteen years, during twelve years of the period being reeve of the town. For twelve years he was a member of the Essex county council, and for the year 1890 he was warden of the county.

In 1878 Mr. Auld was united in marriage to Anna Hamilton, daughter of the late James Hamilton, of Her Majesty's Customs at Amherstburg, one of the old families of the locality. Three children have been born to this union, namely: Josephine, wife of Dr. French, of Amherstburg, who has one son, Charles; John Allan, Jr., of the *Echo* office; and Isabella, at home. Fraternally Mr. Auld is prominent in the A.F. & A.M.; the A.O.U.W.; the K.O.T.M.; the I.O.O.F.; and the Woodmen of the World. He is a man of influence in his locality, a fearless advocate of what he believes to be right, and a willing promoter of movements which promise to be of substantial benefit to his

town and county. His record in Parliament is that of a judicious and able statesman, and he is held in the highest esteem.

GORE ATKIN, one of the pioneers of the County of Essex, and a much-esteemed citizen of Amherstburg, is of English extraction, his family fleeing to Ireland during the administration of Oliver Cromwell.

The first member of this family of whom there is authentic record was Gore Atkin, our subject's grandfather, who was born in Ireland, where he died in 1786. He married Elizabeth Green, who was born in Ireland in 1754, and died in 1839. He was a man of prominence in Ireland, serving as sheriff of County Wexford, and became widely known. After his death his widow married John Atkin, of the same name, but no relation. The children of the first marriage were: Walter; Samuel, who located in the County of Leeds, Ont., where he obtained government land, first following farming, later lumbering; Mary, who married Rev. William Douglas, and died in Ireland; and Eliza, who died unmarried, in County Wexford, where she owned much property.

Walter Atkin, son of Gore, was the father of our subject. He was born in 1780, in County Wexford, Ireland, and was educated in Dublin. He owned a farm in Ireland upon which he resided with his family. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Jane Osborn, was born in County Dublin about 1784. In 1817 Walter Atkin and family came to Ontario, locating in Elizabeth township, County Leeds, where they lived for nineteen years. They then removed to Chicago, which was then a city of about 7,000, and settled on a claim in the western outskirts, but a few years later they returned to Canada, and located in Malden township, on Lot 88, Concession 8, our subject now being the owner of that property. Here Walter Atkin died in 1863, his wife having passed away in 1839. In politics he was a Conservative, and during his residence in County Leeds was a justice of the peace and was tendered Parliamentary honors by his party, but declined. In religious belief Mr. and Mrs. Atkin were Methodists. Their children were: Samuel, deceased, a farmer in Malden; Walter and Richard, both deceased, also farmers; Gore; William, deceased, a farmer; Eliza, deceased, who married Rev. William B. Rowe, a Baptist minister in Michigan; and Mary, de-

ceased, who married the late Dennis Lane, of Gosfield South.

Gore Atkin was born Oct. 14, 1821, in the County of Leeds. On his return, with his father, from Illinois, he engaged in farming on the homestead place, and remained under the parental roof until twenty-four years of age, when he settled a tract of wild land in the north part of Lot 88, Concession 8, Malden township. This was a heavily timbered tract, and with much hard work he cleared it and turned it into valuable arable farms. Later he added other tracts until he now owns 191 acres, all of it situated in Malden township, and all valuable and desirable property. Mr. Atkin continued to farm until April, 1891, when he settled in Amherstburg. In politics he is a Liberal, and has occupied a prominent position in county politics. From 1864 to 1871 he was a reeve for Malden, and in 1868 was county warden. He was tendered Parliamentary honors in 1875, but poor health caused him to decline, although eminently fitted to fill the responsible position.

On Nov. 5, 1845, Mr. Atkin was married to Miss Hannah Lypps, who was born in Colchester South, March 22, 1824, and to this union have been born these children: (1) Malvina is a resident of Detroit. (2) George, also of Detroit, married Annie McGee, and their children are Charles, Francis Gore, Horace, Robert Cink (who married Lillian Imerson), Mark, Ethel, Grace and Hannah. (3) Adeline married Francis S. Beach, of the County of Middlesex, and has three children, Francis (who married Margaret Miller and has one daughter, Doris Madeline), Kate and Harry. (4) Walter married Sarah A. McCormick, and their children are Mabel (who married Leonard Eede, and has three children, Byron Edmund, Ruby and Madeline); Gore (who married Alice Hutchins), Grace and Ellis. (5) Annie married Alexander E. McGee, and her children are Allan F., Arthur W., John S. (who married Flossie Burdick), Mary M., Margaret A. (who married Herbert Parks, and has two daughters, Marjorie and Helen), Lucy M. and Thomas Atkin. (6) Isabel, and (7) John, are both deceased. (8) Emma married Lawrence W. Shepley, a farmer in Maidstone, and their children are Beulah, Joseph Gore, Evelyn, Addie and Gladys. (9) Robert, a farmer in Malden township, married Ellen I. McGee, and has children, Maurice, Frederick, Walter, Kate, Ina and Annie. (10) Lucy lives with her parents. (11) Wellington is unmarried and

lives in Malden. (12) Gore Edgar married Althea Bratt, in Malden, and their children are George D. and Ray and May, twins. Both Mr. and Mrs. Atkin are consistent members of the Methodist Church, and are among the most highly respected citizens of Amherstburg.

TECUMSEH K. HOLMES, M. D. The Holmes family, of which the Doctor is a worthy representative, has been identified with the County of Kent for more than a century. The first of the family of whom definite records are available was Hugh Holmes, his grandfather, who was born in Ireland, and became a resident of Ontario in 1780. He was a man of high literary attainments, and for several years was a teacher in an academy at Sandwich. About the year 1795 he purchased Lot 23, 1st Concession, in Harwich township, County of Kent, and conducted the farm in conjunction with attending to his duties as teacher. On the farm his seven children were born, four sons and three daughters. John, Hands, Daniel and Abraham, were the sons, and Daniel was in the war of 1812, and was wounded at the battle of Lundy's Lane.

Abraham Holmes, the Doctor's father, was born May 13, 1797. He was a farmer at Kent Bridge, where he lived until 1872, when he left the farm and lived in Chatham with his son, the Doctor, until his death, in February, 1890. In 1825 he married Jane Gibson, who was born in 1807, daughter of John Gibson, of Salem, Mass.; her grandfather commanded the force which captured Burgoyne's army in 1777. To Abraham Holmes and his wife the following family was born: Hands Irwin, Hugh Hamilton, James Alexander, Thomas, Mary Jane, Sarah and Tecumseh Kingsley, the last named and James Alexander being the only survivors.

Dr Holmes was born Jan. 17, 1839, in the County of Lambton, Ont., but while he was still very young his father settled on his farm at Kent Bridge, and he received his education at the public schools of Kent and taught in that county for five years. In 1864 he entered the medical department of the University of Michigan, but after one year entered the Long Island College Hospital, at Brooklyn, N.Y., from which he was graduated in 1865, with the degree of M.D. He then entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons of New York City, and was graduated from that institution in 1866, with the degree of M.D. Dr. Holmes then returned to Canada and completed his medical studies in Victoria

University, Toronto, from which he secured the degree of M.D. in 1867. Immediately after graduating at Toronto Dr. Holmes located in Chatham, where for thirty-seven years he has been in continuous practice. He has been connected with many medical organizations, being ex-president of the Canadian Medical Association, and ex-president of the Chatham Medical and Surgical Society, and corresponding member of the Toronto Pathological Society. Dr. Holmes is prominent in business circles as well, being president of the T. H. Taylor Co., of Chatham; director in the Chatham Loan & Savings Co.; and director in the Traders Fire Insurance Co. of Toronto.

The marriage of Dr. Holmes took place in 1873, to Miss Mary E. Taylor, of Chatham, daughter of Thomas H. Taylor, of that city. Mrs. Holmes was born in 1849, and was educated in the Chatham public schools and Helmeeth College, London, Ont., from which latter institution she was graduated in 1871. Four children have been born to Dr. and Mrs. Holmes, namely: Garnet Wolsley, M.D.; Kingsley, M.D.; Edith Melville and Shirley Morell. Dr. Garnet W. Holmes secured the degree of M.D. from the Toronto University in 1898, after which he took a special course of two years in Vienna, and London, England, and is now a specialist in diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat in Chatham, Ont. Dr. Kingsley Holmes received the degree of M.B. from the Toronto University in 1903 and then entered the Johns Hopkins Hospital, where he pursued post-graduate work until 1904, when he was appointed on the resident staff of the New York City Hospital.

Dr. Holmes is one of the oldest physicians of Chatham, and his success in both professional and business lines is due to his own determined efforts to win in whatever he undertakes.

ARCHIBALD BELL, Judge of the County Court of Kent, was born at Toronto, Ont., Nov. 16, 1840, third son of the late Archibald Bell, Sr., and his wife, Agnes Hood.

Archibald Bell, Sr., and his wife were natives of Paisley, Scotland. In 1832 he emigrated to Canada, ultimately settling in Lobo, County of Middlesex, where he engaged in farming. He was devoted to his family, and made every effort to prepare his children well for their various careers. He died in December, 1887, in his seventy-ninth year.

Judge Bell passed his early years in Lobo, and attended the public school there, and subsequently the grammar school in the City of London. For some years he engaged in teaching, using his spare time to further perfect his own knowledge. His legal studies were pursued in the office of the late Judge John Wilson, of London, Ont., and in 1866 he was called to the Bar. He practiced successfully in Chatham and Strathroy. Judge Wells, at that time, was Judge of the County Court of Kent, and upon his resignation Judge Bell was, on Oct. 2, 1878, appointed his successor. He was then the youngest Judge on the Ontario Bench. In 1887 he was appointed revising officer under the Dominion Electoral Franchise Act, for Bothwell. In 1901 he received the appointment of local master of the Supreme Court, to succeed the late C. J. O'Neill. Since its foundation, in 1881, he has been president of the Chatham Loan and Savings Company. From 1886 to 1900 he was chairman of the Chatham Collegiate Institute Board, when he declined a further re-appointment.

In 1874 Judge Bell was united in marriage with Elizabeth Cameron, eldest daughter of Malcolm Cameron, of Lobo. They are both adherents of the Presbyterian Church, and are equally interested in its good work.

JOHN ALEXANDER ASKIN, now living retired, was for a period of fourteen years registrar of deeds for the County of Essex, a position formerly filled by his father, and now by his son. Mr. Askin is descended from an old Irish family, and the first of the family of whom authentic data have been secured was John Askin, his grandfather.

John Askin was born in Ireland about 1750, and in early manhood came to Detroit, Michigan, where he was engaged as a merchant, and where he later became the owner of the "Brush Farm." This he exchanged for property in the County of Essex, about one mile from Walkerville. His death took place in 1826. To him and wife, Archange (Bart) Askin, were born these children: Alice, who married Joshua Brush; Theresa, who married Col. Alexander McKee, for many years at the head of Indian affairs in Ontario; Archange, who married Mr. Meredith; Helen, who married Richard Patterson, an early merchant at Windsor and Sandwich; John, Jr., who engaged in merchandising at Windsor, Sandwich and at Mackinaw;

Charles, who for some time filled the position known as "clerk of the peace"; and James, father of John A. Askin.

James Askin was born in Detroit, in 1788, and died in 1863. He was a colonel of militia in Sandwich for some years, and for a protracted period, until 1858, was registrar of deeds, being succeeded, as noted above, by his son and grandson. James Askin married Frances Marrentette, daughter of Dominick Marrentette, an early settler in the County of Essex. The following children were born to this marriage: John Alexander; Archange Mary, who married Henry Ronalds, of Chatham, both deceased; Charles, killed during the rebellion of 1837; James, who made a home in Australia; Miss Theresa, residing with her sister, Alice, on the old Askin homestead; Ellen, who died unmarried; Margaret Jane, widow of Edward Skae; and Miss Alice, living at home.

John Alexander Askin was born March 7, 1817, at Pike's Creek, County of Essex, and his education was obtained in the schools of Windsor and Sandwich. When fourteen years of age, he began clerking for the general mercantile firm of Vorhoeff & Jasperson, on Lot 87, at Windsor. His salary was thirty dollars a year, including board, this being increased to sixty dollars for the second year, and one hundred and twenty dollars the third year, he being entrusted the last year with the firm's business at Sandwich. In 1834 he went to Monroe, where he was engaged for a time in a clerical position, but he then returned to Sandwich, and was appointed deputy registrar of deeds, and in 1858 he was appointed registrar of deeds for the County of Essex, and he filled the office satisfactorily until succeeded by his son in 1872.

Mr. Askin then engaged in the manufacture of vinegar for a number of years, and built a factory on his farm. This was destroyed by fire in 1876. For some time after the burning of his factory, he acted as a conveyancer, and in 1898 he retired from activity and settled at Windsor.

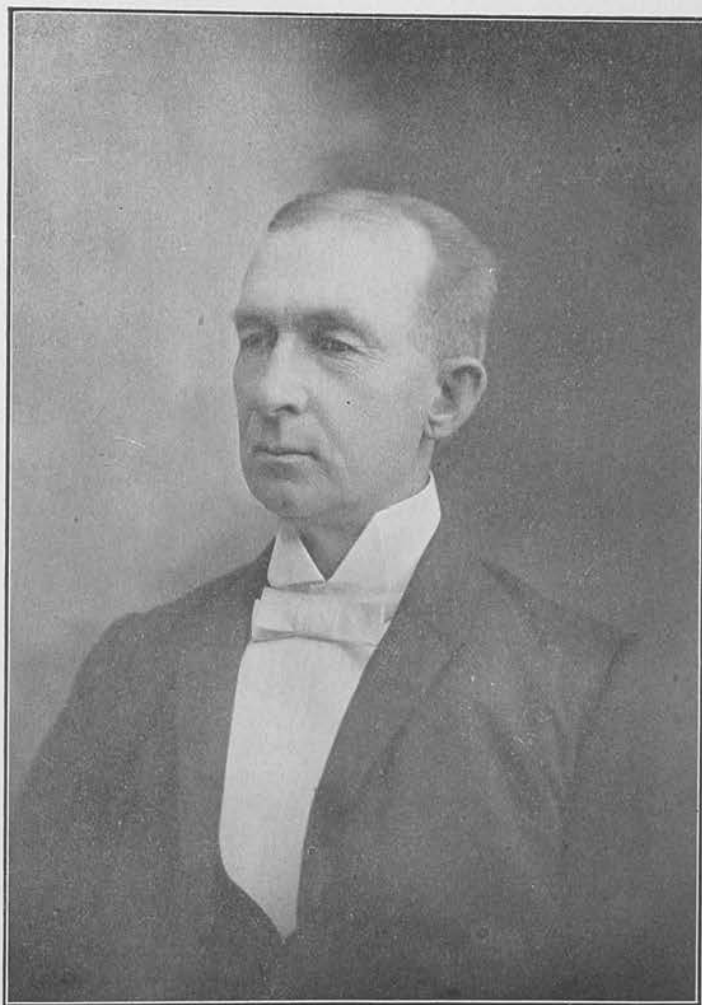
Mr. Askin has been twice married. His first wife was Mary Navarre, of Monroe, Mich., by whom he had two children, both of them deceased. In 1847 Mr. Askin married Miss Melina Matilda McCloskey, and these children have been born to them: J. Wallace, registrar of deeds, whose sketch appears elsewhere; Annie, widow

of J. C. Baby; Henry, of Windsor; John F., of Hamilton; and Charles T., of Windsor. Mr. Askin is widely known in the County of Essex and has been identified with much of its growth and development. He has had the satisfaction of seeing a fine family grow up around him to respected maturity and lives of usefulness, and the evening of life is made pleasant by the friendship and companionship of old acquaintances, and the affectionate ministrations of kindred.

Mrs. Askin was born in Detroit, Feb. 12, 1827, daughter of James and Susan (Godfrey) McCloskey, the latter a daughter of Col. Godfrey, a colonel in the militia in the War of 1812, who died in Monroe, Mich., in 1863, at the age of seventy-five years. James McCloskey, who was paymaster in the militia in the War of 1812, died on his way home from Washington, District of Columbia. He had the following children: Elizabeth, Susan, Caroline, Mrs. Askin, Henry and James, all of whom except Mrs. Askin and James are dead.

DR. JAMES BRIEN, physician and mayor of Essex, was born in Howard, County of Kent, Feb. 4, 1848, son of Henry and Christina Brien, who were born in County Fermanagh, Ireland, and there married, coming to Canada in 1846. They settled in Howard, north of Ridgetown, where the father purchased wild land, clearing up a home. There he lived until his death, in 1890, at the age of seventy-four, his wife passing away in 1898, aged seventy-two. Religiously they were originally members of the Church of England, later becoming Methodists. The following children were born to them: Frank, an architect of Windsor, married Elizabeth Green, now deceased, and had two children, William and Arabella; William, a farmer of Howard, County of Kent, married Alice Scane, and had seven children, Pearl, Joseph, Charles, Harry, Frederick, George and Lillie; Mary (deceased), married Henry Scane, of Ridgetown, and had six daughters: Jennie, Ellen, Tena, Addie, Catherine and May; Catherine, born in Howard, married John Marshall, deceased, of Ridgetown, and had no children; Ann J., deceased, married Thomas Scane, of Ridgetown, and has one son, Albert; Dr. James is our subject.

James Brien was educated in the London grammar school, preparatory to his entering upon his medical course in the Medical College



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of Kingston in 1869, from which he was graduated in 1872. Immediately thereafter he located in Victoria, County of Norfolk, Ont., where he remained two years. In 1874 he went to Reed City, Michigan, but after a few years of practice he settled in Essex, in 1876, and here enjoys a fine patronage. He is a natural student, and every minute he can find for himself is spent in his large, well chosen and valuable library.

In 1881 Dr. Brien was united in marriage with Addie Burdette, who was born Jan. 16, 1857, daughter of Rev. C. Burdette, a superannuated minister of Ridgetown, who died May 5, 1904, aged seventy-eight years and five days.

Dr. Brien purchased considerable real estate in Essex, erected a fine house, and there he has since made his home. In 1884 he was elected reeve of Essex, and served three consecutive terms; in 1886 he received the nomination of the Liberal party and was elected M.P. (defeating Lewis Wigle, who had represented South Essex for twelve years), serving four years. In 1895 he was elected mayor of Essex, to which position he was re-elected in 1902. In 1897 he was appointed collector of customs, and still holds that important position, having proved himself a man well fitted for his work. Both Dr. and Mrs. Brien are members of the Methodist Church. Politically he has always been identified with the Liberal party, and he is a charter member of the Odd Fellows and Foresters of Essex. Throughout a long and very useful life Dr. Brien has built up a good practice, firmly established himself in the confidence of the people and proved himself an honorable and able public official, and numbers his friends by the hundreds.

RICHARD COLBECK, a general farmer and stock raiser of Mersea township, has been more or less identified with the farming interests of Essex County for over thirty years. He came to Canada from England when a young man, and has helped to develop the resources of the fertile Province of Ontario.

James Colbeck, father of Richard, was born in Raithby, Lincolnshire, England, and, like his father, John Colbeck, was a gamekeeper on the estate of Squire Chaplin. The name was originally spelled Coulbeck, but of late years the "u" has been dropped. James Colbeck passed his entire life in England, where he died at the age of eighty. He and his wife were both members of the Church of England. He married Elizabeth Gainsborough, who was born in Caw-

thorp, daughter of John and Mildred (Pridgeon) Gainsborough, and descended from the famous Duke of Gainsborough. She lived to be eighty years of age, and was the mother of twelve children, as follows: Anne, who is the widow of John Kitchen; Rebecca (deceased), who married Benjamin Baumber; John, who lives in Bradford, Ont.; James, who lives in Gladwin, Michigan; Charlotte (deceased), who married Joseph Burkett, and lived in England; Joseph, who was a soldier in the Union army during the Civil war; William, who lives in Lambton County, Ont.; Elizabeth, who married Robert Fletcher, and lives in England; Thomas, who lives in Vancouver, B.C.; Richard, who is mentioned below; and two children who died in infancy.

Richard Colbeck was born Nov. 5, 1843, in Tathwell, Lincolnshire, England, and there grew up, attending the parish school, and working on the farm of Squire Chaplin, where his father was gamekeeper. Later he was employed about the horses in the hunting stables of the estate, and when he was sixteen became groom and driver for a clergyman of the Church of England. After five years in that place he returned to his old home, where he served the widow of Squire Chaplin in the capacity of butler until 1865, when he left England for Canada. He sailed from Liverpool on the Allan Line steamship "Hibernian," and landed at Quebec. He came first to Brantford, Ont., and for five years was employed on the Grand River, at a salary of \$150 a year. In 1871 he came to Essex County, locating at Sturgeon Creek, in Mersea township, where he rented 200 acres of the Jackson farm, which he and his brother Thomas operated in partnership for a year. At the end of that time he bought his brother's interest, and carried on the farm independently for four years. He then bought his present farm of fifty acres, on the Bevel line, on which he built a frame house, cleared the land, and brought it under cultivation. After a time he rented this farm, and returned for a while to the Jackson farm, later going to Detroit, Michigan, where he was employed as a gardener by Hon. W. K. Anderson, on his place at Grosse Point. There he remained until 1892, when he returned to Mersea township, and has since been engaged in farming and stock-raising in partnership with his son-in-law, Robert Burkett.

In 1871 Mr. Colbeck married, at Kingsville, Ellen, daughter of John and Isabella (Robin-

son) Jackson. Three children were born to this union, as follows: John Howard, who died when two weeks old; Amelia Margaret, who married Robert Burkett; and Frederick William, who died in June, 1902, in Colorado, from the effects of lung trouble. Mrs. Colbeck died Dec. 17, 1901, and is buried in Lake View cemetery. Like her husband and daughter, she was a member of the Church of England. Mr. Colbeck is a man of domestic habits, fond of his home and family. In his business dealings he is noted for his honesty and uprightness of character. In politics he is a Conservative.

ROBERT BURKETT, who married Amelia Margaret, daughter of Richard Colbeck, was born in Covernham, Lincolnshire, England, May 22, 1864, son of Joseph and Charlotte (Colbeck) Burkett. He attended the parish school, and, his father being a prosperous land holder, remained at home until he reached his majority. He came to America in 1885, sailing from Liverpool and landing in New York, whence he went to Michigan, where he learned the trade of painter, which he followed there until 1898. He then came to Mersea township, where he has since been engaged in farming and stock-raising, residing on the Colbeck farm with his father-in-law. In politics he is independent. He is a member of the Methodist Church, and fraternally belongs to the I.O.F. He married Amelia Margaret Colbeck in 1895, and they have one child, Rosa Ella.

JOHN JACKSON, in his lifetime one of the large land owners and best known agriculturists of Mersea township, was an early settler of Essex County. He travelled over the entire section when it was still in its primitive state, and he knew of his own personal knowledge the toil and endurance that were the price of the fertile and improved fields of to-day. His last home was located on Concession 1, where he died.

On May 24, 1827, Mr. Jackson married, in Sinnott township, Isabella Robinson. Their children were: Ann, born July 15, 1829, married (first) William Wilkinson, and (second) Robert Allison; Mary (deceased), born Aug. 17, 1832, was Mrs. Parsons; Jane, born March 10, 1834, married John Campbell (deceased); Margaret, born May 22, 1835, married Thomas Newcomb, and lives in San Jose, California; Hannah (deceased), born Oct. 3, 1837, married John Newcomb; Isabella, born April 1, 1840, married Benjamin Noble, of Mersea township; John, born

Dec. 3, 1841, is deceased: Ephraim, born Aug. 20, 1844, resides in Walkerville; Ellen, born Sept. 1, 1850, married Richard Colbeck, mentioned in the foregoing sketch.

For several years Mr. Jackson kept a diary, and a part of it, relating to his experiences in locating in this section, is here appended:

Account in substance of his travels in the western district of Ontario: "I started in July, 1834, after having lived in the township of Smith about fifteen years, with a view to see the western country, intending to settle in it, if it should answer my expectations. Reaching Coburg, myself and fellow-travellers were detained about two weeks, and then started for Toronto, by steamer, Capt. Lealand in charge. After remaining there eight or nine days, we went on board of the Canadian steam packet bound for Niagara, leaving about 7 o'clock in the morning, and arriving after noon, whereupon we engaged a wagon for Chippawa, reaching there after dark. The next day we went on board the Thames steamer, under Capt. Van Allen, for Port Stanley, which we made after two days, touching at Buffalo and some other places on the way. We next took a wagon for St. Thomas, a distance of nine miles.

"Thinking it was about time I should see a little of the country, I made a little inquiry for land, and was informed that there was lots of land about London, about twenty-eight miles from St. Thomas, but when I got there it fell far short of the description. Nevertheless I got a view of the country, which is very fine, but appeared to me as frosty as the country I had left, so I returned without finding anything to my mind.

"SEPTEMBER.—I now started for the west, and travelled up the lake side about sixty miles, as far as the Rondeau, visiting a great many farms without any satisfaction, as the country is very badly watered, and I had good reason to conclude not healthy, there being much complaint of bloody murrain amongst cattle, although there is a great deal of good land. After going a short way in the township of Raleigh, I went north about eighteen miles to Chatham, a small village on the river Thames, Point Aux Pines, which is in a noble surrounding, six or eight miles above the town, low and very fertile land abounding with fruit. Here I met with Van Allen, who informed me that he owned a farm of 100 acres, with about thirty cleared, lying on the river, which he would sell for \$600; so

he sent a man to show it, but when we got there, it also fell far short of the description. I then traveled along up the river about twenty miles to the Moravian village, where I got onto a track that brought me out at the Clear creek, on Lake Erie, and I came down again to St. Thomas.

"OCTOBER.—As we were in very uncomfortable lodgings, I tried all around for a house, but to no purpose. I was not very satisfied with this part of the country. Taking into account the very low prices of produce, and the many inconveniences, I was almost led to conclude that a man might do a great deal better in the farming line about Toronto, say within about thirty miles of it. Having learned something of the price of land about that distance on my way up, having gone out to see Mr. Craven, and having some conversation one day with a Mr. Crystler, a merchant, I was expressing myself after this manner, when he told me of several lots he had to sell in the neighborhood, but if I wished to go to that part of the country, he had land down there also, he would sell to me. It is 200 acres in the township of Albion, situated so and so, which I considered he offered at half its value, if the land was worth anything. I determined to go to see it. Accordingly I started for the river Thames, a boat being ready to start that day for Chippawa, and we were soon at our destination. I pursued my journey out to Albion to have a view of my great bargain, but to my astonishment when I beheld that part of the township, I would not have lived in it for half of the township. I again visited Craven, whom I found very kind, and other neighbors, who seemed very desirous to get me to settle among them, but to no avail, and I returned home or to my family, having no home. After I got back again to the Chippawa, the boat that I expected was gone up the lake, and no other being expected short of a week I decided to go up the country on foot, a distance of not less than 200 miles, which I accordingly accomplished in about a week, much tired and perplexed. On my way I engaged with a Quaker, a house about eighteen miles east of St. Thomas, where we stayed about two months, during which time I got acquainted with a brother of his, who owned 400 acres of land in the township of Chatham, which he had never seen, and which he wanted to sell at one dollar per acre. As the government price was three dollars per acre, I thought this might be

worth attention. After a little rest I started off again for Chatham, and before I got satisfied of this, it cost me about fourteen days and eight or ten dollars, so I came back another road through the country home again without any satisfaction. This is a very badly watered part of the country, and very low.

"NOVEMBER.—After this I became a little more wary, and confined my inquiries and observations a little more to the Lake Shore, as it is the only part of the Province that affords climate for the fruits of the earth to come to perfection; generally inland they are all injured by the frost in the fall of the year. I visited Yarmouth which I think affords generally as good land as I have seen in the West, but I did not think it worth the price, considering the low price of produce, wheat being worth only half a dollar a bushel. Water is scarce here too. I then went down the lake to Port Burwell, on the other creek, township of Houghton and Walsingham, and returned again; but was not fully satisfied, and a short time after I paid another visit to Walsingham, in front of which is a spacious bay, which from information affords one of the finest harbors on Lake Erie. The land along the lake is excellent, and as there is several lots for sale on the lake I determined to make a settlement in that township. Several fine streams empty into the lake along this shore, and a great deal of fish is caught in the season. I look upon the place as possessing as many privileges as any part of the western country that I have seen.

"DECEMBER.—After making some inquiries I found a house that we could have for the winter, or till we could suit ourselves with a lot. I therefore got the family down to Walsingham in December, all in good health and high spirits through the good hand of our God upon us. Praise His Holy Name!

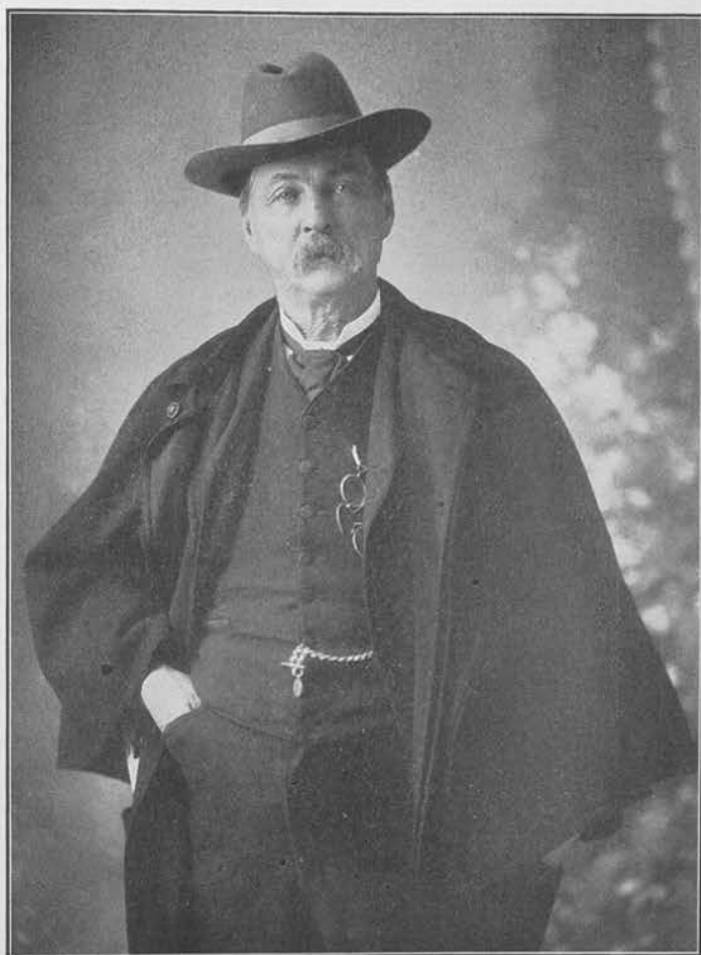
"It is now March 26th, and we still remain at Walsingham, having passed a very moderate winter, without having been able to make a settlement. The winter had been quite open, only about one week sleighing, yet this, I am led to believe, is not the ordinary weather for the season. The wheat, on account of the changes of weather, looked bad. In the latter part of March I started again for the West with a view of going as far as Sandwich, by Amherstburg, and if without success, to see the St. Clair. I traveled up the lake to Port Burwell, on the 'Otter,' and then to Port Stanley, on the

little creek, past Col. Talbot's to the township of Romney, to see a lot belonging to Col. Burwell, on the lake shore, which did not please. I went on to the next township, Mersea, in which are a good many Englishmen. The Main street of this township gave very little encouragement, but nevertheless I must stop and have a little talk with the old countrymen, whom I found very kind, and was recommended to many a good lot, some of which I went to see, one in particular, the owner living in Sandwich, I went to see, taking a view of the country, and making every inquiry by the way. We could not agree, but he told me of a lot his brother owned in the same township, about a mile from the lake, which I thought proper to have a look at. I traveled back again about thirty miles after a look at it, and was informed of another lot, owned by Joseph Wood, Esq., which laid alongside of it with a good stream of water running through it. I thought these two lots an object, containing altogether 400 acres, which after traveling three or four times to Sandwich, I succeeded in purchasing for \$850. I went right to work about the 16th day of May, but could effect but little, having as much as three miles to travel night and morning, the inconvenience of which soon tired me, and I laid plans to move my family. On making some inquiries, I found a man that would bring them up for \$16, about one hundred and forty miles, so I wrote my wife. Not being acquainted with the steamboats running, I desired her to investigate and send me word which way she would prefer, also whether she preferred to wait for a boat or to hire a wagon herself, or for me to do it. As it was very early in the season, the boats had not commenced regular trips, and as she could scarcely get a wagon at any price, she thought it best for me to hire one and come down myself. But I could not see the use of my going, and I engaged the man for \$16. He started on a Friday, and my expectations were that in the course of a week I would have my family with me, but I was greatly disappointed, as on Saturday the man returned, having met with discouraging accounts of the roads after traveling about thirty miles. I was now at a loss what to do, as I had not written my wife any accounts of this engagement. However, in the midst of my perplexity, I was very agreeably surprised on the day following (Sabbath) when the family arrived at the house where I stopped, all in good health. They came by a boat to Amherst-

burg, and thence in a wagon. After a little trouble we got our house raised, and thought ourselves very comfortable after our little traveling. In the fall of the same year we had an increase of family, a daughter. There was considerable fever and ague in the country about this time. In the spring of 1836 I engaged Joseph Iveson to work on shares for five years, had a yoke of good oxen and four cows, and raised a little tobacco, corn and potatoes. This bargain did not stand long, as after working about two years of his time, he got married, and we were obliged to part after an arbitration. Again we found ourselves alone, but managed to get along quite comfortably. In the spring of 1841, I engaged a chopper by the name of Francis Ives."

PETER CONOVER, one of the oldest residents of Mersea township, County of Essex, and a man most highly respected by a large circle of friends, was born in Toronto township, County of York, Dec. 22, 1822, son of Garrett and Sarah (Kenny) Conover. He was one of a family of eight children born to his parents, four of whom survive: Lucinda, widow of H. Truefoot, of Illinois; Garrett, of Newaygo County, Michigan; Samuel, of Erindale, Toronto; and Peter, John, James and David are deceased.

The Conover family belonged to the United Empire Loyalists. Garrett Conover, Sr., was born in the State of Pennsylvania, and came on the paternal side of the family from Irish ancestors; the ancestral home of the Kenny family was located at Dublin, though they came to Canada from Pennsylvania, Americans. Garrett and Sarah (Kenny) Conover, the latter also born in the United States, were married in Pennsylvania, and soon thereafter came, with his father, Samuel, and his family, to Muddy York, Ont., now Toronto. Garrett Conover was a veteran of the war of 1812, and left the States as a British subject. He bought land in Toronto from the Government. At this early day there were no railroads in Canada, and not until later were any of the now numerous mines in operation, from which was to come the ore to make rails. In 1850 the family migrated with teams to the County of Essex, where the present Peter Conover homestead, now known as Sea Cliff and Park Farm, was purchased. This beautiful property, overlooking the lake shore, comprised 170 acres, of which 20 acres were developed by Mr.



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Conover into a park, to which many people come during the summer. So popular has it become that the Michigan Central Railroad Company built a station at this point, calling it Sea Cliff Park, and Mr. Conover tendered the park to the City of Leamington, provided sufficient money was appropriated for its maintenance. The municipality failed to avail itself of this most generous offer, and Mr. Conover was obliged to close what might have been secured as a public park to the people of the locality. The natural and developed advantages of the place combine to make it one of the most beautiful estates in the section. Mr. Conover had a large peach orchard on the place, covering eight acres, which was destroyed by the severe winter of 1895.

Peter Conover was educated at Toronto, and when he was twenty-two years of age embarked in the study of medicine, under an excellent physician, Mr. Ross, at Burford. Circumstances, however, arose which forced him to change his plans, and as he did not feel that to be his calling he relinquished the profession and engaged in agricultural pursuits. Later the father, Garrett Conover, when making provision for his children, gave Peter his share of the estate in Toronto real estate, but the latter never resided in that city after leaving it, early in life. He had learned the carpenter's trade, and in 1857 was engaged to help build the Point Pelee lighthouse, a piece of work which has received many high commendations.

In politics Mr. Conover is a Conservative, and he has served several times as a member of the council, and has taken an active part in the progress and development of the township. For the past twenty years he has had charge of the Point Pelee ordinance lands. In religious matters he is a consistent member of the Baptist Church. Though now eighty-two years of age, he is in excellent health, possessed of all his faculties, and able to hold his own with those twenty years his junior.

Through a long and useful life, this venerable gentleman has upheld the highest principles of honest dealing, and has endeavored to carry out his religious faith in his everyday life. That he has succeeded, the many good deeds resulting from his efforts, his own kind, generous nature, and the love and esteem in which he is held, amply testify, and they are a great encouragement to others to emulate the many virtues of Peter Conover of Leamington.

In October, 1848, Mr. Conover was married to Matilda Kenny, of Toronto, who was born in 1826, daughter of the late Peter Kenny, and who died Oct. 25, 1903; she is buried in Lake View cemetery, in Mersea township. Seven children blessed this union, namely: Sarah L., born Sept. 15, 1849, died in 1863; Byron S., born May 13, 1851, died the same year; Isabella A., born Jan. 31, 1853, died the same year; Forest H. C., born Sept. 20, 1855, is mentioned below; Matilda C., born April 1, 1858, died in 1902; Meritt D., born Nov. 18, 1863, died in 1892; Annie B., born June 9, 1869, is the widow of William Ryall.

FOREST H. C. CONOVER, son of Peter, was born Sept. 20, 1855. He married Amelia Robinson, and they have three children: Gertrude V., Pearl L. and Loris C.

In May, 1881, under the Sir John A. Macdonald administration, Forest H. C. Conover was appointed lightkeeper of the Leamington Light Station, and he still occupies the same position, faithful to his appointment, and diligent in his duties. On Oct. 27, 1886, a terrific storm swept Lake Erie, and the brig "W. Y. Emry" was wrecked and the crew of seven men and two women were clinging to the rigging at the mercy of the storm. Mr. Conover and Thomas Robson volunteered to go to their assistance, risking their lives, in a fishing smack. They took off the crew safely. Many other similar deeds of note are recorded to the credit of the lightkeeper. Mr. Conover is also a noted sportsman, and for many years devoted a large portion of his study to nitro-compounds and other explosives, principally in the interests of the sportsman. In the year 1894 the United States Smokeless Powder Company, of San Francisco, engaged the influence of Mr. Conover in their interests, and he developed the trade for their brands of goods throughout the Province, having devoted about four years to that firm. In 1898 Mr. Conover engaged with the E. I. Du Pont Powder Company of Wilmington, Delaware, and still remains as the most popular trade representative in the Dominion, visiting all the shooting tournaments in Ontario, exemplifying the merits of the article he advocates. He still holds the inanimate bird championship of Ontario, won on a clean score at Chatham, June tournament, 1902.

REV. ALEXANDER SCRATCH (KRATZ), a retired minister of the Methodist Church, a direct descendant of one of the pioneer families of Essex County, and one of the most highly

revered citizens of Leamington, was born in Gosfield township, Essex, July 18, 1826, son of Henry and Isabella (Wilkinson) Scratch.

The name of Scratch is a corruption of Kratz, the change being of comparatively recent date. In the old spelling it appears on historic records as the cognomen of men who performed heroic and humane deeds. The first of whom there is record is one Peter Kratz, who "lost his life in the year 1759, while assisting in burying the dead after a battle between the Romans and Protestants concerning religion." That is his record. Just where the battle was fought is not known, but his home was at a village some three miles from Frankfort-on-the-Main, called Teutonhoofer. Of his wife nothing is known.

On Feb. 14, 1756, at Teutonhoofer, was born Leonhard Kratz, son of the above-mentioned Peter. Of his early years there is no record, but in 1776, at the age of twenty, he was a soldier in an army that came to America from Germany to help England quell the rebellion of her Colonies. These German troops were raised by conscription, and the regiment in which young Leonhard served was well drilled at home, and was commanded by Gen. Baron de Beidesel. Bound for Quebec, they landed at Portsmouth, New Hampshire, and by reinforcing Gen. Carleton were to drive back the invading Americans from Canada. Under Gen. Burgoyne they participated in that General's historic invasion, which ended in his surrender of his whole army at Saratoga, Oct. 11, 1777, to the American Gen. Gates. The German (or Hessian) contingent of the surrendered army was marched into the colony of Virginia, and there held prisoners of war two years, one of the stipulations of the surrender being that they should take no further part in the war. They were offered free passage home, or the privilege of sharing with loyal subjects of King George in grants of land. This was in 1779, and when this offer was made public Leonhard Kratz was absent on a furlough, visiting some friends but recently arrived from Germany. During his absence his company disbanded, some eagerly returning home. Whatever would have been Leonhard's choice the time to make it was past when he returned to headquarters and found that some of his comrades had gone, and some had cast their lot with the inhabitants of the New World. He, himself, was by force of circumstances obliged to remain, and, naturally, he determined to avail himself of the guaranteed land grants.

In 1779-80 many colonists left Virginia for Kentucky, and among the numerous bands was one in which traveled the Munger and Toffelmeyer families and Leonhard Kratz, the last named being, from a previous knowledge of the country, the guide. The Indians were hostile and the whites were in constant danger. In the Munger family was a daughter Mary, between whom and the young guide sprang up a lasting affection. They sought parental sanction, but this was positively denied, as the young suitor was a stranger—a soldier from a distant land. The unhappy state of affairs required a desperate remedy, and Leonhard proved himself master of the situation. Biding his time until they were well advanced into the wilderness, he halted, and declared he would no longer act as guide unless consent to his marriage with Mary Munger was given. This was done, and as soon as a properly authorized person was obtained the marriage ceremony was performed, in the open air, by the side of the wagons holding all their earthly possessions. The party then proceeded to the fertile valley of the Licking in Kentucky. Ruddell's, a station for protection against the Indians, was built, and the settlers made preparation for the next spring's planting. The open enmity of the Redmen made this a most difficult task, it being necessary to wield an axe or a hoe with one hand while the other held a gun. In the spring of 1780, after their corn was in, came the terrible raid of six hundred Indians and Canadians, the former under the notorious Simon Girty, and the whole under Col. Byrd. The settlers became the prey of the Indians, the young wife of Leonhard Kratz giving birth to her first child during the excitement of the parley at the station. Her husband, also a prisoner, was loaded with a huge copper kettle on his back, the marks of which he carried all his life, and, torn by his physical anguish and his fears for his young wife, from whom he was separated, his sufferings can be better imagined than described. A few hours' delay was made owing to the mother's critical condition, and then the women and children were placed in boats and carried down the river. A few evenings later, as they unloaded to camp for the night, the young mother, her babe in her arms, staggered from weakness, and sank at the root of a tree, and the poor baby's head struck the tree, causing instant death. With her own hands Mrs. Kratz hollowed out a grave, and buried her first-born from sight. The men were marched

across the country, and starvation almost closed the sufferings of Leonhard Kratz, still bound to his copper kettle. A squaw, Mona Du Quatte, took pity on him, and slipped him food; and years afterward he was able to repay her by kindly care in her old age. The men prisoners were taken to Detroit, and purchased from the Indians by Gen. McCoombs, the price being paid in blankets. Under kindly care of the authorities their strength returned. Mr. Kratz had no knowledge of his wife, but he kept constant watch of the boats arriving with prisoners from all over the country. At last she came, but so bent, so emaciated, he did not recognize her until she called him by name, and then he bore her in his arms like an infant to quarters where she would be cared for.

In 1781 Leonhard Kratz and his wife located on Hog Island, and once again began life together, and in time a son, Peter, was born to them. As Mr. Kratz had never been discharged from the army, some unfriendly comments had been made, calling him a deserter. This he determined to have corrected, that his children could bear a name untarnished. It necessitated a trip to Germany, which he made in 1782, securing his honorable discharge, and thus forever setting that question at rest. At the end of eighteen months he returned to his home to find his son, Peter, had died in his absence. About 1785 they moved to Trenton, Michigan, and in 1787 became tenants of Gen. McCoombs, on Grosse Ile. In 1792, the Governor of Canada having offered grants of land to the U. E. Loyalists and others who had assisted Great Britain in the war, Leonhard Kratz and his family again became subject to the British King. The lot given him was No. 9, in Gosfield township, County of Essex, Ont., containing 200 acres, and this he exchanged with an old German for Lot No. 2, later purchasing No. 9, thus becoming the owner of 400 acres. The log house first erected was replaced in 1823 by a spacious brick home.

Leonhard Kratz was a prominent man. His education had been acquired in the Old World, where he enjoyed advantages not to be obtained in a new country. He was reared in the faith of the Episcopal Church, and while he never united with any other denomination he freely gave to all, and his home was always open to the clergy, regardless of creed. He was hospitable and generous, and the Indians often sought favors of him, regarding him as a man of great

bravery and daring. Through the influence of the first schoolmaster in Gosfield, McMurray by name, who insisted that the name Kratz was, in reality, Scratch, and ought to be so spelled, the change was made, Leonhard, himself, finally submitting to it. He died at Gosfield Aug. 12, 1829. His wife died in 1840.

To Leonhard and Mary (Munger) Kratz were born the following children, eleven in all: The first died as above stated; Peter died while his father was in Germany; Susanna, born on Hog Island, July 23, 1785, married, Feb. 9, 1802, John Wigle, and died Jan. 29, 1860; Peter (2), born at Trenton, Michigan, Nov. 29, 1786, married in Colchester, May 3, 1808, Mary Wigle, and died March 14, 1871; Isabella, born on Grosse Ile, May 18, 1788, married, at Mt. Pleasant, Feb. 12, 1805, Wendel Wigle, and died May 21, 1881; Katie, born on Grosse Ile, in 1789, married George Friend, and died in 1812; Mary, born on Grosse Ile, July 26, 1791, married at Gosfield, Dec. 16, 1813, and died at Jeffersonville, Indiana, April 6, 1870; Elizabeth, born at Gosfield, July 25, 1793, married in Gosfield, May 31, 1809, Charles Howard Friend, and died in Lockland, Ohio, July 7, 1853; Leonard, born in Gosfield in 1795, married — Sellars, had one daughter, and died in Ohio; Henry, born in Gosfield, April 5, 1797, is mentioned below; John, born in Gosfield, July 24, 1801, married in November, 1818, Sarah Malotte.

Henry Scratch (Kratz) was born in Gosfield township, April 5, 1797, and his entire life was passed in his native township. For some years he was successfully engaged in the practice of medicine. In 1818 he joined the Wesleyan Methodist Church, and in 1847 he was ordained a Methodist minister. He was greatly beloved in the community, and he died universally regretted, Jan. 23, 1861. In Colchester, in 1817, he married Isabella Wilkinson, who was born May 25, 1798, daughter of John Wilkinson, a native of County Derry, Ireland, who came to Malden township in 1801, and died that fall. To Henry and Mrs. Scratch were born children as follows: (1) Peter, born May 6, 1818, married Sept. 11, 1838, Mary Lytle, who was born July 3, 1820, and died Nov. 29, 1854. Their five children were, Henry, Elizabeth, Nicholas, Thomas and Theodore. (2) Mary Ann, born April 3, 1820, in Gosfield, married there, Sept. 5, 1838, Thomas Govereau, born in Amherstburg April 19, 1815. Their nine children were Melissa,

Peter, Hester (who died at the age of eight years), Clarissa, Lewis, Alexander, Sylvester (who died at the age of four years), Mary and Arthur. (3) John, born March 2, 1822, married (first) Harriet Randall, and (second) Sarah Wright, and had six children, Benjamin, Darius, Mary Ann, Martha, Alexander and Sarah. (4) William, born March 20, 1824, married Charlotte McDonald, and had seven children, Lucy, Viola, Floretta, Almeron, Arnold, Estelle and Henry. (5) Alexander is referred to farther on. (6) Clarissa, born May 10, 1828, married June 4, 1848, Joshua Adams, who is mentioned elsewhere, and had three children, Isabella, Mary and Hester. (7) Melissa died at the age of six years. (8) Edgerton, born July 31, 1834, married May 12, 1854, Jane Cowan.

Alexander Scratch (Kratz) was born July 18, 1826. The common schools afforded him a substantial foundation for his future attainments, and he enjoyed also a period of study under Col. King, a noted educator of that time, residing in what is now Kingsville. His school days ended, he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. Reared in a Christian home, he early gave himself to the services of his Master. In 1871, after sixteen years as a local preacher, he regularly entered the ministry. His first charge was the Rondeau circuit in the County of Kent, from which he was transferred to Fort Erie, Ont., whence after two years he was sent to Vienna, County of Elgin. Three years of faithful labor there ended with his appointment to Sweaburg, County of Oxford, where he remained a like period. One year more in Vienna and then his appointments, in order, were: Embro and Thamesford, County of Oxford, three years; Durham, two years; Salem, County of Bruce, three years; Everton, County of Wellington, one year; and Mildmay, County of Bruce, one year, thus completing forty years of faithful and devoted work in the Lord's vineyard—twenty-four years of regularly ordained ministry, and sixteen in local preaching. Earnest himself, he was gifted with the eloquence that comes from true love and sincere faith, and from an inborn knowledge of his subject. In his own daily life he has followed, as best he knows, the teachings of the Nazarene, and through his efforts and the force of his noble example and self-sacrifice many have been brought to Christ. In June, 1895, he was superannuated, and located in Leamington. There, with his beloved wife, he is now passing the evening of his life in rest

and comfort, and although now in his seventy-ninth year he is still active, and ever ready when called upon to labor in the cause he loves so well.

In February, 1847, Rev. Alexander Scratch was married to Ann L. Adams, who was born in Colchester township June 1, 1828. Five children came to bless their home: (1) Salonis, born Nov. 19, 1847, married Alice Jane Cowan, who died Aug. 6, 1899. They had two children, one now deceased, and Elmer, living. (2) Matthew M., born Aug. 8, 1849, married Eliza French, and they have seven children, Alexander, Edmond, Lucy, Howard, Alvin, Florence and Reneldo. (3) Edgerton, born March 17, 1851, married Jane Jeffries, and had nine children. (4) Joshua, born Aug. 29, 1853, died the following November. (5) Priscilla Ann, born Aug. 3, 1856, married Joseph Craddock, and has fourteen children living; several are deceased.

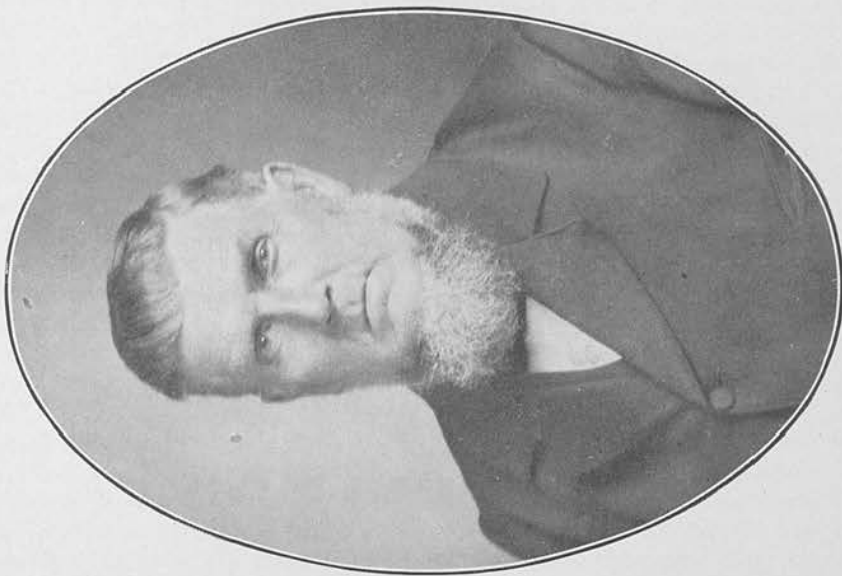
Mrs. Scratch proved herself an ideal minister's wife, assisting her husband ably and energetically in his material and spiritual duties. As a sound theologian, she was often able to help him on difficult subjects. She has long been an efficient Sunday-school teacher, and has often served as superintendent of the Sunday-school.

JOSEPH DRUMMOND, the present clerk of the township of Colchester South, is widely known as a successful teacher, who began his career along that line, and so continued it until 1888, a period of thirty-eight years. He was born at Crieff, Perthshire, Scotland, May 15, 1827, son of James and Margaret (Forbes) Drummond, who passed their lives in Scotland, where the former was a stage driver. Both parents died of typhus fever in February, 1848, the father aged seventy-two and the mother sixty-six. Their children were: John, who died in Scotland, aged twenty-seven; Mary, who died in Scotland at the age of eight; and Joseph. They were all members of the Established Church of Scotland.

Joseph Drummond was educated in the schools of Dunkeld, but at the age of fourteen years he went to Perth, and entered the office of an attorney, remaining six years, four as a writer's clerk, and two as cashier's clerk. From that time until 1849 he served as clerk in several offices, chiefly in the Scottish Central Railroad. In 1849 he sailed from Glasgow in the schooner "Ailsa Craig," and in due time landed at New



Mrs. Joseph Drummond



Joseph Drummond

York, coming soon thereafter to the County of Essex, Ont. In 1850 he secured a school in Colchester South, and for the following thirty-eight years, except one year when he was ill, he taught in this county, and the greater portion of the time in Colchester South, and also in Kingsville and Malden. The last eight years were spent in the turnpike school in the Webb settlement, in Colchester North. Many men in the township to-day, who are fathers, and even grandfathers, went to school when Mr. Drummond was teaching, and they often express the wish that their children had as good instruction as they received. To him, perhaps, more than to any other one man, is due the high standard of the township schools. He was to his pupils a guide, not only in the paths of learning, but in those of high morality and right living.

In 1852 Mr. Drummond married Lucy Ferriss, a daughter of Isaac and Lucy (Wright) Ferriss. Their children were: (1) Janet married Alanson Scratch, of Kingsville, and had a daughter, Linnie, now teaching in the Woodstock Collegiate Institute. (2) Melville, a farmer of Colchester South, married (first) Adelaide Buchanan, and had a daughter, Josephine; he married (second) Lucy Bailey, of Malden, and they have four children: Josie, Carey, Izetta and Hazel. (3) Maggie, widow of Claude Shepley, lives at Leamington; she has two sons, Joseph and Earl. (4) James, who is in the livery business at Harrow, married Bertha Best, and has four children: Lorain, Joseph, Madeline and Douglas. (5) Wilhelmina married I. E. Webster, a commercial traveler of Harrow, and has one daughter, Vida. (6) Carey Everard owns the Drummond House in Harrow; he married Maggie H. Ranft, and has two children: Robina, and Edwin. (7) Abner died in infancy.

In addition to teaching for so many years, Mr. Drummond has probably held more municipal offices than any present official of the county. In 1866 he became township clerk and served continuously for fourteen years; then, after a rest of nine years, was again elected, and thus has served the township for over thirty years.

Isaac Ferriss, father of Mrs. Drummond, was born in the State of Kentucky. As a U. E. Loyalist he came in boyhood with his parents to Canada. Their other children were John, Joseph, Mary (who died single), and Esther (who married Abner Lidwell). They settled in Colchester South, along the lake, and took up

several hundred acres of wild land, which, after clearing, proved remunerative for agricultural purposes. At the age of sixteen Isaac Ferriss became a soldier, and was present at the capture of Detroit, Michigan, in 1812. He married Lucy Wright, who was born in Colchester South, and who died in 1891, aged eighty-six. He died in 1888, at the same age. Their children were: Ann, who married Benjamin Knapp, and has four children; Philip, a retired farmer of Colchester South, who married Eleanor Little, and has four children; Hulda, who married Joseph Snider, deceased, of Colchester South, and has four children; Caroline, deceased, who married William Buchanan, and had three children; Sarah, who married John Munger, of Utica, Michigan, and has six children; Lucy, who became the wife of Joseph Drummond; Joseph, of Amherstburg, who wedded Alma Baldwin, had nine children, and died in 1901; Abner, mentioned elsewhere; Ebenezer, a farmer at Harrow, who married Margaret Brimmer; Thomas, formerly a farmer, and now postmaster at Harrow, who married and has six children; and Isaac, a farmer of Anderdon township, who married Mary Lonsberry, and has four children.

MICHAEL HOUSTON, barrister and solicitor at law, and police magistrate of the city of Chatham, County of Kent, is descended from Scottish ancestry in both paternal and maternal lines.

The oldest member of the family of whom we have authentic record is Nathaniel Houston, the grandfather of Michael, who was born in Dalry, Scotland, about 1770, and there married Jane Dixon, who was born in 1773. Their children were: Alexander, Jennette, Jane, Robert and John M. Of this family, Robert, the father of Mr. Houston, was the first to come to Ontario, emigrating thither in 1825, at the age of twenty-two years. In due time all the other members of the family came also, and here the parents died. When Robert Houston reached Canada he settled first at Montreal, and later moved to Aldborough, where in 1829 he married Nancy Campbell, who was born in Argyllshire, Scotland, in 1806, three years later than her husband, who was born April 6, 1803. After marriage Robert Houston and his wife settled on a farm on what was known then as the Long Woods road, where they remained about two years. On April 10, 1832, they moved to a farm in Harwich township, County of Kent,

where he spent the remainder of a useful life, dying April 10, 1897, just sixty-five years to a day from the date of his settlement at that place. His wife died in 1882. The following children were born to them: (1) Annie, born Dec. 25, 1830, married E. P. Longford, of Harwich township. (2) Duncan, born March 6, 1833, married Catherine Ferguson, and resides on a part of the old farm in Harwich township. Their children are John D., a farmer of Raleigh, who married Effie Clark; Maggie, who married James Smith, of Harwich; Annie, at home; Michael F., who married Sarah McKinley and is a farmer of Harwich; and Kittie, Tina and Walter, at home. (3) Margaret is the widow of John Richardson, of Chatham. (4) John married Mary McKillop, of Harwich, and their children are Bessie, the wife of George Smyth; Alexander, who married Jennie Smyth; Annie; Margaret; Robert; John, Jr.; Mary and Duncan. (5) Michael is mentioned below. (6) Bessie married John R. Wood, of Appleton, Wisconsin, and they have six daughters.

Michael Houston, of Chatham, so well and favorably known throughout that locality, was born February 28, 1842, in Harwich township, County of Kent, on the old homestead, and there grew to manhood. His education was obtained in the public schools of Harwich, and he finished his course in the Chatham high school. In 1865 he creditably passed his primary examination in the law, and spent the winter of 1867-68 in the law school of the University of Michigan; later he became attached to the law office of Patterson, Harrison & Patterson, of Toronto, passing his final examination as barrister and solicitor in November, 1870. That year he settled in Chatham, and for a time attended to the business interests of E. W. Scane, but in January, 1871, he opened an office of his own, and continued in active practice alone until May 5, 1873, when he formed a partnership with E. W. Scane, the association continuing until Mr. Scane's death, in April, 1902.

On May 5, 1882, Judge Houston was appointed to his present responsible position, in connection with which he still continues in the practice of his profession. He is solicitor for the Chatham Gas Co., of which he is a director, and he is one of the trustees of the Public General Hospital.

On Nov. 12, 1873, Mr. Houston married Miss Harriet Northwood, of Chatham, daughter of the late William Northwood. She was born

July 28, 1852, and is a lady of education and social position. Four children have been born to this union, namely: Grace, who was educated at McMaster University; Margaret; Jessie, B.A., of the University of Toronto, class of 1902; and William, a student in the Collegiate Institute at Chatham. The beautiful modern home of Judge Houston and family is located on Victoria avenue, in Chatham. Politically the Judge favors the Reform party. The religious membership of the family is in the Baptist Church.

Mr. Houston is an able lawyer, well equipped in the ethics of his profession, a magistrate of most excellent discrimination, a business man of integrity, and a progressive, enterprising and representative citizen.

MILES R. B. COWAN, who for forty-one years was connected with Her Majesty's Customs, is a native of Essex County, and a son of John Cowan, an early settler of Sandwich.

Mr. Cowan was born in Sandwich March 5, 1833, and until he was sixteen years of age resided in his native town. The following five years he acted as clerk in a dry-goods store in Detroit, and later was engaged in the same capacity in Cleveland, but at the expiration of the five years he returned to Sandwich and in 1855 was appointed to the Customs at Windsor, where he served faithfully and well for forty-one years, and was then placed upon the retired list. Still, after so long a period of activity, it was almost impossible for him to be idle, and he embarked in a general insurance and real-estate business, in which he is now engaged, and he is meeting with marked success.

In 1877 Mr. Cowan and Mrs. P. A. Nickles were united in marriage, and to this union has come one son, Miles Hall Cowan, who was born at Windsor in 1881; he was graduated from the Windsor Collegiate Institute in 1899, and was a member of the class of 1904, at the University of Michigan. Mr. Cowan is one of the substantial and honored residents of Windsor, and is known and highly respected over a wide area as a man of uprightness of living, sterling honesty of action and purpose, and sincerity of speech.

SIMEON M. STEWART is a representative member of one of the historic families of County Essex, and is now proprietor of the leading hotel at Ruthven. The family, as the name indicates, is of Scotch extraction.

James Stewart, progenitor of the family in County Essex, was born in Argyllshire, Scotland, and always clung to the Highland costume, which, according to his clan, consisted of a kilted skirt, with sash and belt, a sword at his side, short hose and sandals. When he was quite young, the French war being then in progress a press gang started on its rounds to gather up young men by force, for increasing the army, and a brother of James Stewart was captured, although he subsequently escaped. On account of his youth James did not seek to avoid the gang, but, to his dismay, he was also impressed and placed in a company called the Highland Watch, in the 42d Regiment, this being the first company that was raised in Scotland. He served faithfully through the entire war, and, after it closed, embarked for America. During the American Revolution he served as a colonel in the British army, and took part in the battle of Bunker Hill. Safely passing through this war also, he subsequently married, in Maryland, a Scottish-born maiden, Margaret Brown, and started with her across the Alleghany Mountains, she being the second white woman who had ever crossed voluntarily. They settled on a farm in Dunkard township, Greene county, Pennsylvania, and in the course of time eight children were born to them, four sons—James, John, Daniel and Charles—and four daughters—Sophia, Mary, Jane and one whose name is not recorded.

The Indians were very troublesome at this time, committing depredations of all kinds, and becoming so threatening in their actions that it became prudent for this family, with others in the community, to enter the fort which had been erected for this purpose, some two miles distant from their farm. Occasionally they ventured to visit the various farms to try to care for the stock they had been obliged to abandon, and one morning when all seemed peaceful, Col. Stewart, with his two eldest sons, James and John, started for the farm. The party had gone unarmed, believing the Indians away from the neighborhood, but while they were feeding their stock at the farm they were suddenly surprised and attacked by a band of savages. Although Col. Stewart made a brave fight to protect his sons and preserve his life, it was useless, and the sons witnessed the terrible sight of the scalping of their helpless father, while they were carried into captivity. News was soon carried to the fort of this dreadful act of the band of Shawnees, and a rescue party was immediately

started, but too late to save the life of brave Col. Stewart. For seven years Mrs. Stewart and the rest of her family lived at the fort, at the end of that time, the Indians having been brought under control, and the country being more closely settled, returning to the farm. As can be imagined, she had many hardships to contend with. During all these years, having no news of her lost sons, she had about given up ever seeing them again, when a traveler brought news of a youth resembling her description. With this little thread of hope the brave mother set out alone, on horseback, the old gray steed being one whose ears had been pierced with an iron by one of the lost children. Following a wandering clue she reached Batavia, Ohio where she had been led to believe her son was living, and as it was nightfall when she reached there she put up at a house by the wayside. Early the following morning, despite her great fatigue, she was abroad early, and soon espied two young men carrying apples, one of whom she immediately recognized, although the youth had forgotten his mother. He recalled the old gray horse, however, whose ears he had pierced as a youthful prank. Subsequently he related how the Indians had taken the lads to Malden township, County of Essex, Ont., where was located a reserve of the Wyandotte Indians. After many hardships and indignities they were adopted into the tribe, but were never satisfied, and finally John effected his escape.

With one son thus restored to her, this brave mother, in his company, started to the rescue of the other son, James, this seemingly desperate journey taking them across the State of Pennsylvania and Ohio, through hundreds of miles of dense forest, until at last they reached the Detroit river. A small boat took them to the Canadian side, the horses swimming, and they landed at the present site of Amherstburg. Inquiry developed the fact that James Stewart was no longer with the Indians, but occupied a farm of several hundred acres near Cedar Creek. Here the re-union took place, a subject fit for the brush of an artist. About one year this devoted mother remained and then, with John, returned to the rest of the family in Pennsylvania. In 1805 the mother, then seventy-four years old, accompanied by her sons and their families, came to Canada, where she died in 1838, at the advanced age of 107 years.

John and Charles Stewart served under Gen. Anthony Wayne in the Indian war in Ohio, and

also assisted in the building of the stronghold, Fort Erie, the first one on Lake Erie. John Stewart married in Canada a Miss Augustine, and Charles married Jennie Findlay.

Charles Stewart, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Pennsylvania, and when he settled in Ontario drew a Government lot on the 4th Concession, in Mersea township. Later he acquired much land, enough to enable him to start each of his sons with a farm. For years he was an elder in the Baptist Church. His children were: Charles, who lives at Olinda (he married Mary Whittle, whose youngest daughter married J. S. Bruner); John, who lived at Olinda, and married Eliza Hamilton; Abel; and James. Of the daughters, Margaret married Michael Fox, locally known as "Big Mike"; Tabitha married Rev. Mr. Irving, a Baptist preacher; Polly married Lorenzo Dow Vaughn; and Sally married Harrison Brown.

Abel Stewart was born June 22, 1815, on the homestead farm in Mersea township, where he grew to manhood. He began farming on 100 acres of the homestead farm, selling that later and coming to Lot 12, on the Lake Shore in Gosfield, where he purchased 100 acres of unimproved land. On the front of this lot he built a water mill, which he ran for many years, and then sold to a Mr. Patton. He completed the clearing of his land, and built a frame house which still stands on the place, his first home having been a log cabin. His death took place Sept. 21, 1884, when he was aged sixty-nine years, two months, twenty-nine days. He married Lucy Blackman, who was born at Lockport, New York, and who died in Gosfield Feb. 24, 1893, aged sixty-six years, nine months, twenty-four days. Their children were: Rilla, widow of Leonard Fox, has two children, George and Amelia; Tabitha is the wife of William J. Fox; Demaris is the widow of John Fox, of Windsor; Horatio, a farmer of Pelee Island, married Katie Shoetie; Michael, a stonemason in Detroit, married Delia Burke, and they have two children, Amelia and Rexford; Simeon M. is mentioned below; Elihu B., of Detroit, married Jane Hair-sine, and they have three children, Leonard, Maitland and Eva, both sons being physicians; Nathaniel, of Leamington, married a Miss Fink; Duncan resides at Cohoes, New York; William lives at Ruthven; Wilday married Cornelius Neilson, of Sandusky, Ohio, and they have a daughter, Ethel.

Simeon M. Stewart was born Nov. 13, 1850, on

the old homestead in Mersea township, and was a boy when the family removed to the Lake Shore in Gosfield. He obtained his education in the section school. His first independent venture was as a hog and cattle buyer for Bell-nap & Drake, of Detroit, and he also did some buying for Hiram Walker. For nine months he worked at the carpenter trade in Lasalle county, Illinois.

On March 1, 1877, Mr. Stewart rented the "Lovelace Hotel" at Ruthven, which he conducted for five years, and then moved to Leamington. After one year there in the livery business he bought the "Lake View Hotel," which he operated for a time, and then sold it to become proprietor of the "Ontario House," and later the "Erie Hotel," at Wheatley. For a short time he engaged in the livery business at Leamington, but after an absence of five years returned to Ruthven. In May 1887, he purchased the hotel which he has since ably conducted, under the name of the "Stewart House." In addition he owns the home farm, and looks after this property in connection with his other business.

In politics Mr. Stewart is a Conservative, and he has always taken a lively interest in local affairs, but has never consented to hold political office, although eminently qualified to do so. For the past seventeen years he has been fraternally connected with the Order of United Workmen at Kingsville.

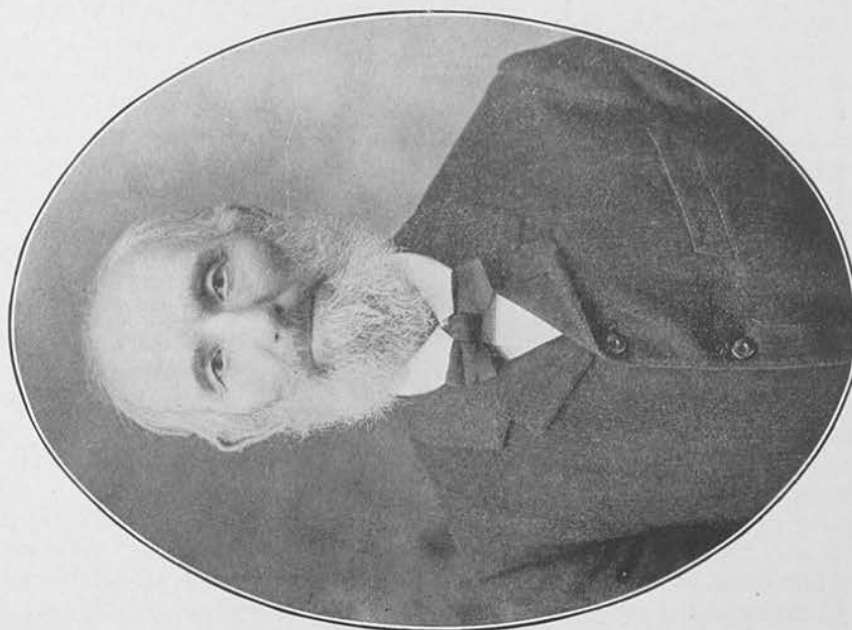
On Feb. 14, 1877, Mr. Stewart was married to Minnie, daughter of John Nutson, and three sons have been born to them, namely: Alfred, born May 17, 1879, is a graduate of the Medical Department of the Toronto University; George, born July 1, 1881, is a student in the Medical Department of the Toronto University; Joseph, born June 4, 1884, completed the course at the Leamington high school in 1904, and is now taking up dentistry in Toronto University.

John Nutson, the grandfather of Mrs. Stewart, was born in Christiansand, Norway, and came to Amherstburg at an early day. Mrs. Stewart's father, John Nutson, married Maria Ann Scratch, a daughter of John Scratch, Esq., of Gosfield.

ADAM FOX is a retired farmer and wealthy land owner of the township of Colchester South, County of Essex, and is one of the few still surviving who were participants in the Rebellion of 1837-38.



Mrs. A. Fox



Adam Fox

The first Canadian ancestor of the Fox family was Philip, grandfather of Adam, who was an inhabitant of Pennsylvania, of German descent. With his wife he removed to Canada and settled near Ruthven, in the township of Gosfield South, on a grant of government land. He accumulated considerable property, at one time owning three farms, while he gave to each of his sons a farm as they started out in life. His children were ten in number, and were named: Philip, Michael, George, Henry, Adam, Jacob, John, Jonas, Margaret (who married a Fulmer), and Judith (who married Henry Bruner). All were located in Gosfield except Adam, who lived in the township of Colchester.

Henry Fox was born about the time that the family came to Gosfield in 1794. He was married in that township to Miss Catherine Uleh, who was born in 1798, and who died Sept. 21, 1882, aged eighty-four years, six months and fourteen days. They lived there on Lot 21, Concession 4, till 1828, when Mr. Fox moved to Colchester township, and located in Lot 36, trading his other farm for one of 250 acres owned by a brother. When he took the property only about fifteen acres were cleared, but with the help of his sons he cleared up the remainder of it, and entered upon a long course of farming, which has proved eminently successful. In his politics he was a Conservative. After a long and prosperous career he finally passed to his reward Jan. 16, 1861, at the age of seventy-four years, seven months and thirteen days. The children of Henry Fox were as follows: Andrew, who married Elizabeth Woodwise, and died in Michigan; Mary Ann, who married David Iler, and both are deceased; Henry, who died Aug 28, 1836, aged nineteen years, six months and twenty-eight days; George, deceased, who married Miss Ann Leighton, now living in Harrow; Adam; Julia Ann, deceased wife of Jacob Julien; Alexander, who died when a year and a half old; Christine, who married Peter Iler; Daniel, of Colchester South, who died at the age of sixty-two years, one month and twelve days; Susan, the wife of Henry Armer, of Kingsville; Jane and Martha, both deceased, who are buried in Ruthven cemetery; Francis, a prosperous farmer of the township of Colchester South.

Adam Fox was born on the home place near Ruthven, township of Gosfield South, Dec. 17, 1821, and was seven years old when the family removed to Colchester township. In that early

day on the frontier he had but few chances to gain an education, and most of his time was spent working on the farm. He remained there until he was thirty-two years old, and then bought ninety-six acres of wild land on the section road. After a year and a half he traded this tract for 100 acres in the south half of Lot 43, where he lived until 1880. Meantime he had purchased 200 acres adjoining, and in that year he moved his residence to the new part, but continued to improve and farm the whole place until 1900, when he sold it. He still retains 147 acres of his father's original farm, but rents it and lives among his children, feeling that his many long years of toil have earned him a right to rest now. Although over eighty-three, he is still hearty and equal to a good day's work.

Mr. Fox's prosperity is not only due to his untiring efforts, but also to the never unfailing help and encouragement of his wife. She was Miss Amanda Deborah Thompson, who was born in Colchester South, daughter of Lenox Thompson, and her death in 1881, at the age of forty-five, was an irreparable loss to her husband. They were the parents of a large family of children, as follows: Lenox, who married Miss Wilhelmina Patton, has five children, Ellis, Fred, May, Norman and Florence, and lives at Oxley; Ellen, who is the wife of Charles T. Arner, of Colchester South township, is the mother of two sons, Alfred and Herbert; Almira, now Mrs. W. H. DuBois, lives in Windsor, Ont., and had one son, Charles, born in Dakota, and died aged five years; Ernest W. and Alfred were twins, of whom Alfred died young, and Ernest W. married Miss Elizabeth Mallott, has one child, Laura, and lives on the home place; Edith died young; Fanny, wife of Frank Rosebrook, is an undertaker of Harrow; Maggie is the wife of Frederick Moore, of Sandwich; Jessie, who married Joseph Adams, of Gosfield, has one child, Russell; and Charles, a physician in Clarks, Merrick County, Nebraska, married Anna Bedford, of Howard township, Cass County, Michigan, and has one daughter, Mary Amanda.

Like his father, Adam Fox is a strong Conservative in his political views; he is quite influential in township affairs, and has served both as assessor and member of the council. In religious matters he holds the doctrines of the Baptists, and is a very strict observer of the Sabbath.

Mr. Fox has many interesting reminiscences

of his service in the Rebellion of 1837. Only sixteen years of age when it broke out, he was one who responded to the call for militiamen, and was at Amherstburg during those stirring times. He was one of the six who fired on the schooner "Ann" as she came down the river. The one man who was killed by their firing was buried on Bois Blanc Island. The next day the vessel was captured, and Mr. Fox was present on that occasion. During the following winter he had occasion to drive a team over the ice to Pelee Island, and upon arriving he found the rebels in possession, and he was taken prisoner. For five days he was kept in close confinement, together with ten others, and during that time did all the cooking for the prisoners. On the fifth day, the rebels were driven off, and Mr. Fox was released, but the team was never recovered.

Mr. Fox's memory is still as good as ever, and he delights in recalling the exciting experiences of those thrilling days.

ARMIT L. WILKINSON. The name of Wilkinson was familiar to the early settlers of western Ontario. The family originated in England but fled to Ireland during the early religious persecutions, and in that country flourished and became numerous and notable. Here John Wilkinson, the great-grandfather of Armit L. Wilkinson, became Commissary-General for Ireland, honorably filled office, married Mary McDonald, reared a family and passed away in that land.

John Alexander Wilkinson, son of the above John, was born in Dublin, Ireland, in 1789, served as an officer in the English army during the Peninsular campaign, and was sent to Canada in the War of 1812, being the first of the family to cross the Atlantic. On retiring from the army on half pay he turned his attention to civil engineering, at the same time holding several responsible public offices, being for seventeen years a member of the Provincial Parliament for the Western District. He married Frances Hands, daughter of William Hands, formerly sheriff of County Essex, and to this union these children were born: Mary Ann (wife of Horatio Nelson), Frances, Alexander John Armit, William (of Australia), James Hands (formerly a lawyer at Windsor), and Jessie, all deceased.

Alexander J. A. Wilkinson, of the above family, and the father of Armit L. Wilkinson, was born in 1822. During the Rebellion in 1837 and

1838 he held a commission in a volunteer company raised by his father, Captain Wilkinson, and took part in the clearing out of the rebels from Fighting Island, also at the taking of the schooner "Ann," off Elliot's Point, near Amherstburg. Later on he became a Provincial land surveyor and civil and mining engineer, and subsequently was engaged by the Montreal Mining Company to lay out and inspect their mining lands on the north shore of Lake Superior. While engaged by the company he met with Sir William Logan, the Government Geologist, who was there examining the mineral lands throughout the country. Sir William obtained his assistance for a time, and endeavored to induce him to give up his employment with the Montreal Mining Company and take the office of Assistant Geologist. But the inducement was not considered adequate. At the end of his engagement with the Mining Company he laid out into townships a large proportion of the Counties of Huron and Bruce, on Lake Huron. About the year 1850 the California gold fever was at its height, and with the Hon. T. B. Pardee, late Commissioner of Crown Lands, Ontario, Mr. Wilkinson started from Sandwich, going by team overland to California, this journey occupying three months. The climate of California not agreeing with him he embarked on a sailing-vessel for Australia to meet his brother, who had sailed for that country from New York. After an absence of about five years he returned to his native place via England, thus making the circuit of the globe. On his return he devoted himself to the practice of his profession. For some time he was connected with the militia and during the second Fenian Raid was in command of a company. Politically he was prominent in the ranks of the Conservative party. Religiously he belonged to the Church of England. His death occurred in 1885.

In 1869 Alexander J. A. Wilkinson was united in marriage with Williamina Adelaide Lizars, daughter of the late Daniel Lizars, of Goderich, Ont. She was born in 1830 at Edinburgh, Scotland, and accompanied her parents to Canada in 1833. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Wilkinson were: Armit L.; Ruby A. E., the wife of Dr. Donald C. Graham, of Fort William, Ont.; and Jessie, an artist in Detroit, Michigan.

Armit L. Wilkinson was born in 1870, at Goderich, Ont., and was educated in the public schools at Windsor, as early as the age of fifteen years starting out in life for himself. For a long

period Mr. Wilkinson has been associated in the gas and electric industry in a number of cities of the United States, with headquarters at Detroit, Michigan.

The marriage of Armit L. Wilkinson and Miss Grace Eliente Neveux, daughter of the late Edmond L. and Grace (Stokes) Neveux, took place in 1893, and one daughter has been born to this union, Aileen L. Fraternally Mr. Wilkinson is a Mason, and in religious connection a member of the Church of England. As a business man he is highly regarded, and he is no less esteemed in private life.

JOHN A. MAYCOCK, architect, of Leamington, County of Essex, Ont., and one of the leading and representative citizens of that locality was born in Sandwich, Ont., Oct. 1, 1850, son of Richard and Ann R. (Gasgyn) Maycock, and their only living child.

The parents of Mr. Maycock were born in Banbury, Oxfordshire, England, where the father's people had lived for many generations, engaged in brewing; the mother's ancestors were linen drapers. When a young man Richard Maycock learned the trade of builder, and some time after his marriage he came to America, in the fall of 1844, settling at Leamington, but soon thereafter removed to Sandwich, where he resided twelve years. He then took a trip to England, taking his son John A. with him. After about a year he returned to Canada, leaving his son in England to complete his education. For a number of years Richard Maycock devoted himself to his trade of builder and contractor, and had the honor of being superintendent of the building operations when the Parliamentary buildings were constructed in Ottawa, which occupied him over three years. He was for a number of years located in Owen Sound, where he was engaged in mercantile pursuits.

Richard Maycock was three times married. His first wife, mother of our subject, died in 1853, and he subsequently married Miss Ann Teakle, of Sandwich, by whom he had one child now surviving, Anna, wife of Frank Holden, a banker of Windsor. The maiden name of his third wife was Emily Jabens, and by this union there were no children. About 1890 Richard Maycock took up his residence with his son, with whom he continued to live until his death, which melancholy event took place in July, 1902, when he was eighty-two years of age. In politics he was a Liberal. In religious views he was a

member of the Church of England, and he was a most worthy and public-spirited man.

John A. Maycock was about twelve years of age when he went to England with his father, and for three years he attended a Jesuit college in Banbury, taking a civil engineering and architectural course. Completing his studies there, he returned to America, and after a six months' stay in New York city came on to Ottawa, where his father was then located. A year later the family removed to Goderich, where John A. secured a position in the office of Thomas Weatherhold, a prominent O. L. S. and Civil Engineer, and there remained some time; or until he went into business for himself as an architect, in partnership with a Mr. Snail. Two years later Mr. Maycock opened an office alone, and among the many buildings designed by him may be mentioned that of the Goderich high school. In 1878 he came to County Essex, and opened an office in Essex Centre, where he was architect for the town hall. After a period of a year or two he went to Kingsville, and was the architect for the public school building, the English church and the Masonic Temple. From Kingsville he went to Windsor, opened an office and was identified with the same profession until 1895 or 1896, winning many laurels for himself by the quality of his work. While at this place he drew plans and superintended the construction of many of the city buildings, among them being the Fleming building, the finest of its kind in the city, costing \$52,000. For three years he was architect for the board of education. In 1896 he removed to Leamington, at the request of Mr. Baird, with whom he has since been associated. In his present responsible connection Mr. Maycock has drawn the plans for the Presbyterian church and St. John's church, and has been the architect for all the buildings of any note put up since he has settled here. During his years of work, Mr. Maycock has gained and maintained the reputation of being one of the most skilled draughtsmen in Ontario. His map work for the Dominion of Canada is said to be the best done for the government.

In 1872 Mr. Maycock married Miss Jane Hardy, of Kincardine, County of Bruce, Ont., and three children were born of this union: Dora, married Monroe Wigle, of Kingsville; William is a resident of Leamington; Ann is a resident of Woodstock. In 1877 Mrs. Maycock died, and in 1889 Mr. Maycock married Miss Ella Jeffery, of Leamington; five children were

born to them, but only one, Alexander, survives. Mrs. Maycock is a practical furrier, and has a fur store which is equal to any city emporium. She is a member of the Church of England, and is a lady highly cultured and much esteemed.

In politics Mr. Maycock is a Conservative, and is the only member of his family voting that ticket. Fraternally he is a member of the A. F. & A. M., the K. of P., and the Canadian Order of Odd Fellows.

JAMES H. KENNING, Inspector of Inland Revenue of the Windsor district, with headquarters at Windsor, is descended from Scotch-Irish ancestry, his grandfather, Richard, having been born about 1775, in the North of Ireland, whither the family had located upon their emigration from Scotland.

Richard Kenning married Miss Nancy Ewen, also a native of Ireland, and they came to Ontario in 1834, a son, James, having preceded them in 1830. They located first in Hamilton, but soon after settled on a farm in the County of Waterloo, where Richard Kenning died in 1850, his widow surviving him some time. Three sons were born to this worthy couple, Robert, James and Richard.

James Kenning was born in Ireland in 1814, and soon after locating in Ontario he married Mary Hogan, also a native of Ireland. By occupation he was a farmer, but during the Rebellion of 1837 he assisted in the defence of Hamilton. Politically he was a Reformer, and religiously a member and elder of the Presbyterian Church of Hamilton. The following children were born to James Kenning and his wife: James H.; Richard, a physician of Chicago; Mrs. William Mackie, of the County of Waterloo; Mrs. Newcombe, of Manitoba; and Agnes and Jane. The father of this family died in 1870, and the mother passed away in 1885.

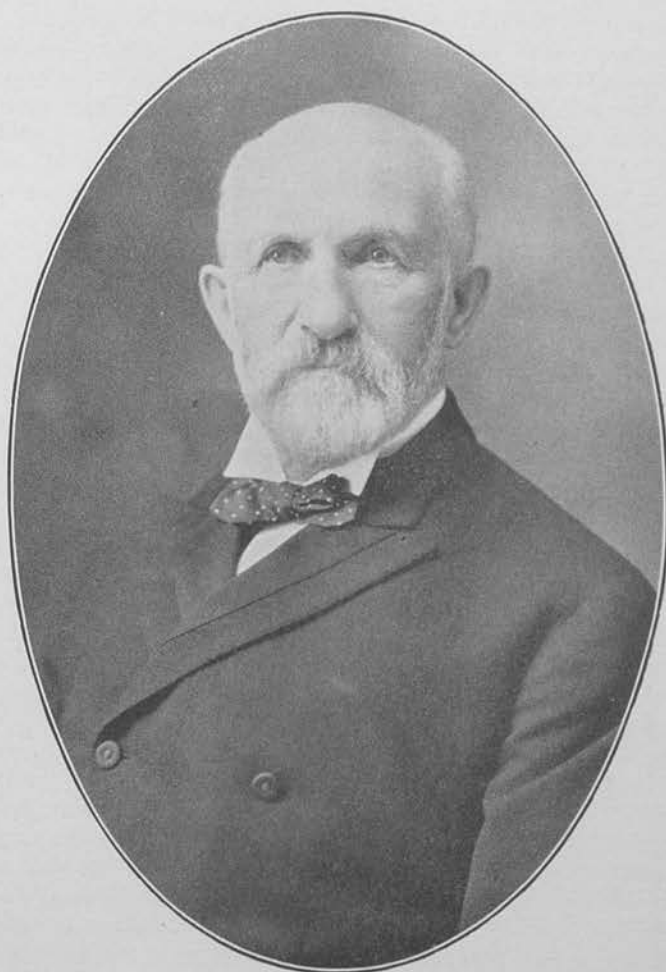
James H. Kenning was born in Ontario in 1835, and was educated in the public schools of Hamilton. After attaining to manhood's estate he engaged in farming, and soon began to branch out, writing up insurance and doing collecting for several years. In 1867 Mr. Kenning entered the public service, and for thirty-four years he has been identified with it, proving himself a faithful official. His first report for public duty was made at Guelph, to Mr. Gow in 1867, and a little later he was transferred to Elora, County of Wellington, where he remained until 1875. At that time he took an exam-

ination for the special class, and passing it successfully, he was stationed at Prescott, in connection with the distillery business. After four years he was stationed at Kingston, Ont., as acting collector of revenue, and there remained two years, when he resumed his work at Prescott, and in Aug., 1882, he was made collector of Inland Revenue at Winnipeg. This position he held until 1887, when he was appointed collector of inland revenue at Windsor, where he has eighteen men under him. Under his excellent management, and on account of his executive ability, the affairs of the office are in almost perfect condition, and few officials give such universal satisfaction to government and people alike, as he does. In March, 1902, Mr. Kenning was made inspector of inland revenue for the District of Windsor, and inspector of distilleries for the Dominion of Canada.

In 1861 Mr. Kenning was married to Miss Marian Campbell, a lady of Scotch ancestry, and a daughter of John Angus Campbell, a son of the well-known Major Campbell, who served under the Duke of York. Mr. and Mrs. Kenning have become the parents of the following children: Mary died at the age of eighteen. James Alexander married Catherine Gibb, of Victoria, B. C., and has six sons and three daughters; he is a manufacturer's agent of Vancouver, B. C., and is one of the most successful business men of the place. Dr. Angus of British Columbia, married Amy Miller, and has three children. Eleanor lives at Windsor. Edward Clark, a barrister of Windsor, is a member of the firm of Sutherland, Kenning & Cleary. Grace Marian is a trained nurse and resides at Windsor, and Alice and Kathleen are unmarried. Mr. and Mrs. Kenning are members of the Presbyterian Church, in which faith they have reared their children.

NATHAN H. STEVENS, president of the Canada Flour Mills Company, Limited, of Chatham, County of Kent, is a representative of one of the early families of Ontario, and is of United Empire Loyalist stock.

Adam Stevens, his great-grandfather, was born April 20, 1753, in England, and prior to the Revolution settled in Virginia, where he followed farming. Later he moved into the State of New York, but being unwilling to bear arms against Great Britain he migrated to Ontario, settling in the County of Durham. The



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family was one of the first to settle in that county, and their food at first consisted largely of fish and wild game. As soon as wheat could be raised bread was added to their bill of fare, though the grain had to be carried by boat to Niagara to be ground. This trip required several days, so by the time the flour was received the whole neighborhood would be in need of the "staff of life," and another trip would soon have to be made by another of the party. Adam Stevens died in 1819. He married Polly Crossman, of Dutchess county, New York.

David Stevens, son of Adam, and grandfather of Nathan H., was born Nov. 16, 1777, and died Aug. 30, 1860. He became very wealthy, owning about 1,200 acres of land near Bowmanville, Ont. On the main road between Kingston and Toronto he erected a large building, still standing, which in the war of 1812 was used by the soldiers. David Stevens purchased the first carriage ever owned in the township of Darlington, to which he drove a fine span of cream-colored horses, and his turnout attracted the attention of all he chanced to pass along the road. David Stevens was thrice married, his first wife being Polly Burk, daughter of John Burk. Their union occurred about 1803 and was blessed with two sons and five daughters, of whom Enoch, father of Nathan N., was the eldest, the others being Emma (wife of Dr. Montgomery), Vienna (Mrs. Colton), Sarah (Mrs. Brown), Mary (Mrs. Argy), Amelia (Mrs. Tyler), and Elijah. The mother passed away in 1813.

Enoch Stevens, son of David, was born Sept. 12, 1806, in the township of Darlington, where he grew to manhood. On Sept. 19, 1830, he married Clarissa Hall, who was born April 20, 1811, at Oshawa, Ont., daughter of William Hall, of Oshawa. Her mother, whose maiden name was Trull, was of German descent, and her father was of English extraction. William Hall was a successful man, at one time owning about 1,000 acres of land, known as "Hall's Marsh," in the township of Darlington, and this land is still in the possession of the family. To Enoch and Clarissa Stevens were born the following named children: (1) David, born Oct. 15, 1831, married Aug. 20, 1856, Frances Thompson, and they reside at Courtright, where he is engaged in farming. (2) Elizabeth, born March 8, 1834, married Dr. Tozer, Nov. 8, 1854; both are now deceased. (3) William L., born Jan. 8, 1836, is deceased; he married Feb. 17,

1858, Mary Thompson, sister of Frances Thompson, previously mentioned. (4) Emma, born Jan. 8, 1838, died in her seventh year. (5) Ezra, born April 28, 1840, is a very successful raisin grape grower in California. He married Martha Maria Ransom, Feb. 24, 1862; she died May 19, 1869, and he married for his second wife, March 15, 1871, Emma Ellen DeHart. By the first union there were two children, Reuben Eugene, born Oct. 13, 1863, and Edmund Leslie, born Dec. 12, 1868, who died Nov. 7, 1875. The surviving son was married Nov. 9, 1898, to Edith J. Fobb, and they have one child, Denzil Nadeau, born Nov. 20, 1899. (6) Nathan H. is mentioned more fully below. (7) Ira, born May 20, 1844, married Jan. 8, 1871, Lottie Toole, and resides in Montreal. (8) Clarissa, born Dec. 15, 1845, died young. (9) Sarah, born March 1, 1850, died Feb. 8, 1871. (10) Matilda Jane, born March 1, 1852, died Dec. 17, 1869. (11) Mary Frances, born March 1, 1855, died April 4, 1870.

The mother of this family died Oct. 12, 1869, and on April 20, 1870, Enoch Stevens married Alecia McMichael, daughter of Squire McMichael, of Blenheim, and to this union came the following children: Edith, born Feb. 12, 1871, is a trained nurse in Grace Hospital, Detroit; John W., born Feb. 17, 1873, married April 16, 1901, Miss Ida Burritt; Nina W., born April 23, 1878, married a Mr. Labadie, express messenger on the Canadian Pacific railroad in British Columbia. The father died Feb. 26, 1894, aged eighty-seven years, five months and fourteen days. His widow still survives.

Nathan H. Stevens was born Sept. 1, 1841, in Darlington township. In 1853 the family moved to Malahide, where they remained one year, and then settled in Harwich township, near Blenheim, where the father purchased 800 acres of timber land. This was the only opening in the timber between Blenheim and Rondeau Harbor. Here Nathan grew to manhood, developing his muscle in clearing the timber, which if it were now standing would make a millionaire of the owner. In 1854, 150 acres had been chopped. Some of the finest trees that ever grew were burned in log heaps, white ash six feet in diameter and seventy feet to the first limb, and black walnut the like of which cannot now be found.

On Jan. 23, 1867, Nathan H. Stevens married Ada Jane Burk, daughter of Erastus Burk, a merchant of Blenheim, who moved to California, and there, in 1869, became an extensive

fruit grower. His son, F. B. Burk, is a leading educator, and at the present time head instructor of the San Francisco Normal School. To Mr. and Mrs. Stevens has come quite a large family: Rollin Howard, born at Blenheim, Jan. 7, 1868; Henry Joseph, born at Blenheim, Aug. 10, 1869; Frederick Burk, at Blenheim, April 16, 1871; Joaquin Mokelumne, at Pilot Hill, California, Nov. 26, 1873; Lloyd Hall, at Blenheim, July 10 1876; Douglas Nathan, at Blenheim, Nov. 25 1878; William Arnot, at Chatham, Aug. 6, 1880; Grace, at Chatham, Feb. 1, 1886; Stanley Starr, at Chatham, Feb. 15, 1890. Two are deceased. Lloyd Hall, who died at Chatham, Jan. 25, 1895 and Grace, who died at Chatham, June 13, 1899.

Rollin Howard Stevens, M. D., married Mary E. Thompson, of Lapeer, Michigan, March 16, 1892. He graduated from the Toronto School of Medicine, and the Ann Arbor (Michigan) School of Medicine, also took a term at Leland Stanford University, California, and a special course in Pathology at Ann Arbor after his return from California. His wife is a graduate of Ann Arbor University, having the degrees of M. A. and M. D. Both Dr. Stevens and his wife stand very high in their profession in the city of Detroit. They have one child, Frances Eleanor, born Oct. 16, 1899.

Henry J. Stevens, who is a graduate of the Chatham Business College, and also of the London Military School, was married Sept. 27, 1893, to Ethyl Stripp, M. F. A., a graduate in Arts at Alma College, St. Thomas, a daughter of Thomas H. Stripp, of Aylmer, Ont. Their family consists of two children: Howard Clayton, born March 7, 1896, and Grace Lenore, born April 14, 1897.

Frederick B. Stevens, grain merchant at Chatham, married Maud Wall, daughter of John Wall, late merchant of Chatham, on June 18, 1896; they have one daughter, Mary Beatrice, born June 16, 1900.

Joaquin M. Stevens, B. A., graduate of Toronto University, and M. D. graduate at Ann Arbor (Michigan) School of Medicine, 1901, married Edith Burgess, daughter of Mr. Burgess, secretary of the Educational Department at Omaha, Nebraska.

Douglas N. Stevens, a graduate at Canada Business College, Chatham, is unmarried, and is carrying on commission business at Winnipeg, Manitoba.

William A. Stevens was purser on the steamer "Cheboygan," running from Chicago. He

has just passed his first year as mining engineer at the University of Toronto, and is now secretary-treasurer of the Canada Flour Mills Company, Limited, at Chatham.

Stanley S. Stevens spent two years at a French school, known as Sabrevois College, Montreal, and is now attending the McKeough School in Chatham.

Soon after his marriage Nathan H. Stevens purchased his father-in-law's business, and for ten years was the leading merchant in Blenheim, and a prominent citizen, during seven years of this time being a member of the school board of the place and a member of the building committee having charge of the erection of the school building. He also served as justice of the peace to the great satisfaction of his constituents. In addition to all of this, Mr. Stevens dealt in real-estate, both farm and town property, in all of which he was remarkably successful. On April 30, 1880, he moved to Chatham, where for over twenty-four years he has been one of the most successful business men of the city. This is proven by the following article, which appeared in a local paper May 1, 1901:

Twenty-one years ago yesterday President N. H. Stevens, of the Canada Flour Mills Co., became a resident of Chatham. It was a fortunate day for the Maple City. For twenty-one years this kindly, generous, enterprising and public-spirited citizen has devoted his energies to the public weal, and the progress of the municipality. It is such men as Mr. Stevens who form the basis for civic greatness and prosperity. For years he has interested himself in every progressive and philanthropic movement and his interest was whole-souled and inspiring. His generosity has been phenomenal. There has been no struggling and worthy cause that has sought his aid in vain, and his earnest effort has always been felt in church, business, humanitarian, moral and municipal development throughout his long residence here.

This morning the *Planet* interviewed Mr. Stevens upon his extended association with the Maple City.

"Yes," he said, "I have been in Chatham twenty-one years yesterday. I moved here from Blenheim on the 30th day of April, 1880."

"You have been a very busy man here in the city since you came."

"Yes, a very busy life during the years 1880 and 1881. I was part of the time in Manitoba. In the spring of 1881 I joined in partnership

with Arch. and John Campbell to build Kent Mills with the Roller process, being about the first roller mills in Canada. I have been interested in the mills up to the present time and have either built or helped to build all of the buildings we now occupy in our milling business. We first put up the mill and elevator on the block next to the river and south of Thames street, and have kept on building until we have covered all the ground from the river to Dover street, being across two blocks, also the iron barn east of King street, and have the two double houses east of the iron barn and south of Dover street. Thus, with the residence on the north side of Dover street, which was purchased from the late Mrs. John Rice, you will see we have quite a hamlet now of our own. During the twenty years since the Kent Mills were built by our firm, I feel safe in saying we have paid out in cash to farmers and others fully \$10,000,000."

"You have taken some interest in public matters, too, Mr. Stevens?"

"Yes, I have given part of my time. I occupied a seat in the town council in 1884, filling the position of chairman of Finance. In 1885 I was appointed high school trustee and held the position until the year 1894. Was one of the building committee to erect the present magnificent Collegiate Institute. I resigned the position of school trustee to run for alderman in 1894. Was elected and again held the position of chairman of Finance. I was also a director of the Erie & Huron railroad, from the time it was built until the road was sold to the Lake Erie & Detroit River Railroad. Was chairman of the old Mechanics' Institute and assisted in turning it over to the present Free Library. Served as a trustee some few years on the General Hospital Board. Was president of a live board of trade for five years. Took an active part in and was chairman for three years of the Chatham City Band Association. For a number of years director and three years president of the Chatham Navigation Company. For several years have been director of the Chatham Loan & Savings Company and have been connected with a good many other companies and some societies in our town. A few years ago I associated myself with three other gentlemen and pulled down the old unsightly malt house and built the present handsome Riverside Terrace. Yes, I hold the honorable position of one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, but my duties

in this line have been very light since I left Blenheim.

"I have enjoyed the twenty-one years in Chatham very much. Both Mrs. Stevens and myself have been blessed with good health. The people of Chatham have always shown us the greatest respect and friendship. I doubt if a more social lot of people could be found anywhere than we have in Chatham. Many familiar faces that graced the streets of Chatham when we first moved here have gone to their long home, but new ones have taken their places and the change has been so gradual that the people seem to be the same as ever."

"What do you think of Chatham's future?" Mr. Stevens was asked.

"I am not a prophet, so it would be useless for me to say what the future of Chatham might be, but if I were to say anything it would be that Chatham's future will be very much as its past, a good, healthy, sociable, sound city to live in, where industrious, law-abiding people can live and enjoy themselves, and where they have good schools, hospitals, free library, churches, climate, and the benefit of a splendid market, and surrounded by as rich a fruit and agricultural country as there is in America."

Since the above was written they have purchased the four lots with the brick house known as Senator Northwood's block, and the house has been converted into magnificent office quarters, comprising seven rooms, finished in quartered oak, with metallic ceilings, and plate-glass windows. The property now extends three blocks from the river.

On the same day the above interview was printed the *Planet* published an editorial, which was, in part, as follows:

Mr. N. H. Stevens, president of the Canada Flour Mills Co., has just turned the twenty-first milestone of his residence in the Maple City. Men of his calibre are too scarce to allow the occasion to be passed over without a word of eulogy and congratulation, of commendation upon his loyal citizenship, of public gratitude for his whole-souled, valued and lasting services.

Chatham owes much to Mr. Stevens. With the best interests of the community ever before him he has devoted time and energy to all branches of public service. His generosity to every worthy object and institution has been conspicuous and unlimited. His practical co-operation in all the causes of right and progress has been phenomenal. He has been, in truth, a

citizen of whom the municipality is proud and to whom she is profoundly grateful.

The *Planet* bespeaks Mr. Stevens the city's congratulations upon the twenty-first anniversary of his adoption of her citizenship, and conveys the sincere hope that he may long be spared to stand amongst her most popular and deservedly distinguished sons.

Another issue shows the enterprising business spirit of Mr. Stevens, and we again quote:

On the twenty-eighth of August [1899], through the courtesy of N. H. Stevens, the *Planet* published an interview with that gentleman on his return from a business trip through New York State, in which he pointed out that there was a strong likelihood of a scarcity of beans and recommending the farmers to hold their beans for the prospective high prices. As a result the farmers of the bean raising counties have realized at least \$50,000 more than they otherwise would have done by selling at that time.

On the occasion of the trip mentioned, Mr. Stevens ascertained that in a short time an immense quantity of beans would be required by the Americans for Porto Rican shipment and that it would be necessary to secure them from Canadian farmers.

The New York houses counted on securing their tenders by hurriedly buying up the beans ere there was any scarcity; and hence Mr. Stevens' advice through the columns of the *Planet*.

As a result the Kent Mills Co. received the tender for the Porto Rico beans and realized a very handsome profit, while the Canadian bean raising farmers secured an advance of from ten to fifteen cents per bushel on the regular price. It is conservatively estimated that over \$50,000 of American money was thus realized by our Canadian farmers in this bean growing part of the country. The profit is the result of Mr. Stevens' enterprise and foresight and his courtesy in making his advice public through the *Planet*.

Mr. Stevens is now getting ready for a trip to the old country, on a bowling tournament, for although he is in his sixty-third year he is as enthusiastic over bowling on the green as any other lovers of that sport, though they may be many years his junior.

JOHN E. JOHNSON, president and editor of the *Leamington Post*, and one of the leading men of Leamington, was born in the County of

Wentworth, Ont., June 28, 1843, a son of Joseph and Delilah (Stafford) Johnson. He was one of a family of ten children, six of whom still survive: Alexander, manager of the Brantford Carriage Co., of Brantford; Amos, of Lake View, Michigan; George, commercial master in the Upper Canada College; Mary, married to Brock Galbreath, of Stony Creek, Ont.; John E.; and Joseph, of Hamilton, Ontario.

Joseph Johnson, the father of this family, was born in Grimsby, Ont., in 1804, and his father, Benjamin Johnson, was a native of Oswego county, New York. Sir John Johnson, the father of Benjamin, came to the Colonies from England. Benjamin Johnson emigrated to Canada as a United Empire Loyalist, in about 1776 or 1777, and located at Grimsby. He married a Miss Merritt, and followed agricultural pursuits. In politics he was an old-line Tory.

Joseph Johnson, his son, and father of John E., was reared at home, and when a young man went to Brampton, where he followed the trade of a carpenter, which he had learned at Grimsby. While residing at Brampton he married a native of that place. During the Rebellion he returned to the County of Wentworth and located at Binbrook, making his home there until his death, which took place in 1872. In politics he was a Liberal, but not a strong partisan. He was a staunch friend of Mackenzie, and upon the departure of the latter had the pleasure of entertaining him for three or four days. Though a successful carpenter, Joseph Johnson was engaged almost exclusively in farming during the latter part of his life. After the death of the father the mother resided with her children, dying at Hamilton in 1893, aged eighty-two years. Both parents were consistent members of the Methodist Church, and worthy, good people.

Until he was twenty years of age John E. Johnson remained at home, and at that age, having finished his course in the common schools and the Hamilton grammar schools, he began teaching, and was thus engaged for two years in the Ancaster schools. For the fifteen months following this experience he was a member of the *Cleveland Herald* staff. This was during the Civil war in the United States, and he witnessed some very exciting events. After severing his connection with this paper, for the next eight years Mr. Johnson taught in the County Essex schools, and for the last two years of that time was principal of the Leamington schools, in which position he won great popu-



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larity. In 1874 he went to Wheatley, where he was engaged in a mercantile business for two years, but selling his business he returned to Leamington, and was made manager of the mercantile business of Wigle & Sons, occupying that responsible position for ten years. In 1886, however, he severed this connection and purchased the *Leamington Post*, which he sold after a year, buying the *Essex Liberal*. Two years later he sold the latter paper, and again became the proprietor of the *Post*. In 1889 he incorporated the business, he being made president, and J. F. McKay (now the manager of the *Toronto Globe*) business manager and secretary. During the five years Mr. McKay was a member of the company they were also owners of the *Comber Herald* and lessees and publishers of the *Kingsville Reporter*. In 1894, however, Mr. McKay withdrew from the concern, and Mr. Johnson was the sole proprietor until 1898, when he sold the paper and conducted a party of prospectors over the overland route to the Yukon. Upon his return, the same year, he found that the party to whom he had disposed of the *Post* was unable to meet the payments, and again became its proprietor. In 1899 R. E. Marcotte entered the company, and is still one of its officers. For the past twenty years Mr. Johnson has been connected with newspaper work, owning and managing several of the leading papers of his vicinity, and he has fully proven his ability in this direction. He is the proprietor of a fine fruit farm just outside of Leamington, which has proved a good source of income to him; he has 7,000 peach trees alone, and one season (1898) sold \$4,500 worth of peaches.

In 1864 Mr. Johnson married Jane Teeple, of Ancaster, who died in 1869. In 1872 he married Miss Melinda Scratch, of Kingsville, and four children were born of this marriage: George E., manager of the Traders Bank, of Ripley; Maud, who married Dr. W. A. Piper, of London, and has had four children, Norma, Harry J. (deceased), Lawrence S. and Richard; Lewis, operator for the Pere Marquette at Detroit, Michigan; and Harold, a clerk in the Merchants Bank.

In politics Mr. Johnson is a Conservative. For three years he acted as president of the Association for the county, and at present is its secretary. He has been tendered the nomination for both Houses on two different occasions, but has refused. For three years Mr. Johnson was mayor of Leamington, proving

specially fitted for that position. The *Post* is not a strong partisan paper, although it is run in the interests of the Conservative party, and is an important factor in the literary world of Leamington.

Fraternally Mr. Johnson is a member of Leamington Lodge, No. 290, A. F. & A. M.; King Cyrus Chapter, No. 194, R. A. M.; Leamington Lodge, No. 29, A. O. U. W.; Court Erie, No. 47, I. O. F.; and of other social and fraternal associations, in all of which he is extremely popular and prominent. The religious affiliations of the family are with the Church of England, and they are active in all the good work of that body.

Mr. Johnson graduated from the military school in London in 1894, with the rank of captain, and in 1897 he resigned with the rank of major. Few men are as popular in Leamington as Mr. Johnson, who has been most prominently identified with its best interests for so many years. Not only through the medium of his paper, but also as a private individual, he has always espoused all measures he believed would tend toward the advancement of the city's best interests and its future development.

THOMAS McKEE. When the roll of the pioneers of western Ontario is called the name of Thomas McKee will be found among those who played a most important part in the development of the territory referred to. He has reached the seventy-eighth milestone on life's journey, and almost forty years of this time have been spent in the office of the county clerk of County Essex, he having been appointed to that position in 1865.

The McKee family was originally of Irish nationality, the grandfather of our subject, Thomas McKee, Sr., emigrating from the Emerald Isle to America. Being loyal to the English Crown, at the outbreak of the Revolutionary war he removed to Canada and was numbered among the United Empire Loyalists. On coming to Canada he located in County Kent, and later moved to County Essex, settling in Lot 59, Concession 1. He was a man of means, and consequently was pleased with the life he was able to lead in his new home. His two children were: Alexander, father of our subject; and Nancy, who became the wife of John Jacobs.

Alexander McKee was born in Sandwich in 1802, and died in 1837, when only thirty-five years of age. His wife, Phillis Jacobs, was

born in 1800, and died in 1886. The greater portion of his life was spent in farming, although for a short time he was captain of militia. The following children were born to Alexander McKee and his wife: Mary, who married Col. Rankin and is now deceased; Thomas, mentioned below; Alexander; James, deceased; Ellen; and Albella, who married Frank E. Marcon.

Thomas McKee was born in Sandwich in Lot 59, Concession 1, May 16, 1826, and his entire business and public life has been spent in his native county. For some time Mr. McKee and his brother were engaged in the fishery business, but in 1865 he was appointed clerk in County Essex, which position he has ably filled for nearly forty years. In 1880 Mr. McKee was appointed customs officer at Sandwich, and in 1870 he was elected member of the county board of auditors. He has also been government auditor for twenty years, and in all these positions has proven himself a man deserving high respect for his probity and uprightness of character. Fraternally he is a staunch Conservative, and takes an active part in promoting the interests of his party. His religious belief makes him a consistent member of the Church of England.

In 1848 Mr. McKee married Miss Isabella Johnson, by whom he had three children: William Johnson, Thomas Alexander and Esther (deceased). The mother of these children died in 1853, and in 1866 Mr. McKee married Mary Jane Colton, by whom he had one son, Henry Colton, of Detroit. The second Mrs. McKee died in 1901.

SQUIRE ANTOINE VERMETTE, for thirty-one years a teacher in Anderdon, and a prominent man in all public affairs, is one of the most scholarly and able men in the County of Essex, and has done much toward molding public opinion in his section. He was born in Sandwich, Nov. 22, 1847, son of Antoine and Catherine (Laurie) Vermette, pioneers of the County of Essex.

The first Vermette to come to Ontario was Antoine Vermette, the Squire's grandfather, who was born in Montreal. He was killed at the battle of Monroe, on the Raisin river, in the war of 1812, while fighting under Col. Proctor, and left two sons and five daughters, all quite young. His widow settled at Ecorse, Wayne County, Michigan, with her children, who were named as follows: Ageline, Victoria, Madaline, Mary

A., Antoine, Joseph and Catherine. All of this family, except Antoine, settled and died in Wayne County, Michigan. He was born in Detroit in 1805, and was there married to Catherine Laurie, who was born in Wayne County in 1815, daughter of Francis Laurie, who came to Wayne County from Scotland; her mother, Nancy Millman, was of English birth. Antoine Vermette came to Canada in 1843, and worked at his trade as a shoemaker in Sandwich town until 1857. At that time he was appointed turnkey of the public jail in Sandwich, continuing as such until 1878, when he retired from public life and with his wife came to Squire Vermette's home, where they died soon after, she in 1880 and he in 1881. They were members of the Roman Catholic Church. In politics Mr. Vermette was a Conservative. The two eldest children of Antoine and Catherine Vermette, Damuse and Joseph, died in infancy. Philomine, born in Sandwich in November, 1845, is the wife of Joseph Rioux, of Detroit, and has five children, Joseph, Rose, Wallace, Blanche and Alice. Elizabeth, born Jan. 21, 1851, is the wife of Moses Maynard, of Hancock, Michigan, and has two daughters, Adeline and Blanche. Josephine, born April 19, 1853, married Charles Lauson, who lives in Rouge, Wayne County, Michigan, and they have four children, Leo, Arthur, Lillie and Catherine. Harriet, born June 17, 1858, is the wife of Cyprien Renaud, who resides in Windsor, and has three children, Tancred, Constance and Homer.

Antoine Vermette, the only living son of his parents, was educated in the schools of Windsor and in the Sandwich high school, and when a young man started in life as a teacher in the public schools of Windsor and Essex County. He taught in Windsor four years, and in Anderdon for twenty-seven years, making thirty-one years that he followed his profession in the county, before his term of public service ended, in 1902.

Mr. Vermette was married, May 9, 1870, to Miss Louise Miller, who was born in Ireland, daughter of Edward and Annie (Moore) Miller, who both died in Sandwich when Mrs. Vermette was a child. She grew up in Capt. Gauthier's home, where she was well educated in music and classical studies. After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Vermette settled on what is known as the Johnson farm, which he purchased in 1877, and on which he has built a new house and barns and made many improvements. To him and his wife have been born seven children: (1) A daughter, born

March 4, 1871, died at birth, unnamed. (2) Minnie, born March 15, 1873, is at home, unmarried. (3) Joseph A., born in April, 1875, married Miss Rose Baubien of Detroit, and they have one daughter, Leanora. They reside on a farm in Anderdon belonging to Squire Vermette. (4) May, born in May, 1880, is the wife of Albert Beneteau, who resides on the 7th Concession in Anderdon, and they have one daughter, Beatrice. (5) Laura, born in 1885, (6) Florence, born in 1890, and (7) Alvin E., born in June, 1898, are all at home.

Politically Squire Vermette has always been identified with the Reform party, was clerk of the township six years, and is at present a member of the school board. Self-made in every sense of the word, he is not only a man of scholarly attainments and widely-felt influence, but he has also been successful in material ways, and owns not only his farm in the 4th Concession, Lots 13 and 11, but also holds real estate at Oakwood Station, in Wayne County, Michigan. Mr. Vermette is held in high esteem by the people of the county, where he has many friends.

JAMES SRIGLEY, Esq., a retired farmer of Pelee Island and one of the most prominent citizens of County Essex, has long been identified with the progress and development of that locality. Coming there as a pioneer when the fertile island was but an uncultivated wilderness, he has assisted in the transformation which has made it one of the most productive portions of the county.

Mr. Srigley was born May 25, 1829, at New Market, County York, Ont., of Welsh extraction. Richard Srigley was born in Wales and came to America early in the eighteenth century, locating in the State of Delaware, where he married and reared a family. At the time of the American Revolution his sympathies were with the mother country, and this induced him to leave his pleasant Delaware home and settle in Canada, where the remainder of his life was spent. His widow lived to the unusual age of 101 years, the mother of eight children, five of whom were sons.

Robert Srigley, one of the above named sons, was born in the State of Delaware and there learned the cooper trade. With his parents he removed to the Niagara District and later to Ontario, locating at New Market, County York. There he married Jane Haycock, a native of Niagara District, and they settled on a tract

of 100 acres in County York, where he followed carpentering and coopering and spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring at the age of sixty years; his widow survived to the age of eighty-three. Both were interred in the cemetery at New Market. In religious faith they were Quakers. In politics he was a staunch Conservative. Of their twelve children, ten grew to maturity.

Jesse Srigley, the eldest son, was born in 1808, in New Market, and there received the best education afforded at the time and place. He worked at home with his father until he reached his majority, and then started farming for himself, settling in King township, County of York, where he became possessed of a bush farm of 150 acres, fifty of which was cleared at the time, the remainder being cleared by his own industry. Mr. Srigley engaged in general farming and stock-raising and spent all his life on this property, dying in his eightieth year. In his earlier days he was a Quaker, but became a member of the Church of England. He married Phebe Varney, daughter of James and Hannah (Ray) Varney, both of whom were natives of Vermont and also Quakers in religious belief, and Mrs. Srigley lived to the age of seventy years; both she and her husband were interred in the cemetery at New Market. Through life she retained her membership with the Society of Friends and regulated her life according to the simplicity of her belief. Our subject is the eldest of a family of ten children born to these most estimable parents, the others being: Enoch, a resident of Toronto; Robert and Richard, twins, the former a resident of New Market and the latter deceased; Nelson, who became a physician and died in King township, County of York; Joel, who died in 1862; Amelia, who married Edward Baker, of County York; Caroline, who married George Pegg, of County York; Sarah Ann, who died at the age of fourteen years; and Arletta, who died unmarried.

James Srigley was educated in King township district schools, and attained his ambition of entering the high school by close application. After leaving school he taught for a period of twelve years, through County York, but his inclinations led him to look about for a desirable place in which to settle in order to engage in farming. Finally he went as a pioneer into County Huron, locating in Wawanosh township, where he farmed some years and then went to Wingham, where he remained until 1877,

working at the carpenter's and joiner's trade. In 1877 Mr. Srigley came to Pelee Island, where he bought a tract of sixty acres of bush land. In the clearing up of his farm he decided to devote a goodly portion of it to fruit culture, and he put in thirteen acres in grapes, seven in peaches, and seven in plums, as an experiment, being a pioneer in the fruit business on the island. His foresight proved excellent, the soil and climate contributing to the successful production of the most delicious fruits found in this section of the Dominion.

Mr. Srigley, while interested in the advancement of his own projects, has never lost sight of the fact that the locality needs the services of good and faithful citizens. As a staunch Liberal he has served as a member of the council, and has also been a most useful member of the school board, filling the office of chairman for five years, and has also been its treasurer and secretary. He has taken an active interest in agricultural matters on the island and belongs to the Agricultural Society. For eighteen years he has administered the law as justice of the peace, meeting with the support of all good citizens. As one of the organizers of the Methodist Church in his locality he has felt a sense of responsibility and has accepted the offices of steward and trustee.

In 1858, in King township, County York, Mr. Srigley married Mary Card, who was born in the Province of New Brunswick, near the Bay of Fundy, daughter of Capt. Silas Card. A family of eight children was born to this marriage, namely: Asa, who is engaged in the growing of oranges on a plantation at San Bernadino, California; Eva, who died young; Jesse Silas; Lydia, who is the wife of William Stewart, township clerk of Pelee Island; Jeremiah, who resides on the homestead; Mary, married to Albert C. Ross, and residing at Winnipeg, Man.; Phebe, who is the wife of Joseph Robison, of Houston, Texas; and James L., who is a resident of Winnipeg, Man. Although the members of this family are widely separated, a strong bond of affection unites them to each other and their beloved parents. The venerated mother has been an invalid for the past five years, and at her bedside many beside her family have learned lessons of patience and Christian resignation. Although bodily affliction confines her to her couch, it has not quieted the busy hands which through years have always been so willing in their work for others. The tasteful combinations of materials into beautiful quilts, and the dainty

fancy work fashioned by her tireless fingers, find ready sale among her friends and give her an interest which she enjoys. At her bedside the family reunions take place, and the most loving, tender and devoted attendant is her husband, who has resigned every business care that will separate him from her. Since girlhood she has been a consistent member of the Methodist Church.

JESSE SILAS SRIGLEY was born Feb. 2, 1861, in County Huron. His education was obtained in the district schools, and his life has been devoted to farming, fruit culture and carpenter work. He accompanied his parents to Pelee Island and engaged for a short time in fishing. For one year he followed carpentering at Windsor, but since then has found plenty to employ all his activity on the island. He is one of the leading carpenters and derrick builders in this section. In 1886 Mr. Srigley purchased twenty acres of land near his father's farm, which he devoted to grapes and peaches, which have commenced to reward him for his industry. Here he erected a comfortable home, and has made many other improvements of a substantial nature. Since a scientific examination has resulted in the discovery of oil on his land, his prospects look very bright. In addition to this fruit and oil land, he owns some fifty-two acres of marsh land which he advantageously farms. He also owns a portable sawmill, cutting all kinds of building timber, lumber and lath.

In 1886 Mr. Srigley married Henrietta Fleming, daughter of Robert Fleming, of Pelee Island, and a family of four children was born to them, namely: Russell, Everett, Silas (who died young), and Alvin. Both Mr. and Mrs. Srigley are consistent members of the Methodist Church, in which he has been (and now is) a steward and trustee, and for many years superintendent of the Sunday School. In politics he is a Liberal, but has never accepted any offices except those of school trustee and township councillor. The family is universally esteemed.

HON. HUGH C. MORRIS, B. A., LL.B., was quite prominent in Windsor throughout the period of his residence in that city, and from the beginning of his consular service in that city commanded the highest esteem of both public and social circles. He is a native of the State of Michigan, and of English-Scottish extraction.

Thomas Morris, his grandfather, bearing a



Hugh C. Morris

good old English name, was born in England, a type of the sturdy, self-respecting natives of that illustrious land. He and his wife both died about 1872, in their own country, leaving a family. Joseph Morris, son of Thomas and the father of Hugh C. Morris, was born in 1830 in Cambridge, England, and in 1857 became a resident of Canada, in 1859 marrying Margaret, the estimable daughter of James McMarion, a lady of Scottish extraction. In 1858 Mr. and Mrs. Morris removed to the State of Michigan, and there Mr. Morris engaged in a mercantile business and also extensive farming, continuing in active work until 1893, since which time he has lived retired. The only child of this marriage is Hugh C. Morris, who has occupied so eminent a position in his country's service.

Mr. Morris was born in 1860 in Tuscola county, Michigan, and there gained his early literary education, which was supplemented by study at Dryden, Michigan, for three years, later at the Battle Creek (Michigan) College, still later at the Polytechnic School, of Jefferson, Ohio, and finally at Albion (Michigan) College, where he was graduated in 1885, with the degree of B. A. During this long course of exhaustive study Mr. Morris engaged at various times in teaching, and followed the profession for one year after graduation. His ambition was not satisfied until he took a law course and was graduated, in 1888, from the University of Michigan, with a well-earned degree of LL.D. Soon afterward Mr. Morris settled for the practice of law at Marlette, Sanilac county, Michigan, where he has since made his home, with the exception of three years spent at North Branch, Lapeer county, Michigan—in partnership with C. F. Gates, with whom he formed the partnership Jan. 1, 1891. While serving as consul he retained a large law practice in Sanilac county. For a number of years he was secretary of the board of education of that county, until his increasing legal duties obliged him to resign; he was also commissioner of schools for the county in 1888-1890. On June 25, 1899, the late President McKinley appointed his friend and supporter, Hugh C. Morris, to fill the office of United States Consul, with headquarters at Windsor, a most fitting reward to an influential party worker as well as representative citizen and courteous gentleman. Mr. Morris is well known throughout his native State as a fine campaign speaker, with other

qualifications, and his residence in Windsor has brought about the most cordial relations between the two countries. His dignified and capable administration of the consular duties met with the approval of the Government at Washington, and was equally acceptable to the residents of Windsor.

On Jan. 31, 1885, Mr. Morris was married to Miss Mary Russell, daughter of the late A. J. Russell. Mrs. Morris, a highly cultured lady, was also educated at Albion College, having been a member of the class of 1886. Two children have come to this union: Russell, born Dec. 9, 1888; and Ruth, born Dec. 11, 1892, who passed away in 1892. Mr. Morris has been active in fraternal organizations for a long period, being a member of the Masons, the Knights of Pythias and the Odd Fellows.

EMANUEL MACKAY has for the past six years been the editor and proprietor of the *Leamington News*, the leading newspaper of Mersea and adjoining townships in the County of Essex. He commenced his career as an educator, following the profession as high school master successfully for many years, but for about a quarter of a century he has devoted himself to journalism, in which field he has won high rank in his section of the Dominion.

Mr. Mackay was born May 22, 1839, in Aylmer, County of Elgin, Ont., and is of Scottish and English extraction, his grandfather, Robert Mackay, having been a native of Caithness, Scotland. In early manhood he enlisted in the 42nd Highlanders, the famous Black Watch, with which he served in all the continental wars of the time, becoming a non-commissioned officer in this noted regiment. After receiving his discharge from the army he settled in Lancashire, England, where he passed the remainder of his life.

George Mackay, father of Emanuel, was born in 1795 in Lancashire, England. About 1820 he emigrated to Canada, taking up land in the Col. Talbot tract, in Malahide township, County of Elgin, which was then a vast wilderness. Subsequently he sold his property in Canada and removed to what was then considered the far western States, where he purchased land for two of his sons, but he returned to Canada and bought a home near St. Thomas, Ont., where he spent the autumn of his life, dying in 1870. Mr. Mackay was married to Elizabeth Wilcox, a native of Lancashire, who proved a faithful help-

meet through their long married life, and who passed away in 1876, at the home of her son in Wisconsin. Four children were born to them: Robert, who is deceased; William, who lives in Wisconsin; Mary, widow of Lawyer Ayers; and Emanuel.

Emanuel Mackay received excellent educational advantages, which he eagerly improved. His primary instruction was received in the schools of Aylmer, and was supplemented by a course in the high school of St. Thomas, Ont., a course in Toronto University and collegiate course in Trinity College, from which institution he graduated in 1865, with the degree of A.B. He then turned his attention to teaching, filling positions in the high schools of Collingwood, Aylmer and Brampton, and it was in 1881, while filling the position of head master of the Aylmer high school, that he concluded to devote his time to journalism. He purchased the *Ridgetown Plain Dealer*, of Ridgetown, County of Kent, and continued to edit and publish that paper for eighteen years, in February, 1899, selling same and buying the *Leamington News*, which he has ever since conducted. Under his able management the paper has maintained a high standing, both as a news organ and from an intellectual and literary standpoint. Mr. Mackay's interest in educational matters did not cease when he abandoned teaching, and he has always given his aid and influence in the furtherance of movements calculated to increase or improve educational facilities, especially in the high schools. He served on the high school board of Ridgetown, and is now chairman of the Leamington high school board, and a member of the public library board, and county inspector of the county house of refuge. His support, personally and through the columns of his paper, is given to all worthy movements, and he is regarded as one of the best citizens of Leamington in every respect.

Mr. Mackay was married, in Yarmouth township, County of Elgin, on Aug. 6, 1863, to Miss Mary Amelia Michael, daughter of Robert and Catherine (Wright) Michael, of Maple Grove, Yarmouth, Ont., both of whom were from Helensburgh, Scotland. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Mackay, Wenonah and Jessie, both of whom reside at home. The family attend the Episcopal Church.

SQUIRE W. H. BILLING, a Government official and volunteer militia officer of North Ridge, County of Essex, came hither from England

when a young man and has since been identified with its every interest. Upright and public-spirited, positions of trust and responsibility have been thrust upon him by his fellow-citizens, and he has uniformly discharged the duties devolving upon him so ably as more than to justify their choice, becoming well known and prominent in Western Ontario.

Mr. Billing was born in Northamptonshire, England, March 1, 1816, son of John and Elizabeth (Wilson) Billing, who were both natives of the same county and lived and died there. Of the nine children born to these parents, W. H., the seventh, is the only one who left England, and the only one still living. He grew up in his native land, spending most of his time with an uncle in London, by whom he was educated and with whom he remained until he was twenty. About 1838 Mr. Billing left England for Canada and settled in Toronto, where he landed safely after seven weeks on the ocean. After spending two years in that city, in 1840 he went to Cleveland, Ohio, where he worked as a clerk in the general store of Smith & Clary for two or three years, and he made his home there until married, in 1845, for some time sailing on the lakes between Chicago and Buffalo. Shortly after his marriage Mr. Billing gave up sailing and accepted a position with Winslow & Joy, of Cleveland, in whose employ he remained for some time, and settled down as a farmer on land which he purchased in Lorain County, Ohio. Seven years later, in 1852, he returned to Canada, and has since made his home in the County of Essex, Ont., on the homestead on the Talbot Road, in Gosfield North, having bought originally 300 acres in that township, on the advice of Col. Prince. He and his wife began life there in a little log hut, and Mr. Billing at once began clearing his land, which now has developed into a fine farm. He has been very successful, both as a farmer and in his business ventures, so that while he started with practically nothing but his good education, he has become one of the wealthy men of the region.

From his early residence in Essex, Mr. Billing has been intimately concerned in the management of county affairs. His official life began in 1855, when, on the recommendation of Col. Prince, he was appointed magistrate of the County of Essex, and his tenure of office has continued uninterruptedly to the present time. He was also appointed clerk of the Division Court, and held the position for some time. On

Oct. 20, 1860, he became postmaster of North Ridge, in Gosfield, serving seven or eight years. From 1868 to the present he has been commissioner for the county, having received his original appointment from Chief Justice William H. Draper. For many years, too, Mr. Billing was deputy for the Crown lands, a position which involved the writing of deeds and making of settlements for the county. Politically Squire Billing has always been identified with the Liberal-Conservative party, and during his long residence at North Ridge has ever been a zealous party man, but one who gained the respect of his opponents as well as of his followers.

In 1860 Mr. Billing was appointed to raise a company of soldiers, recruited the company in the County of Essex known as the North Ridge Rifles, organized it in the following year, received a captain's commission, and served eight years before being discharged. He raised the company at the request of Col. Nash, district officer, Toronto. For his services as an officer during the Fenian raid he received a medal, and still holds a commission from the Government as brevet major. The following account of an experience the major had during the Civil War is in his own words, and appeared in an article published by a local paper a few years ago: "In 1861, during the American Civil War, Captain Church and five men of the 8th Michigan Regiment landed at Windsor and drove up to North Ridge (putting their horses up at Windle Wigle's hostelry) for the purpose of arresting four deserters from the American army who had sought an asylum on British territory, and who were working at the Crawford Settlement. Mr. Wigle informed me of the captain's errand, and I asked if it were legal for him to come to Canada to arrest the men. I most emphatically answered no, and that I would not shrink from debating the point with the captain on his return with the deserters. I immediately ordered my constable, John Noble, to warn the men out, who responded promptly to the call of duty. In the evening Capt. Church and his men came back with the four deserters. I immediately ordered my men to surround them, which they did with great alacrity. I then demanded his authority for arresting the men on British soil. He presented me with an order from his colonel, authorizing him to arrest the men wherever he found them—rather an omnipotent order. I relieved his mind on one point, and that was that the order was no good here. It might do very well on

American soil, but after he left his own country the order ceased to have effect. I asked the deserters if they were willing to return with their late captain, and they with one accord answered no. I then asked them why they came with the captain and if he had used any force to compel them to come? They answered in the negative, stating they supposed they had to. I told them they were at liberty to go where they chose as they were now on British soil. I had great difficulty in restraining my men from annihilating the Americans for their impudence in coming over to effect an arrest. Lord Monck, the then Governor-General, wrote, thanking me for my services (after receiving a report of the occurrence from Sheriff McEwan). The Governor brought it before the home Government, who immediately protested to the United States Government at Washington. President Lincoln apologized to the British Government, and the matter ended."

Still another department of the county life to which Mr. Billing contributed valuable services was the educational. When he first settled in Gosfield North there were no schools there, and he was largely instrumental in establishing the first one in the district known as school section No. 8, organized some fifty years ago.

On Jan. 14, 1845, Squire Billing was married to Miss Elizabeth Glover, a native of Leicestershire, England, where her father, William Glover, of Thedonworth, Leicestershire, settled and died. Mrs. Billing came with her brother Jonathan to America. He settled first near Cleveland and later moved to St. Thomas, Ont., where he died a few years ago. Mrs. Billing passed away May 6, 1903, at the age of eighty. She had borne her husband seven children, two of whom died before her, namely: Charles, the fourth son, who died in infancy; and Mary Elizabeth, the second daughter and sixth child, who lived to the age of twenty-one. William Henry Billing, the eldest son, was born while the family lived in Cleveland. First he married Amelia Henson, of Lorain County, Ohio, and afterward Miss Sarah McComb, of Essex Center, and they now reside on a part of the old homestead, which included 400 acres, and which Squire Billing divided among his sons. John Samuel, also born in Cleveland, married first Miss Maggie S. Hill, who died leaving four children, William R., Charles L., Arthur G. and Blanche S.; his present wife was Miss Maria Shepherd, of Gosfield North. George Alfred, born in Ohio, chose for his wife

Miss Louisa Lonsberry, who died leaving five children, Maud L., Florence, Harry S., George A. and Joseph; he resides on his farm in Gosfield North. Miss Blanche, born at the homestead in Essex, still lives there. Dorcas Anne was married in October, 1894, to Jeremy Johnston, of the County of Essex, who settled in Woodstock for two years, remaining there until 1899, when he sold out and went to Essex.

In 1840, while living in Cleveland, Squire Billing joined the Odd Fellows, and has always kept up his membership. Religiously he and his family belong to the Church of England, and he was one of the founders of Trinity Church, of North Ridge. Mr. Billing's character more than makes good his professions, for there is no man in the county who has more surely won the hearts of all by his sympathy, benevolence and integrity. Actuated in all cases solely by the most honorable motives, no slightest aspersion was ever cast upon him in his official capacities, while all admit that his business success has been gained only by the most honorable means. Beloved alike in his home and abroad, his life has been a true blessing to himself and others. We may fittingly close this sketch with another extract from the article previously mentioned. The Squire is unusually well preserved, and commenting on this fact the article says:

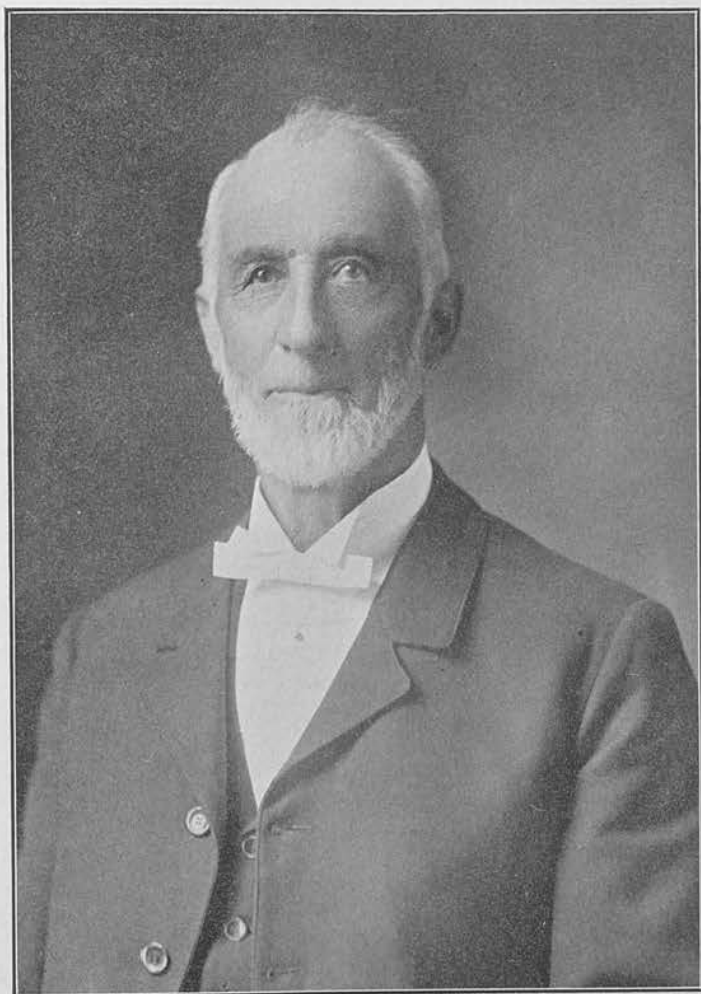
"To see him at his daily vocations would put to blush some younger men. With true military bearing, he can aptly be described as one of the grand old men of Canada. In his eighty-first year, he does not appear to be more than slightly over seventy. He has been a close student of political economy from a very early age. He does not hastily arrive at conclusions; he believes in the old Latin proverb '*est modus in rebus*' (there is a medium in all things). He is a born leader of men. Firm, patient, high-minded, he acts as a counterpoise to the petty conspiracies to which men resort to gain or retain power or popularity. His political principles have come to him from convictions, not by birth, and through the same fountains from which his fellow-Conservatives of British origin have drawn their inspirations. His career serves to show that there is respect in Canada for men of his stamp, even where in youth there have been no specially favorable circumstances. It shows something more: it indicates that success comes with integrity, no matter how keenly the crafty or dishonest man may contend to the contrary. Major Billing, when he passes to the great be-

yond, will leave behind an honored name, but he will leave something more—a declaration to young men to aspire to positions of honor and power. Wherever the major is known his word is as good as a bond. . . . Major Billing is possessed of more than the average intelligence. He has remarkable practical common sense, shrewdness and ready wit, with an original manner of expression; quick and sympathetic, he has a wonderful power of influencing others, increased by his love of helping others in an unostentatious manner. He is a member of the Church of England, and, to judge by the character of the man, his is not an uninquiring faith."

GEORGE A. MORSE, clerk of the Fifth Division Court and one of the representative residents of Leamington, County of Essex, was born in Jefferson county, New York, June 26, 1833, a son of Alpheus and Electa (Priest) Morse.

Alpheus Morse was born in St. Lawrence county, New York, while his ancestors for several generations were natives of Massachusetts. The founder of the family in the New World came from England at a very early day and was one of the old Morse family of Puritan New England stock. In young manhood Alpheus Morse engaged in farming, but later he became connected with D. D. Calvin, who afterward became a member of Parliament, and a Mr. Brick in a timber business. In 1850 Alpheus Morse came to Canada and was for a number of years associated with Messrs. Calvin and Brick in a timber business, Mr. Morse being located at Windsor, and later at Sandwich, where he died in 1854, aged forty-four years. He and his wife had a family of seven children, namely: George A. is mentioned below. Wesley G. is mentioned elsewhere. Albert D. is a merchant at Butler, Indiana. Electa A. is the wife of John McR. Selkirk, postmaster of Leamington. Lucian G. married Hulda A. Malott, and both are deceased; their children were reared by his brother George. Alpheus, twin of Electa, died in infancy. Victoria died when two years old.

George A. Morse remained at home, working upon the farm and attending the common schools until he was eighteen, at which time, in 1851, he followed his father to Canada, and was associated with him in the lumber business. Soon after his father's death Mr. Morse severed his



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connection with the lumber trade, and went into the stave business as a salaried man, and following this he was engaged in fishing in Lake Erie for some time. About 1862 he came to Leamington, where he found employment as a clerk in a mercantile establishment for three years at the end of which time he was taken into partnership by his employer, John Setterington, and the year following Mr. Morse and Mr. William Wile purchased the interest of Mr. Setterington, and for another year carried on the business. Mr. Morse then purchased the interest of Mr. Wile, and for some ten years conducted the business as sole proprietor. Then he sold the business to his brother, Lucian G., now deceased, and retired to a farm about one mile from town, where he resided eleven years. Then he returned to Leamington, having been made clerk of the Division Court some two years prior to this, and he held the office continuously for twenty-one years. He has also been interested in fire insurance, representing the leading companies, and he still conducts his fine farm of 100 acres, some thirty acres of which are in fruit. At one time Mr. Morse owned 200 acres, but he gave half of this farm to his son.

On May 1, 1854, Mr. Morse married Miss Sarah J. Malott, daughter of Theodore Malott, of Mersea township, one of the prominent men of that section, and ex-warden and justice of the peace, now deceased. And on her mother's side she was of U. E. Loyalist descent. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Morse, four of whom survive: Nelson D., a farmer of Mersea township, married Mary Simpson, and they have two children, George, deceased, and Stafford. Edith L. married M. W. Meisner, of Leamington, and they have two children, George and Lila. Georgiana A. is the widow of T. H. Simpson, of Chicago, Ill. Adasa V. married W. O. Franklin, of Port Rowan, and they have two daughters, Helen and Marion.

Mr. Morse is a staunch supporter of the Grit party. For a number of years he has been justice of the peace, has also served as reeve of the township, and has been warden of the county. In 1894 he was made commissioner of the County of Essex, which honorable position he still holds. Mr. Morse has been a member of the Methodist Church for the past thirty-three years, and while acting as recording steward of that body was presented with a framed copy of thanks for his valuable services. In 1859 Mr. Morse was made a Mason in Kingsville, and he is one of

the charter members of the Masonic lodge at Leamington.

On May 1, 1904, Mr. and Mrs. Morse celebrated their Golden Wedding. For over fifty years they have stood together, and though at times they have been bowed with sorrow, and sickness has sometimes visited them, yet have they enjoyed an ample share of health and prosperity. Hospitality, good cheer and helpfulness to others have been generously dispensed in their home, and their influence and assistance have been steadily extended to aid in progressive movements of a material, social, or religious nature for the general public welfare.

JAMES GARDINER. Among the most highly esteemed residents of the County of Kent is the venerable James Gardiner, who, at the eighty-ninth milestone in life's journey, is still in good health, in possession of all of his faculties, and one of the most genial gentlemen of the city of Chatham.

Mr. Gardiner comes of North of Ireland stock on his mother's side, and of Scotch blood on the father's side of the family. Singleton Gardiner, his grandfather, was born in Ireland about the middle of the eighteenth century, and there passed his whole life. His immediate descendants were two sons and one daughter, viz.: Thomas, Singleton, and Ann, deceased, who became Mrs. Henry Coyne.

Singleton Gardiner (2), son of Singleton, and father of James, in 1805 settled on the line between Putnam and Westchester Counties, New York, where he purchased thirty acres of land, a part of which was situated in each county. His brother and sister also came to the States and settled in the same locality. Singleton Gardiner lived in the State of New York until 1816, when he removed with his family to Port Talbot, County of Middlesex, Ont., on the Talbot Road, three miles from the residence of Col. Talbot, and there purchased fifty acres of land. In 1825 he sold this property and settled on the Thames river, in the County of Middlesex, having purchased 240 acres of land at Andover, in Little York (Toronto), for \$425. Mr. Gardiner also bought 200 acres on the opposite side of the river from his other property, and on this 200 acres he settled in 1825. There he died in 1834, at the age of sixty years. In 1803 he married Ruth Hamilton, who was born in Ireland in 1773, and died in Canada, March 19, 1858. To this worthy couple were born two sons and two

daughters, available records giving these facts concerning them: (1) Mary, who was born in 1804, married John Gibb, and settled on the 240-acre tract purchased at Andover. She died in 1865, and was the mother of four sons and four daughters, three of her children still surviving—Mrs. Thomas Farwell, of Wallaceburg; Mrs. John Hyslop, of Grand Forks, North Dakota; and John Nelson Gibb, of Wallaceburg, Ont. (2) Deborah, born in 1806, married George Gibb, and became the mother of five children, three of whom survive—Dr. George Gibb, of Blenheim, Mrs. Thomas Neil and Helen. (3) William Gardiner died in 1860. He was the father of these children: Adelia, deceased; Thomas, deceased; Mary, Mrs. John Marcus, of the County of Middlesex; Cecilia, Mrs. Irwin, of St. Thomas; Mattie, Mrs. John Porter, of Thamesville; Winifred, Mrs. Petch, a telegrapher at Tillsonburg; Singleton and William, who were drowned while bathing in the Thames; Isabella, a telegraph operator at Wardsville; and Howard, a farmer in the same locality.

James Gardiner, the youngest member of his parents' family, was born Aug. 31, 1814, in Putnam County, New York, and with his father's family lived in the different places above mentioned. At the age of twenty years, in 1834, he began his individual career, operating a saw-mill, a gristmill and also a farm in the County of Middlesex, the latter being located in Lot 28, first range north of the river. This property all finally came into his possession, and to its management and cultivation Mr. Gardiner gave his energies until 1870, when, in December of that year, he removed to Chatham, later disposing of the property. Mr. Gardiner is a man of some means and permits his capital to work for him. He is a stockholder in the Chatham Loan & Savings Company, of which his son Samuel is manager, and is the oldest member of the board. Mr. Gardiner has always taken a deep and intelligent interest in general affairs and in the political outlook, voting consistently with the Reform party. For many years he has been a member of the Methodist Church. Mr. Gardiner in his interesting reminiscences of the life of his youth takes his hearer back to a very primitive style of living, and to him and others the present generation is indebted for the ease and comfort of to-day. The pioneers blazed the way. Mr. Gardiner has in every way been a useful citizen, filling various local positions, and since 1847 has been a justice of the peace. He has been blessed

with good health and bears his weight of years like a much younger man, his genial manner smoothing away many rough places in his long path, both for himself and others.

On Feb. 20, 1836, Mr. Gardiner was married to Rebecca Fleming, of Aldborough township, County of Elgin, a daughter of James Fleming and an aunt of Dr. Fleming of Chatham. A family of five children was born to this union, namely: (1) William E., born Sept. 30, 1837, married Agnes Barr, daughter of the late Dr. Barr, of Chatham. One son of this marriage, McGregor, married Georgiana Moore, by whom he had one daughter, Gladys, born in 1898. (2) Samuel Fleming, born Dec. 25, 1839, married Jennie Holmes, and they have one son, Samuel Noble. Samuel F. Gardiner is the capable manager of the Chatham Loan & Savings Company. (3) Miss Barbara Ann resides in Chatham and cares for her father, a dutiful daughter and a most estimable lady. (4) Jane married W. G. McGeorge, and died in 1901, leaving children—Ethel, Sybil, Flora and William. (5) Matilda married Isaac Coyne, a merchant in Toronto, and they have three sons, DeWitt, Percy and Stanley. The mother of this family passed out of life in 1891, leaving behind many who sincerely mourned the loss of so kind and loving a wife, mother and neighbor.

JOHN RODD, who is a retired lumberman and farmer of North Colchester, County Essex, was born Oct. 30, 1824, in Cornwall, England, a son of William and Ann (Hockaday) Rodd.

William Rodd was born in 1799, in Cornwall, and his wife in 1797, in Devonshire. They passed their lives in England, where he died in 1839 and she in 1856. Of their family of seven children, John and his sister Isabella, the late widow of William Prouse, were the only ones to come to Canada. Mrs. Prouse died in 1904; she resided at Little Britain, Ont., and had one son, Dr. Edwin, of Windsor. Of the other members of the family, Jane and Betty are still living; and William and Thomas are deceased.

John Rodd was the eldest of the family and was educated in the English schools of Cornwall. Some years before coming to Canada, in 1843, he lived on the farm of his uncle, John Hockaday, and thus gained some practical experience. Mr. Rodd can easily recall his long voyage of five weeks on a sailing vessel and how glad he was to again touch English soil at Quebec. He located first at Darlington, County of

Durham, and engaged in farming, soon after entering into a partnership with John Smith, of Durham, in a lumbering business, operating a sawmill also. Until 1871 Mr. Rodd remained in County Durham, and then came to Gesto, Colchester North, here, in partnership with Mr. Barrett, erecting a sawmill on the Malden Road. This partnership existed for three years, at the end of which time Mr. Rodd purchased the interests of Mr. Barrett, continuing the business alone until 1891, when he turned it over to his son. After disposing of his lumber enterprise, Mr. Rodd turned his attention more to his farming interests, and continues to keep a general management of same, although he resides in the village of Gesto, in a very fine home he built, and from which he drives to his farm as suits his convenience.

After coming to Canada and getting well established, Mr. Rodd in 1849 married Annie Vanstone, who was born in England, and died in County Durham in 1853, leaving two daughters, one of whom died in childhood. The other, Jennie, the younger, was born in County Durham and married Marwood Barrett, at that time of Colchester. Her death left six children motherless, namely: Loveday, Russell, Everett, Marcus, Merwin and Jennie.

In 1855 Mr. Rodd married (second), Miss Clarissa Prouse, of County Durham, who was born in England, where she was finely educated. Eight children were born of this marriage, namely: Caroline became the wife of Rev. H. Moore, a Methodist minister of County Essex, stationed at Gesto, and she died near Toronto, leaving five children: John, Henry, Clarissa, Walter and Nellie. Elizabeth A., born in County Durham, married James Austin, a merchant of Olmstead, Canada, and they have three children: Priestley, Clara and Stella. William, born at Darlington, County Durham, married a Miss Gardner, of Colchester, and they have two sons, Roscoe and Roy. He is engaged in a lumber business on the Canadian side of the Sault Ste. Marie. Ada, born in Darlington, married her brother-in-law, Rev. H. Moore, and they have one child, Della. Dr. Edwin, born at Darlington, was educated in the County Essex public schools and the Chatham Business College, and then became a medical student at Detroit, being graduated from the Detroit Medical College in 1893; he is now a practicing physician of that city; he married Anna Woodbridge, of Canada, in 1895. Clara, born at Darlington, was educated in the

Normal school of County Essex and is now one of the successful teachers of the county, very highly esteemed. John H., born at Darlington, completed the public school course in County Essex, studied law at Toronto University and Osgoode Hall, and is now a successful lawyer at Windsor; he married a Miss Marks, of Toronto, and they have one daughter, Carrie Olivia. Adella married H. Pierce, a farmer, and they have three children, Edwin, Olive and Estella.

Mr. Rodd has always been identified with the Reform party and has filled local offices in the township, serving as councilman for ten years. He has always been prominent in school matters and was one of the organizers and one of the trustees of the first school at Gesto. He has always shown great strength of character, which has inspired such confidence and respect that his advice is frequently sought, and for the past twenty years he has been a justice of the peace, his decisions giving satisfaction in almost all cases. He has reared a most admirable family, one which reflects credit upon the community and far more upon parents who have reared them in the fear and admonition of the Lord. Mr. Rodd has long been a leader in the Methodist Church and was one of the founders of the church at this point, to which he has been a liberal benefactor. For twenty-five years he served as superintendent of the Sabbath School, and the love and esteem in which he is held was delicately shown in 1900 by the presentation to him of a gold watch as a testimonial in appreciation of his faithful service. In fact, Mr. Rodd may be called the leading spirit of the church at this place, and his influence has been widespread. In the domestic circle he is the center of affection and veneration, and in all his dealings with his fellow-men he has shown such justice and uprightness that they admire and value him as do his kindred. It is a pleasant retrospect for Mr. Rodd, in the evening of life, to look back over so much accomplished, so many kind deeds done, so many heavy loads lifted from others.

DOUGLAS JAMES MACQUEEN, cashier of the Michigan Central Railroad, Windsor, Ont., descended from the ancient Highland family of Macqueens of Corrybrough, his great-great-grandfather being Roderick Dur Macqueen, the hardy chieftain who with 500 men bid defiance to King James.

In the next generation is found a brave military leader in the British army, Capt. Macqueen

of the 9th Lancers, who died in 1852. He married Jane Nasmyth, daughter of Sir James Nasmyth, third Baronet of Posso, on whose estate the well-known "Black Dwarf" built his house. Capt. Macqueen owned the largest sugar plantation in the West Indies, called Potosie, having over 2,000 slaves, who were all set free by the English Government, which paid for them. The children of Capt. Macqueen were Arthur, who died in Australia; Charles, who died in England; James, of the Royal Navy, who was drowned off the battleship "Royal George"; John James; and Georgina, Eleanor and Agnes, deceased.

John James Macqueen, the father of Douglas James, was born in 1815 in Scotland, and died in 1872 in England. In early life he joined the 3rd Dragoons, and later was appointed inspector general of customs. He married the daughter of Squire Oviatt, of Aylesbury, who was born in 1830, and died in 1886. The children born to them were: Alice Maud, married to John Townes, Richmond, England; Douglas James; and Donald Arthur John, who located in India.

Douglas James Macqueen was born March 30, 1848, in Edinburgh, Scotland, and in 1868 he joined the 3rd Dragoons. In 1871 he came to Canada to visit his cousin, Col. Villiers, of Hamilton, son of Capt. George Villiers, of the Royal Life Guards "Blue," and great-grandson of George Villiers, Duke of Buckingham. Mr. Macqueen came to Windsor, Ont., in 1872, and was united in marriage with Miss Ada Isabella Whyte, who was born in Montreal; extended mention of this prominent family will be found elsewhere in the work. Blanche Minnie Charlotte, Grace Rankin, Murray Fitzherbert and Reginald Villiers are the children born to them. Mr. Macqueen is also connected to the Duke of Hamilton and Sir John Murray, of Philiphaugh, Peebles, Scotland. His family is one which is justly esteemed in the circles of Windsor.

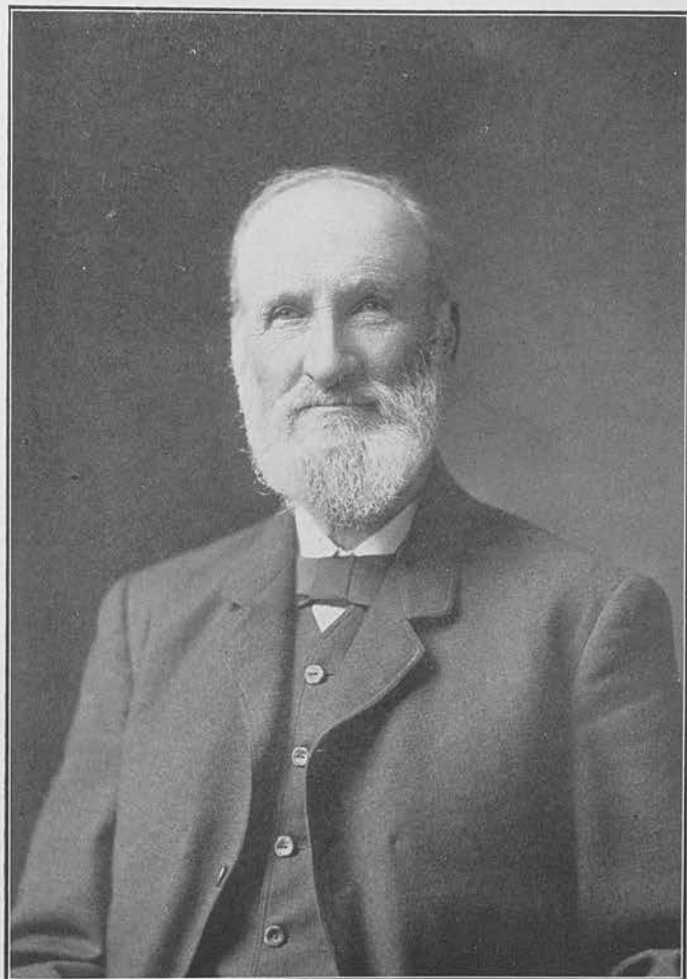
JOHN McROBIE SELKIRK, for over twenty-nine years postmaster at Leamington, was fifteen years local manager of the Bell Telephone Company at that place, and has been for the same length of time and still is district superintendent under the Dominion Government, of the Pelee Island Telephone line; he is Police Magistrate for Leamington and one of its most prominent men. Mr. Selkirk was born in the County of Beauharnois,

Quebec, Jan. 12, 1840, son of Robert and Catherine (Robertson) Selkirk.

Robert Selkirk was born in Lanarkshire, Scotland, near Glasgow, while his wife was born in Perthshire, Scotland, and both were brought by their parents when young to what is now the County of Chateauguay, Quebec. Later the families removed, about 1865, to Mersea township, County of Essex, Ont., where Robert Selkirk spent the remainder of his life in what is now known as Blytheswood. He was a radical in politics, sometimes voting for the Conservative candidates, and again casting his vote for those of another party, being largely influenced by the fitness of the man for the office in question. Being a man of intelligence and excellent judgment, he became very prominent, and enjoyed the respect and esteem of a wide circle of friends. He and his wife were the parents of eleven children, six of whom survive, namely: John McR.; Margaret, who married Norman McDonald, of Leamington; Charles; Janet, who married John Ainslie, of Manitoba; William; and James. The deceased are James, Agnes (who married William Reed, of Mersea), Isabella, Robert and Catherine (Mrs. George Black).

John McRobie Selkirk was reared in his father's home, and acquired a fair education in the common schools, to which he has added considerably by extensive reading and close observation. He was the eldest of his father's family, so naturally many of the burdens fell upon his young shoulders, and he nobly did his share in helping at home. In 1864 he left home and came to Mersea township, County of Essex, although it was his intention to go to British Columbia, via the overland route, but when he reached this county he was so impressed with the possibilities of the locality that he decided to remain. With an axe upon his shoulder he went into the bush and started to work. He spent the years 1864 and 1865 in getting out timber and farm work, with a short interval spent in the manufacture of pearlsh for John Hope, of Blytheswood.

On Oct. 24, 1865, Mr. Selkirk married Miss Electa A. Morse, of Mersea township, who at the time of their marriage was a most popular young teacher in the public school at Blytheswood, and a most charming and highly educated young lady. Nine children have been born to this union, five of whom survive: Edith V. married W. E. Cascadden, of Lapel, Indiana, and



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they have two sons, Neldo and Earle. Electa B. is at present assistant postmaster at Blind River, Ont. Robert M. is assistant postmaster at Leamington. Alpheus V. J. and Arvilla V. E. are at home.

After his marriage Mr. Selkirk continued his work of clearing, bearing his share in the development of the section, but in Dec., 1867, he removed to Leamington, and has since made this town his place of abode. For fifteen years Mr. Selkirk held the responsible position of local manager of the Bell Telephone Company, and is also still district superintendent of the Pelee Island Telephone System, discharging these duties with the same conscientious exactness which has always characterized all his actions.

In early years Mr. Selkirk was a Reformer in politics, but later became independent. Since July, 1875, he has held the responsible position of postmaster at Leamington, an office for which he is well fitted, receiving his appointment under McKenzie's administration. Other honors have been conferred upon Mr. Selkirk, for in 1875 he was made town clerk of Leamington, and held the first elections in the village and afterward in the town of Leamington. This office he retained until 1891, and during the greater portion of the time has also discharged the duties of town treasurer, which office he still holds to the satisfaction of his constituents and the advantage of the town. He has been the incumbent of this latter office, with the exception of three years, since 1876. For many years Mr. Selkirk has been justice of the peace for Essex, and for some ten or more years he has been police magistrate of the town of Leamington.

In religious matters Mr. Selkirk is a Presbyterian, and is quite prominent in that church, being the senior elder, and he was until lately also session clerk. He was one of the founders of the church in that place and has always been one of its most liberal supporters. The family is prominent socially as well as in other directions, and enjoys in the highest degree the full confidence of neighbors and friends generally.

FRANK MONFORTON, a wealthy farmer of the 4th Concession, Lot 10, in Anderdon township, belongs to a family that is very prominent in the County of Essex, and is himself not only influential in the political affairs of his locality, but also a leader among the churchmen, having at one time studied for the priesthood. He is

one of the younger men of the community, having been born in Sandwich West, July 27, 1860, son of William and Angelic (Gignac) Monforton.

The first of the family to come to Canada was Frank Monforton, the grandfather of our subject, who was an officer in the French army and came on one of the war boats to Quebec and Detroit previous to the war of 1812. He was established with the French army at Amherstburg during the war of 1812, after which he settled on a farm in Sandwich West, and there died. Frank Monforton left five sons and four daughters: (1) William, the father of Frank, was the eldest. (2) Francis Xavier (deceased), was a farmer of Sandwich West. He had a family of six children—three boys and three girls. (3) Gregory (deceased), who was a carpenter of Sandwich town, had two sons and one daughter. (4) Henry, now a wealthy retired farmer of Bozeman, Montana, has a family of five children. (5) Noah, born in Sandwich West, when a young man entered the American Civil War as a harnessmaker for the United States government, and has never been heard of by his friends in Canada from that time. (6) Odile, born in Sandwich West, now deceased, was the wife of Estras Jauniss, of Sandwich West, and left two daughters. (7) Catherine (deceased), married Alexander Ouellette, of Sandwich South. (8) Melonie is the deceased wife of Alexander Beniteau, of Anderdon township. (9) Zoe is the wife of Ephraim Charette, who lives on the town line of Anderdon. They have no family.

William Monforton was born in Sandwich West in August, 1813, and in 1837 married and settled on his father's old homestead. His wife, Angelic Gignac, was a native of the same place, born in February, 1813. Frank Monforton, Sr., died before his family was grown, and upon the eldest son, William, devolved the responsibility of bringing up the younger brothers and sisters. William Monforton became one of the wealthy and influential citizens of Sandwich West. He gradually increased his property holdings, until he owned 400 acres of land in Sandwich West and Anderdon, and during his lifetime bought and gave each of his sons a fine farm. He was an enthusiastic adherent of the Catholic Church, was one of the founders of the church in Sandwich, and for twenty years a trustee of the Amherstburg Church. Politically he was always a Liberal, and he served as a local magistrate in Sandwich West for a full quarter of a century.

He died in 1897, and his wife's death followed in 1901.

William Monforton and his wife were the parents of six children: (1) James was born in 1846, and (2) Joseph in 1848. (3) Bathille, born in 1850, is the wife of Charles Gignac, of Anderdon, and has a family of four children, Albert, Willie, Louise and Herbert. (4) Remi lives on the old homestead. (5) Peter, born in 1858, married and settled near the old homestead, where he died in 1900, leaving a wife and six children. (6) Frank is the youngest member of this old family.

Frank Monforton received his early education in the public schools of Sandwich West. Later he attended the Sandwich Assumption College, where he studied for the priesthood, and was one of the scholarly young men of the institution. Preferring outdoor life, however, he finally gave up thoughts of the clergy and engaged in farming at the old homestead. After he married he settled on his present farm, the larger part of which he has cleared. He has put up a house, barn and outbuildings, and made so many improvements generally, that he now has one of the best equipped and most highly cultivated farms in Anderdon.

Mr. Monforton has been married three times. His first wife, who was Miss Josephine O'Dette, was born and reared in Anderdon, and died in 1891, leaving three children: Edward, born Dec. 12, 1887; Adolph, born Jan. 12, 1889; and Arthur, who died in childhood. Mr. Monforton married for his second wife, in 1892, Miss Jennie Bazaire, of Anderdon, who died at the home in 1898, leaving him five children: Clara, Theophile, Louis, Paul and Elizabeth. The present Mrs. Monforton was Miss Ellen Bazaire, a sister of the second wife, and to this union two children have been born: John Baptist, in 1902, and Mary Angelina, Oct. 20, 1904. The whole family are members of the Catholic Church, in which Mr. Monforton is very prominent. Politically he is a Liberal, but while he wields much influence he has never aspired to office. He was the organizer of the Patrons of Husbandry in Essex County, is a member of the order of Foresters at Anderdon, of which he is secretary, and has served as delegate to Toronto, and is also a leading member of Branch No. 62, C.M.B.A. He has been one of the school trustees, and acted as secretary and treasurer of the board for thirteen years. Mr. Monforton and his wife stand high socially in their community and are well known all over

the County of Essex, for the entire family are well-to-do and prominent farming people in Sandwich West and Anderdon.

REV. DUNCAN HENRY HIND, rector of St. John's Church, of Sandwich, is a native of the city of Toronto, and a son of Dr. Henry Youle Hind. His grandfather, Thomas Hind, a native of England, born about 1782, was by occupation a manufacturer of lace, and died in his native land in 1863. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Sarah Youle, died in 1885, at the advanced age of ninety-three years. Among their children was a son, Henry Youle Hind, who became very prominent in scientific circles in Canada. He was born in Nottingham, England, in 1823, and with his wife now resides in Windsor, N.S. On coming to Canada he located in Toronto, where for some time he was professor of chemistry and mathematics in the Normal School of the city, and he was later professor of chemistry and geology in Trinity College, Toronto. In 1857 Dr. Hind was sent out by the government as geologist of the Native Exploring Expedition to the Northwest, and again in 1858 he went out on a similar expedition. In 1861 he was the geological explorer of the interior of Labrador for the Canadian Government; in 1866 he was on the geological survey of the Province of Nova Scotia, and later was geological consulting engineer for private companies. In 1876 he was employed by the government for scientific research in regard to the settlement of the fisheries at Halifax, N.S. Dr. Hind founded the Church of England school for girls at Windsor, N.S., which has now attained a continental reputation.

Dr. Hind was married, in 1849, to Catherine Sarah Cameron, who was born in 1820, in England, of Scottish parentage, and was a daughter of Duncan and Sarah (Baily) Cameron; Duncan Cameron was colonel of the 79th Highlanders. To Dr. Hind and his wife have come the following children: Thomas F. N., born in 1851, died young; Duncan Henry, born June 24, 1853, is mentioned below; Catherine Sarah, born in 1855, resides in Nova Scotia; John Youle, born in 1857, died at the age of twenty-two years; Kenneth C., born in 1861, resides in Halifax, where he is chaplain to the Bishop of Nova Scotia; James Archibald is deceased; Margaret, twin sister of James, was born in 1863, and resides in Nova Scotia.

Rev. Duncan Henry Hind was born in To-

ronto, and was educated in the collegiate institute and at King's College, Nova Scotia. For several terms after completing his college course he was a civil engineer in Nova Scotia and the North-West. In 1879 he was made deacon by Bishop Binney, and in 1880 was ordained priest at the same hands. The first charge of Rev. Mr. Hind was in Prince Edward Island, where he remained three years, and in 1882 he came to Burford, County of Brant, where he continued three years, in 1885 going to Chesley, where he remained until 1887. He was then stationed at Sandwich, where for seventeen years he has been rector of St. John's Church. The congregation known as St. John's was founded in 1792, and its first house of worship was a log edifice. In 1812 a brick building was begun, but the war of that period deferred its completion until 1818. During the forties the tower of the present edifice was erected, and in 1874 the walls of the first church building were razed and the present house of worship built. The list of the rectors who have presided over the spiritual and material welfare of St. John's Church from the beginning is as follows: Rev. Richard Pollard; Rev. Robert Short; Rev. William Johnson; Rev. D. Welby (who in 1840 presented the rectory to the church); Rev. William Ritchie; Rev. Mr. Sewar; Rev. John Hurst; Rev. G. Elliot; Rev. Richard Johnson; and Rev. D. H. Hind.

The Rev. Mr. Hind was married, in 1876, to Miss Agnes Marshall, daughter of William Marshall, a sea captain, and to their union have been born the following named children: Agnes Catherine, Charles Baily Youle, Duncan Cameron, Marian Clara and Henry R. Mr. Hind is of a gentle and pleasing disposition, and is a very pleasant and convincing conversationalist. During his seventeen years' pastorate he has made many friends, and endeared his parishioners to him not only on account of his learning and ability, but also because of his grand traits of character and because he carries out in his life the doctrines he preaches.

PETER DUNCAN McKELLAR, one of the prominent business citizens of Chatham, who for years has ably filled the position of registrar of the County of Kent, with a fidelity to the public not exceeded by any other official, is of Scottish descent, and comes from a pioneer family of the county. The line is traced back to

John and Mary (Clark) McKellar, who had one son, Dugall, born in 1673. Dugall McKel-

lar married Mary McNair, and they had two sons, Duncan and John, of whom the latter married Isabella Campbell, and had two sons, Neil and Patrick. The former had one son (Duncan) and one daughter. Patrick was a colonel in the British army, and was present at the taking of Gibraltar. He left a large estate, but no children.

Duncan McKellar, son of Dugall, born in 1703, married Catherine McLean, and they had two sons, John and Archibald, and two daughters, Mary and Catherine.

John McKellar, born in 1731, was the great-grandfather of Peter D.

Archibald McKellar, the great-grandfather of Peter Duncan, was born in Scotland, May 28, 1760. He was the father of the following named children: John, Peter, Neil, Archibald, Duncan, David and Sarah.

Peter McKellar, of the family, was the grandfather of Peter D. McKellar, of Chatham. On Aug. 1, 1811, he married Flora McNab, and of their children only two grew to maturity: Mary, born Dec. 10, 1812, who married Duncan McNab, a merchant of Hamilton, Ont., and is now deceased; and Archibald, born Feb. 3, 1816, at Glenshiel, Scotland. In 1818 the latter was brought by his parents to Canada, the family settling in Aldborough township, County of Elgin, Ont., where they lived until 1836. During this period Peter McKellar built the first mill for grinding grain in that section. Prior to the construction of this mill grinding had been done by the primitive method of reducing the grain by means of pulverizing it between two stones, by hand. In 1836 Peter McKellar removed his family to Lot 17, Raleigh township, County of Kent, where he settled on the banks of the river Thames, and there both he and his wife died, the former Jan. 29, 1861, and the latter Feb. 9, 1877, at the age of ninety-six years. They led quiet, irreproachable lives, and are recorded as most respected and useful pioneers of the county.

On Aug. 11, 1836, the date of the arrival of the family in the County of Kent, Archibald McKellar, father of Peter D., married Lucy McNab, who was born in 1820. After their marriage they remained on the old home, Archibald, being the only son, continuing to assist in the operation of the farm there until 1848, when he removed to Chatham and formed a partnership with John Dolsen in the lumber business, an association which continued until 1863. During

these years of active business life in Chatham, Archibald McKellar had been a member of the Western District council and also of the city council of Chatham. His ability as a public man was recognized still more fully when he was sent, in 1857, to the Parliament of the United Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada. In 1867 he was elected to the Parliament of Ontario, which position he ably held until 1874, and during a part of this time he was a very prominent figure, being Provincial Secretary and a commissioner of public works. In 1874 he retired to the shrievalty of Wentworth, residing in Hamilton, Ont., and holding that position until his death, Feb. 11, 1894; his wife preceded him Feb. 13, 1857, at the age of thirty-seven years. To Archibald McKellar and his wife were born the following named children: Peter Duncan is a resident of Chatham. Mary Jane, born Aug. 13, 1841, married Rev. John McMeehan, Sept. 18, 1861, and died June 19, 1870, leaving four sons. Flora, born April 8, 1843, married William H. Birrell in 1865. Sarah Ann, born March 13, 1845, married Feb. 19, 1868, George H. Sanborn, of Fargo, North Dakota, and they have one daughter, Millicent. Janet, born Jan. 22, 1847, married Jan. 20, 1869, John R. Gemmill (who is the present sheriff of the County of Kent), and died leaving three sons and three daughters. Donald, born Feb. 5, 1850, married Lemila Bobier, Oct. 17, 1876, and they have four living children. Thomas, born Jan. 27, 1853, died March 13, 1893, unmarried. Lucy Marion, born March 2, 1855, married David G. Fleming, Sept. 1, 1875, and died July 27, 1879, leaving one daughter.

Peter Duncan McKellar was born Nov. 2, 1839, on the old homestead in Raleigh township, County of Kent, and was nine years of age when his father moved to Chatham. In the public schools of that city he received his early education, which was supplemented by a course in the Upper Canada College, and a law course at University College, at Toronto. During these years he had been applying himself to the study of law, and in July, 1862, during his third year, he was appointed to his present position, a testimonial of worth, as Mr. McKellar was at that time but twenty-three years of age. He has most efficiently filled the office for more than forty years. By his acceptance of this position his law course was cut short one year.

Mr. McKellar is a stockholder in and secretary of the Chatham Dredging Co., formed in

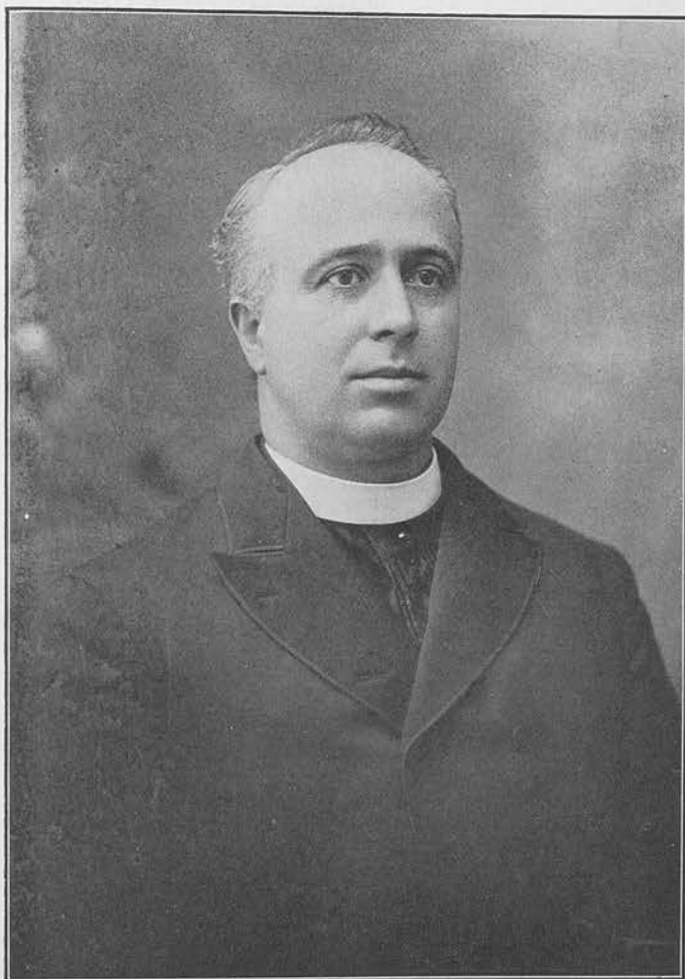
1883, with D. G. Fleming as president and S. T. Martin as manager and treasurer. He is the owner of 750 acres of fine farming land in the County of Kent, which is tenanted, and also owns a fine home on Victoria avenue, in Chatham, and is very justly regarded as one of the solid and substantial men of the county.

On Oct. 19, 1876, Mr. McKellar was married to Miss Louise Ann Stegmann, of Toronto, who died June 30, 1890. Mr. McKellar belongs to the First Presbyterian Church of Chatham, of which his wife was also a member, and he is prominent in the city's social life. He views the political field as a supporter of the Liberal party.

FATHER JOSEPH EDMOND MEUNIER, priest of St. Alphonsa's Church, at Windsor, County of Essex, is a native of Montreal, born in 1860, a son of John Baptist Meunier, a farmer near Montreal.

Father Meunier took an eight-years' classical course at St. Theresa College, Province of Quebec, and then entered upon a four-years' course to fit him for the priesthood, at the seminary at Montreal. On July 5, 1884, he was ordained priest in St. Mary's Church, that city, by Bishop Fabre. Soon after his ordination Father Meunier was assigned to the parish known as St. John East near Quebec, where he remained for one year. His next charge was on the Magdalen Islands, Gulf of St. Lawrence, and he there continued for four years, during which time he did much good, although during the winter months the island was very dreary, owing to the fact that as soon as cold weather began all communication was cut off from the mainland until the return of spring. Upon his return from this charge Father Meunier officiated for one year in Montreal, thence, in 1890, being sent to Belle River, where he remained until his appointment to his present parish, Jan. 17, 1901. This parish is a large one, comprising about eight hundred families, and he has two assistants. The parish was organized in 1865 with Father F. Wagner in charge, and he served until 1895, when he was succeeded by Father Bayard, and after two years Father Flannery took charge, until Father Meunier was appointed. On Dec. 6, 1903, the Lord Bishop of London appointed him Vicar-General of the Diocese of London.

In addition to the work of the parish proper, Father Meunier has charge of the spiritual welfare of the convent of the parish, established in



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1867, and also of the hospital, established in 1887. In 1903 an addition was erected, about 100 x 40 feet, and three stories in height, making the entire building 175 feet long, besides the chapel and hall. Twenty sisters are here engaged in teaching, with about 160 pupils in literary work, music, painting, etc. Father Meunier is a scholarly, genial gentleman, devoted to his people, and one who wins friends without number outside the confines of his church.

ADOLPHE J. E. BELLEPERCHE, a man who has been identified with public life in Windsor in various capacities for a number of years, and at present connected with the Inland Revenue service, is a descendant of one of the early French families of the County of Essex. He was born Nov. 14, 1865, on the farm five miles from Windsor, purchased from the aborigines by his ancestors four generations ago.

Pierre Belleperche, the first of this line of whom we have local record, was born in Quebec in 1699, and in 1727 came to Detroit, where he subsequently married Marie Anne Campeau. A son, Jacques, the great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was born in Detroit in 1749. He married Cecile Louzon in 1783, and shortly afterward removed to the Canadian shore, settling on what is now Lot 124, in the 1st Concession of the township of Sandwich East, which location he purchased from the Indians for twenty-five dollars cash and a cow. Mr. Belleperche spent the balance of his life on this place. He married and had a family of six children, of five of whom we have mention, viz.: Jacques, Pierre, Louis, Joseph and Francois.

Jacques Belleperche, the grandfather of A. J. E., came into possession of the estate on the death of his father. He was born on the place April 23, 1789, and there spent his life with the exception of the time he was in the service of his country during the war of 1812. He was married late in life to a widow, Mrs. Rose Longiois. One son, Adolphus James, was the result of the union.

Adolphus James Belleperche was born there in 1838, and is the father of the subject of this sketch. He took up the occupation of his ancestors, following farming on the homestead until his death, in 1865, just about the time his son was born. He married Miss Mary Mahoney, eldest daughter of James Mahoney, and one son blessed this union, Adolphe J. E. Mrs. Belleperche, who was born in 1843, is still living.

When he was quite a small boy, Adolphe J. E. Belleperche came with his mother to Windsor, where he was reared and educated and has ever since resided. His first employment was as railroad ticket agent in the city, and he continued as such for about ten years. He then engaged in the produce business for a time, and his next change was to newspaper work, in which he remained for five years. In 1899 he received his appointment to his present position in the Inland Revenue service, and in connection with its duties he looks after the cultivation of the old homestead farm, to which he fell heir. His present incumbency was not the first of a public nature he had been called upon to fill. He served two years, 1891-92, as a member of the city council, and for six years was a member of the city board of education. His political support was always given to the Liberal party.

In 1886 Mr. Belleperche married Miss Isabella Aldred, daughter of Capt. William Aldred, and to the union have come four children, namely: Mary Alma, Adolphe Roy, Paul Earnest (deceased) and William Aldred. The family are Roman Catholics in religious faith, Mr. and Mrs. Belleperche holding membership in St. Alphonsa's Church, and the Belleperches have adhered to that religion for many generations. Mr. Belleperche is a member of the C.M.B.A., and quite active in the local branch, of which he was president in 1891.

GEORGE BEACOM, a well-known contractor and builder of Mersea township, County of Essex, where he is also engaged in farming, was born Dec. 28, 1849, in Beauharnois, Quebec.

James Beacom, his father, was a native of Ireland, born in County Fermanagh, July 12, 1818. There he received a somewhat limited education, for he was principally self-taught, and he was trained to farm labor. In his native land he married Mabel Gilchrist, who bore him four children, namely: Jane, who married George D. Reid, and resides in Leamington; James, who is an invalid; John, who is a resident of Albana, Gosfield township; and Catherine, who married William D. Reid, and resides at Blytheswood, Mersea township. In 1841, at the age of twenty-three, Mr. Beacom left his family and emigrated to Canada, making the voyage in a sailing-vessel, and after a thirteen weeks' passage landed at Quebec. He located in what is known as New Ireland, in County Huntingdon, and his wife soon joined him in the new home, but only for a

few years, as she died in the County of Huntingdon, when only a young woman, and was buried there. In 1849 Mr. Beacom married Jane Brock, who was born in what is known as New Ireland, County of Huntingdon, in 1829, daughter of George Brock, Sr. Two children were born to this union prior to their removal, in 1853, to Ontario. The family, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Beacom and six children, located in Mersea township, County of Essex, where the father bought a tract of 200 acres on Lot 8, Concession 8, a bush farm, for which he paid \$1.50 an acre. They were among the pioneer settlers of that section, which at that time was a wilderness, with no roads, no schools, and everything in a primitive state. Here Mr. Beacom settled down to the life of a pioneer, and after building a log house he started in to clear up his farm, in which work he was very successful. In time he erected a fine frame dwelling, barn, etc., and on that place passed the remainder of his life. By his second union there were born ten children, eight in Mersea township, and nine of these survived him: (1) George is mentioned below. (2) Elizabeth married Athill Irwin, and they reside in the State of Maine. (3) Robert lives in Mersea township. (4) William resides in Montana. (5) Cheney Berdett was killed by being thrown from a horse, while riding from the field to the house. The horse fell, and the rider falling off, was crushed by the horse rolling over him. (6) Mary died young. (7) Albert T. is a farmer in Mersea township. (8) Arthur is a resident of the State of Maine. (9) Maria married Oscar Tuell, and resides in Tacoma, Washington. (10) Mellie Priscilla married Bert Tupper, and resides in Portland, Maine.

Though Mr. Beacom was a successful man and cared well for his family, he did not devote all of his time to business. In fact, the welfare of his fellow-men was a far more vital question to him, and he gave much of his time to soul-saving, being very active for forty years in church work of all kinds. In 1843, while a resident of Huntingdon, Quebec, he became converted to the cause of Christ and Christianity, at the solicitation and under the exhortation of a Christian man and faithful friend, William W. McMullin, during a prayer service. When he came to Mersea township his first inquiry was "Any Methodist in this neighborhood?" Finding no church or preacher in that section, he went to the Sandwich mission, then under the charge of Rev. Elisha Draper, and the immediate

fruit of that meeting was the commencement of a Saturday night service. Mr. Beacom entered strongly into the spirit of the service, and from that day to the day of his death, he was a faithful follower of Christ and preached his gospel. Rev. Mr. Draper licensed him as an exhorter, and in due time he entered the ranks and became one of the leading spirits of what is now the Chatham District Local Preachers' Conference. In 1864 he was ordained deacon by the late Bishop Richardson, at the conference held at St. Marys. On Oct. 10, 1876, at the dedication of the Mt. Carmel Church, he was ordained elder by Bishop Carman, and the laying on of the hands of Elders S. G. Stone, D.D. (editor of the *C. C. Advocate*), W. G. Brown, M.A., P.E., N. Deckie, P. in C., and A. J. Collins. He preached in many parts of Essex and Kent Counties, in fact, there was scarcely a church or parsonage in his section, regardless of denomination, to which he was not known, because of his liberality, as well as his activity. To quote from an article published at the time of his taking away: "He was the friend of the preacher. He supported all the institutions of the church. His home for at least twenty-five years has been the home of the presiding elder and the ministers, and will ever be. He was secretary-treasurer of his school section, and director of the Mersea Agricultural Society. He will be missed at the school board. There is a vacancy in the directorship. We shall miss him at the class meeting; for he moved his class. His familiar form will no longer be seen at our official meeting, for he never shirked responsibility, but his 'Here I am, send me,' when P. E. of P. in C. called for a volunteer to assume responsibility for God, ever greeted the ear. Yes, the Church will miss him. May the God who granted an Elisha to an Elijah, and allowed the mantle of the master to fall upon the servant, be pleased to let the mantle of the father fall at least upon one of the boys, and let the church say 'Amen.' " St. Paul's Methodist Church, of Chatham, was an especial object of his care. In its work he ever saw great possibilities for Christian work and the advancement of his denomination, and from the beginning, when he served as a member of the building committee, until his death, he was ever a staunch friend of that congregation. Mr. Beacom was foremost in every good cause, and contributed largely to all charitable objects, for he was broad-minded in his ideas, and was thoroughly abreast of the progress of his day. In political faith he was a staunch Liberal, but

never sought or filled any public position for money consideration. He was school trustee and held the office of secretary and treasurer of the board. He was a strong supporter of the Mersea Township Agricultural Society, and served as one of the directors of that organization.

On Saturday, Feb. 7, 1880, while returning from the Chatham District Local Preachers' Conference (held in Chatham), on the local train going west on the Canadian Southern railway, he was accidentally killed, being thrown from the front platform, on the passenger coach, by the jar of the freight cars backing up to couple to the coach. Honored in life, he was equally honored in death. His funeral was the largest ever seen in that section. Clergymen and laymen, of all denominations, friends and neighbors, young and old, all did their share in showing reverence to the memory of one who had earnestly and effectively tried to be a friend to all. The services, held in the Mt. Carmel Church, were at the request of the widow conducted by W. G. Brown, ex-presiding elder, assisted by a number of pastors, and no more impressive or beautiful funeral ceremonies were ever witnessed in this neighborhood. The widow is living in Blytheswood, and is still quite active, though in her seventy-fourth year. She is a true Christian woman, and was ever a willing helpmate to her husband in all his work. They suffered together the hardships and drawbacks of a pioneer life, and she was always a devoted mother and ever-loving wife. She is a consistent member of Mt. Carmel Methodist Church, and has all her life been a devoted Christian worker, active and helpful in any good cause, in or out of the church.

George Beacom was but four years of age when he came with his parents to Mersea township, locating near Blytheswood, where he attended school in a little log school house. From his early years he rendered practical assistance to his father on the home farm, and in 1875 he started out for himself, settling on fifty acres of the home farm, remaining there, however, but a short time, when he went to Strathroy, Ont., and clerked in a store until 1879. Being by that time familiar with the ways of the commercial world, and feeling competent to carry on business for himself, he purchased a stock of merchandise, and was meeting with gratifying success when the death of his father necessitated his return to the homestead. He managed the home farm until 1882, when he

went to North Dakota, and took up a homestead of 160 acres in Walsh county. In connection with the work of placing his land under cultivation, he followed the trade of carpenter and joiner. When the township of Cleveland was organized he was one of those most interested, and he gave to the township its name, and he was elected its first town clerk, an office he did not fill, as he was obliged to move elsewhere to carry on his rapidly increasing contract work. In 1888 he returned to Mersea township, County of Essex, where his work as a builder has been most important, as well as in adjoining townships. He has erected over fifty dwellings, brick and frame, besides many barns, etc. Purchasing land on Concession 8, near Blytheswood, he has built a fine brick dwelling, comfortable barns and convenient outbuildings, and he takes great pride in the cultivation of his land, combining fruit growing and farming with contracting. He is enterprising and progressive, and is a substantial citizen, interested in the general welfare of his town. He is a staunch Liberal, and is a trustee of the Blytheswood public school. For eleven years he has been a member of the Mersea Agricultural Society, and for the past two years has been its vice-president. Socially he belongs to Lodge No. 140, I. O. O. F., of which he is past grand master.

On May 24, 1875, Mr. Beacom married Miss Josephine Helen Meston, daughter of the late Robert Meston, and they have had children as follows: Nora, who married James Knox, lives on Concession 9, Mersea township, and has one son, Harvey George; Edith Gertrude; Myrtle E.; Ruby Luella; Grace Josephine; Louis Leroy, who died young; and Laurence Raymond, who also died young.

MESTON. The Meston family, to which Mrs. Beacom belongs, came from Aberdeenshire, Scotland. Her grandfather, Archibald Meston, was born in that shire, and there followed farming. He married Helen (surname not known), and in 1831, with his family, came to Canada, locating for a short time in eastern Ontario, thence removing to South Gosfield township, County of Essex, and finally to Mersea township. In the latter township he owned 100 acres on Concession 3, where he carried on farming for many years. His last days were spent in Wardsville, County of Middlesex, Ont., and he was buried there. In religion he was a Presbyterian, and in politics a Liberal. His children were: Archibald, who resides in Elmer, Ont.;

William, deceased; Robert; Christina, who married William Askew, of Gosfield; Helen; Alexander, deceased; Malcolm, of London; Margaret, who married a Mr. Parkens; and Mary Ann. The wife and mother died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Askew, and was buried in the Olinda cemetery.

Robert Meston came to Canada with his parents at the age of six years, and grew to manhood in eastern Ontario. After learning the trade of carpenter and joiner he located in Mersea township on land just west of Leamington, carrying on farming in connection with his trade. He then removed to Concession 3, Gosfield township, and remained there until 1873, when he bought a tract of 100 acres of land in the North part of Concession 8, to which he later added 100 acres more. He passed the remainder of his days in improving his farm, and at the time of his death had one of the neatest and best improved tracts in the township. He died July 1, 1903, and was buried in Ruthven cemetery. In his political views he was a Liberal, and in religion a Presbyterian.

On Dec. 15, 1852, in Gosfield township, Mr. Meston married Mary McDonald, who was born in Tilbury, County of Kent, daughter of Hugh and Elizabeth (Willin) McDonald, natives of Scotland and pioneers of Canada. Mrs. Meston still resides on the old homestead. Her children were: Cecilia, born Oct. 10, 1853, married John Beacom, a blacksmith, of Albana. Kenneth, born April 23, 1856, married Minnie Drake, and has two children, Roy and Ettie. Josephine Helen, born April 19, 1858, married George Beacom. Angus, born Nov. 15, 1860, married Edith Tilden, and died April 10, 1902; they had two children, Wilfred and Floyd. Colin, born April 18, 1862, married Nettie Jones and they had two children, Alice and Mary. Alwida Ann, born July 31, 1865, married Thomas Hillier. Alice Jane, born June 23, 1868, married Wesley Reid, of Mersea township. Robert, born March 24, 1872, married Ida Crosley, and has two children, Bessie and Verner; he is engaged in farming the old homestead.

COLIN BIRCH QUICK. Among those who have made themselves felt in the material development of County Essex is Colin Birch Quick, who was born in Gosfield township, that county, Aug. 6, 1859, a son of Cornelius M. and Catherine (Wigle) Quick. It is supposed that he is descended from the Quicks of Cornwall,

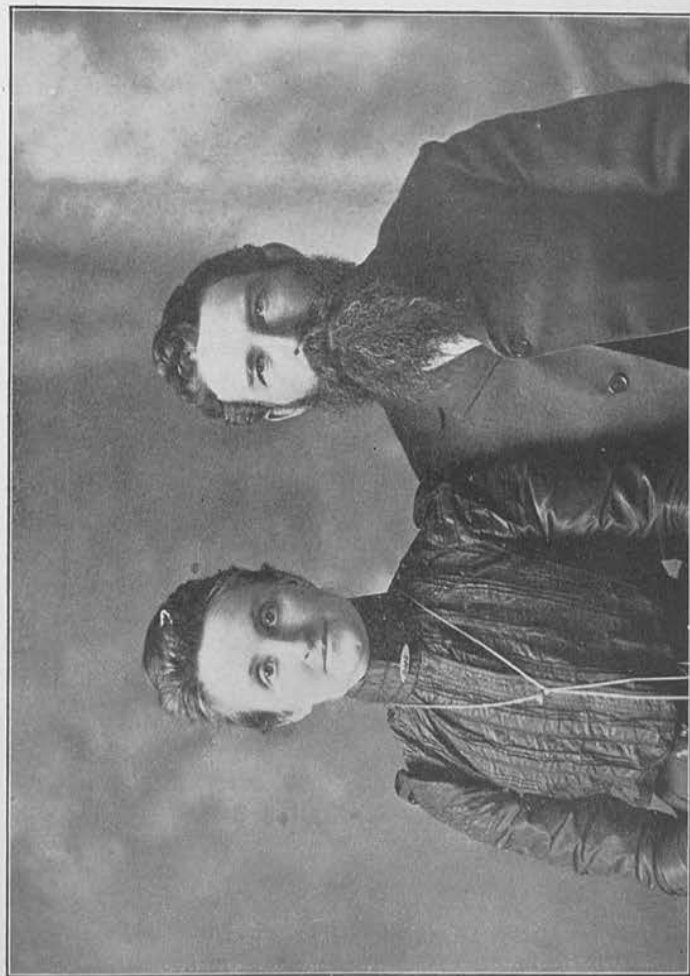
England, a large family, several representatives of which came to the New World about the time of the Revolution of the American colonies. They located in the State of Kentucky, not far from Cincinnati, Ohio.

Cornelius and Elizabeth (Knapp) Quick, great-grandparents of Colin B., owned and operated a farm in the south-eastern part of Leamington. The parents of Cornelius Quick lived in Ohio. They were captured by the Indians and kept in captivity six years, being released on the advice of the Hudson Bay Company. They then located in the township of Colchester South, County of Essex, and took up land, there spending the remainder of their lives.

Cornelius Quick (2), son of Cornelius and Elizabeth (Knapp) Quick, was one of the earliest settlers of Gosfield North, afterward removing to Mersea township. He married Catherine Malott.

Cornelius M. Quick, son of Cornelius (2), was born in Gosfield North, Jan. 26, 1833. He was a boy of ten years when his parents removed to Mersea township, where he was reared and educated. Here it was that he learned the trade of a carpenter, and followed it all his life. After his marriage he purchased a residence in Gosfield, where he lived a few years and then bought a portion of the homestead in Mersea, which he still owns, but for the past twenty years he has made his home with his several children. He married Catherine Wigle, who was born in Gosfield, of Scotch ancestry, and who died in 1868, aged thirty-eight. They had six children: Colin B.; D. Clifford, of Romney township, County of Kent, who married Mary Markle; Bird, who died at the age of twenty-five; Minnie, who wedded Alfred Killington, of Cottam; and Judson and Mina, who both died young. In politics Mr. Quick is an ardent Reformer, and is a man of strong character and upright principles, closely identified with the Methodist Church, as was also his wife.

Colin B. Quick was reared at home, and acquired a fair education in the common schools. He was apprenticed to the carpenter's trade under his father, and worked at this trade for nine years, when he went to Pelee Island on a visit. Being favorably impressed with the business opportunities offered there, he determined to make it his home. Accordingly he erected a business block, and opened a first-class mercantile establishment. Two years later he sold his stock, and bought the property in which he had conducted



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his business, together with 68 acres of land, and he has since then been actively engaged in farming, and in buying and selling hogs and grain, being very successful. In politics he is a staunch Liberal, and for the past eight years has served as postmaster. For the last seven years he has been customs officer of the port of North Dock, of Pelee Island. Mr. Quick has also had the telephone office for the past six years, and for the same length of time he has been dock master at Scudder Dock. In addition to his other interests, Mr. Quick is the local representative of the Deering Machine Co., and for the past four years has been agent for J. L. Scott, of Chatham, buying grain, but recently he entered the employ of A. J. Green, of Windsor, in the same capacity. For two terms Mr. Quick has served as a member of the town council, and has in every way possible contributed of his time and money to secure the advancement of Pelee Island. Like other members of his family, he is very prominent in the Methodist Church, and in it, and throughout the entire county, he is regarded as a man worthy of fullest confidence, for he has never betrayed a trust, or failed to do what he considered his highest duty.

On May 23, 1882, Mr. Quick was married to Eliza M. Mifflin, of Kent, Ont., who was born Aug. 30, 1841, daughter of Solomon S. and Margaret A. (Derbyshire) Mifflin, natives of Devonshire, England, and County of Essex, respectively. Three children have blessed this union: Angus R., Milton C. and Edna P. Solomon S. Mifflin was brought by his father to the County of Kent, Ont., when but twelve years of age, and there he remained engaged in farming pursuits. He died in June, 1899, aged sixty-five, and his wife in September, 1890, aged fifty-five. They were members of the Methodist Church. Their children were: Mary S., who married William Illman, of the County of Kent; Eliza M., Mrs. Quick; Margaret E., deceased wife of George Dent; Darius C., a farmer in Kent; Minnie L., who married Clifford Quick, of Kent; Florence, who married George Dent, of Merlin, Ont.; Enoch, a farmer at Glenwood, Ont.; Brock and George, farmers in Kent; and Miss Priscilla G. M., of Merlin.

CAPT. WILLIAM CALDWELL, of Amherstburg, is descended from a distinguished line of military men of western Ontario. His grandfather, Col. William Caldwell, served with

gallantry in the British army during the Revolutionary war and was an officer in the militia regiment known as Butler's Rangers. At the close of the Revolution Col. Caldwell came to Amherstburg and received from the English government a large tract of land. At the outbreak of the war of 1812 he was appointed quartermaster-general of the Western frontier. He was trusted by the Indians and was mainly instrumental in securing the aid of Tecumseh and the Michigan Wyandottes, who at that time numbered about 1,200. He had six sons, William, James, Francis, Thomas, John and Billy, four of whom were officers in the war of 1812. At the outbreak of the war of 1812 Billy was chief of the Pottowatomies, with the Indian name of Sagonosh. He espoused the British cause and was the indirect cause of the massacre of the River Raisin. At the close of the battle, when the Kentuckians were making a desperate rally, he went forward and asked them to surrender in order to prevent further bloodshed, but in his excitement he spoke the Indian tongue, was misunderstood and a Kentucky soldier stabbed him in the neck with a knife, inflicting a serious wound. The Indians retaliated by killing nearly all the Kentucky soldiers. At the battle of the Thames, William Caldwell was retreating in company with Tecumseh, when the latter received his fatal wound. The Captain turned and spoke to the old chief, who replied, "Don't mind me, save yourself. I am dead." Capt. Caldwell obeyed and escaped. He it was who broke the news of his father's death to Tecumseh's son, and told him where to find his body with his silver mounted rifle. Col. William Caldwell received from an Indian a pair of pistols, which the latter took from Gen. Winchester at the battle of the Raisin, and these are in the possession of our subject, who also possesses the red coat worn by his father, Francis Caldwell, when the latter entered Detroit after Hull's surrender.

Col. William Caldwell was born in Ireland, and died at Amherstburg. He married Susan Baby. The sons have been mentioned, and the daughters were: Susan, who married Capt. Hunt; Elizabeth, who married James Kevill, postmaster of Amherstburg for many years; Theresa, who died unmarried; and one that died young.

Francis Caldwell was born in 1791, at Amherstburg. He was an ensign in the militia, and served in the war of 1812 as aide-de-camp to

Gen. Brock. He participated in the battles of River Raisin, Lundy's Lane, Fort Erie, Chippawa and at the burning of Buffalo. After the close of the war he followed farming for some time, and eventually became a prominent man in politics, representing the Western District in Parliament, as a Conservative. His last years were spent in the position of collector of customs. He died in 1851, in the faith of the Roman Catholic Church. Mr. Caldwell married Frances Reaume, widow of Francis Baby, and the only child of this marriage was Capt. William Caldwell.

Capt. William Caldwell was born Oct. 29, 1832, in Malden township, grew to manhood on the old farm, and remained there most of the time until the death of his father, when he went as a sailor on the lakes, beginning before the mast on the schooner "Ellen Park." In 1853 he sailed on the "Florence"; in 1854, on the bark "Fame"; in 1855 on the schooners "Ramsell" and "John D. Deshler," and in 1856 on the schooner "Tom Dyer." In the fall of that year he took charge of the schooner "Charles Reeve," remaining with the latter vessel until 1858, and then returning home. In 1867-68-69 Capt. Caldwell was master of the schooner "Sky-lark." He then went to Central America for his health, and on his return gave up the water, and settled on his farm in Malden township. In 1882 he was appointed prevention officer of the customs, which position he accepted and filled efficiently until 1897, since which time he has been retired from business. In politics he is a Conservative. For many years he has been a consistent member of the Roman Catholic Church.

In 1858 Capt. Caldwell was married to Ann Charlotte Cousins, a sister of Hugh T. Cousins. Her death occurred in 1892. The four children of this marriage are: Mary Ann; Francis; Hilda, wife of Dr. Oscar Teeter, of Amherstburg; and Miss Linda.

As will be seen, the Caldwells have been closely identified with some of the most stirring events of Ontario history. The present representative member of the family is a most interesting conversationalist and recalls with vividness many historic occurrences.

ROBERT LAMBERT, M.D. In Dr. Lambert the city of Windsor found her oldest and most experienced physician, a man of skill and

learning, who for many years practiced his profession with dignity and success.

Dr. Lambert, a native of Canada, was born on Lot 144, in the township of Niagara, County of Lincoln, July 20, 1827. His ancestry was English, the family having been founded on American soil in 1652, in the State of New Jersey. There was born Cornelius Lambert, the Doctor's grandfather, who became a member of "Butler's Rangers," was a United Empire Loyalist, and later received a grant of 500 acres of land in Canada, including the lot above mentioned. He married Elizabeth Mathews, and their children were: Ann, Julia, Fanny, John, Robert, Arthur, Amelia and Cornelius. On the land above mentioned the parents of this family died prior to the birth of Dr. Lambert.

Robert Lambert, the fifth member of the above family, and the father of Dr. Lambert, was born in 1795, on the old home established by his father, and although by occupation a farmer, he valiantly served as a private during the war of 1812, and as an officer in the Rebellion of 1837. He was also a captain of militia, and in every way was a loyal, intelligent and representative citizen, respected and honored in his community. His marriage was to Caroline, daughter of Francis Goring, and they became the parents of these children: Angeline; Hamilton; Anson V., an architect; Robert; Hiram; Walter, for twenty-four years a physician at Amherstburg; Julia Ann; Alfred; and Amanda. The father of this family died in 1873, and the mother the previous year. Her father, Francis Goring, was born in the parish of St. Martin's Lane, London, England, and was in business in Detroit before that city was ceded to the United States. He married a Miss Secord, a relative of Sir Richard Cartwright, and Laura Secord of historic fame.

Dr. Robert Lambert grew to manhood on the old homestead, and his literary training was received in the local schools, at St. Catharine's Grammar School, and at the Toronto University. Here he matriculated in 1853, in "the Arts course," and continued one year. During the winter season of 1854-55 he taught the local school, and in the following year he taught at Homer, Ont. In 1856 he entered, as a medical student, Queen's College, Kingston, Ont., and was graduated from that institution a doctor of medicine in 1859. In July of the same year he located at Amherstburg, and in association with his brother Walter practiced medicine until 1860, when he formed a partnership with Dr.

Drake, of Kingsville, now of Windsor. This partnership was dissolved in 1862 by Dr. Lambert removing to Leamington, where he remained until September, 1865. Dr. Lambert, enthusiastic in the practice of his profession, then went to the city of New York and entered Bellevue Hospital, where he remained until April, 1866. With a vast fund of experience, and fully instructed in all modern discoveries and methods of treatment, Dr. Lambert then settled at Windsor, and for thirty-five years devoted his life to the claims of his noble profession.

In 1868 Dr. Lambert was united in marriage with Mary Jane Meddough, who lived but a few months after marriage. In 1870 he married (second), Mary J. Kennedy, daughter of Alfred Kennedy, of Brighton, England, and niece of Henry Kennedy, Esq., of Windsor, Ont. To this union four daughters were born, namely: Harriet Caroline, who died at the age of eight years; Mary Rosalie, who married Charles D. Brown; Eliza Maude, who married Charles Threapleton; and Jessie Brock, now located in Chicago, Illinois, a graduate of the Nurse's Training School of St. Luke's Hospital. The family belong to the Church of England. Politically Dr. Lambert was always a staunch supporter of the Reform party, before and after Confederation.

On Jan. 21, 1904, Dr. Lambert died at his home on London street, Windsor, after an illness of sixteen months, which he bore with patience and fortitude. He was buried in the churchyard of that old historical town of Sandwich, being at that time in his seventy-seventh year.

OUELLETTE. Much of the prosperity of Canada to-day is due to the perseverance, the industry and indomitable will, characteristic of the French settlers. A large per cent. of the development of the wonderful resources of the Dominion has been won by the French pioneers, who through all the hardships of clearing forest and bridging river and building road in an unbroken wilderness have retained their happy dispositions, cheerful and uncomplaining at labor, and light-hearted and joyous in the few hours allotted to rest.

One of the old and well-known French families is that of Ouellette, which was planted in Quebec in an early day in the seventeenth century. Among the first of the pioneers to migrate from that province to western Ontario was John B. Ouellette, the grandfather of Theodore Ouel-

lette, the well known and highly esteemed reeve of North Tilbury.

John B. Ouellette was born in Montreal, Province of Quebec, where he grew to manhood. His educational facilities were limited, owing to the scattered settlements of the day. He came to Ontario, locating in what is now East Tilbury township, County of Kent. He made his home in the wilderness on a tract of land on the river Thames, where he built a log cabin. As the years passed he cleared up his land and brought it to a good state of cultivation. There he spent his life, and raised his family. His success came through his own hard work and economy. He was well known and highly respected. In his religious belief he was a devout Catholic, being a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church. Politically he was a staunch supporter of the Conservative party, but was not a politician, and he did not and would not accept offices. His tastes were purely domestic, and he found his chief happiness in his home with his family. He married first Reine Trudell, a native of Quebec, who shared with her husband the hardships of pioneer life, and who died while her children were still young. The seven children of this marriage were: Francis, a farmer in East Tilbury township; Robert and Samuel, both deceased; James, who resides in the State of Montana; Mary Ann, who became the wife of Peter Labute, and both are now deceased; Artemise, who married John Antio; and Esther, who died single. The mother of these children was buried in St. Peter's Church cemetery on the Thames. For his second wife John Ouellette married Julia Primeau, who bore him one son, Theophile, who is a resident of Massachusetts. She died in North Tilbury township, and is buried in St. Francis Catholic Church cemetery, Tilbury. Like her husband and his first wife she was a devout member of the Catholic Church.

Samuel Ouellette, son of John and father of Theodore, was born on the farm in East Tilbury township, and received his only schooling at his mother's knee, there being no schools in that section in those early days. He, however, acquired a business training from his father, and at an early age he worked on the homestead, clearing up the farm, and he remained at home until young manhood, when he started out for himself. Moving to the County of Essex he located in what is now Tilbury North township, where he, in 1857, bought one hundred acres on Concession 4, Lot 17, which was a wilderness,

without roads or houses. He built a log house, and started a pioneer life by clearing off the timber and cleaning up the land. After many years of toil he was able to see what was once an almost impenetrable wilderness transformed into a well-cultivated farm; the log cabin gave way to a fine frame house in 1878, and he made other extensive improvements in buildings. He was largely interested in cattle raising and lumbering. He was a man who worked hard and was noted for his temperate habits, and domestic tastes. He died on his farm June 13, 1897, aged sixty-five years, and was buried in St. Francis cemetery, Tilbury. He was a consistent member of the Catholic Church, belonging to St. Francis parish, at Tilbury. In politics he was a staunch Conservative, and filled the office of councilor of Tilbury North township for seventeen years, being one of the first councilors of the township. He was broad-minded and liberal, and took a deep interest in the development of the locality, which he had found in its primeval state, but which at his death was covered with well tilled fields and comfortable homes. Mr. Ouellette married in Chatham, Ont., Feb. 11, 1861, Margaret Barnier, who was born in Dover township, County of Kent, Ont., April 10, 1836, daughter of Francis and Isabella (Burette) Barnier, both of whom were residents of Dover, where they died. Mrs. Ouellette shared the pioneer life with her husband, raising a family of nine children. She is a quiet and unassuming woman, devoted to her home and family; she is a member of the Catholic Church, attending St. Francis at Tilbury. Her children were: Margaret, who married James Benoit, of North Tilbury; Ellen, who married Francis Mailloux, and resides in the Province of Quebec; Theodore; Louise, who married John Janinisse, of North Tilbury township; Amy, who married Narcisse Mailloux, and resides in Tilbury North township; Luke, a farmer of Tilbury North township; Nancy, who married Theodore Reaume, of Dover township, County of Kent; Cephor, who died young; and Samuel, who also died young.

THEODORE OUELLETTE, eldest son of the late Samuel Ouellette, was born on the homestead in Tilbury North township July 30, 1865. He attended the public schools of the township and worked from an early age on the farm with his parents, so continuing until 1890. Having a strong desire to see the West, he left home, locating in Montana, where he spent three years

working in the copper mines owned by the well-known copper kings, Senator Clarke and J. M. Daily. He returned again to the homestead in 1893, and became engaged in farming. After his father's death he assumed charge of the homestead, adding fifty-nine acres to it, and he is now the owner and operator of 150 acres of well-cultivated land. He is also interested in stock raising, and is, besides, engaged in threshing, having formed a partnership with his neighbor, John Palmer, in 1885. They bought threshing machines, engines, corn shellers and clover hullers, having invested in machinery some four thousand dollars. They are the oldest firm doing business in that line in the county, and during their long connection the business has been conducted without any friction.

Mr. Ouellette is a thorough business man, noted for his honesty and honorable dealings, and that he is popular with all classes is demonstrated by the fact that although he is a strong Conservative he has filled the office of reeve of the township of Tilbury North for the past six years, in a strong Liberal municipality. The duties of this office he discharges with ability and credit, giving general satisfaction. While he is a strong party man, he does not permit politics to interfere with his business or social obligations. He is broadminded and possesses liberal ideas, and is interested in all progressive measures. Mr. Ouellette is well read and keeps abreast of the times. He is fond of home, and is devoted to his mother, for whom he is caring in her old age. Like the rest of the family he is a member of St. Francis Church at Tilbury.

On Oct. 4, 1903, Mr. Ouellette was married, in St. Francis Church, Tilbury North, to Miss Minnie Cartier, who was born May 24, 1868, in Chatham, Ont., daughter of Charles and Margaret (Walsh) Cartier, and they have one daughter, Margaret. Mr. Cartier was born in the County of Essex, Ont., and has been a prominent business man for many years, carrying on a lumber business, conducting a hotel, and engaging in other lines. Mrs. Cartier was born in Ireland.

ALFRED WIGLE, who for twenty-three years has been postmaster at Windsor, belongs to a family which was founded in the County of Essex, one hundred and twenty-five years ago. In 1776 the great-grandfather of Alfred Wigle settled in this county, coming from Pennsylvania, where he had settled on his emigration



Alfred Wyle

from Germany. He settled in Gosfield township on Lot 3, Concession 1, and, clearing up the property he purchased, made of it one of the fine farms of that locality, and it is now owned by the fourth generation of the Wigle family. Among the children of the pioneer was one John Wigle, the grandfather of Alfred, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1774, and was only two years old when brought to the then wilderness of the County of Essex. He succeeded his father on the farm, and in due time married Susan Scratch, who was born in the County of Essex in 1789, and who died in 1862; he died in 1868. To this worthy couple were born: Caroline; Leonard; Windle; Judith; Ann; Jane; Peter; Solomon; Adam; Michael, the only survivor, a resident of Kingsville; Robert; Joseph; Mary Ann; and John.

Solomon Wigle, the father of our subject, was born on the old farm in 1822, and succeeded to the property. While residing on his farm he was reeve of his township for twelve years, and warden of the county for one term, and a member of the Provincial Parliament from 1866 to 1869, one term. In 1886 he left his farm in the hands of his sons, and moved to Kingsville, where he died in 1898, and his wife passed away in 1876. He was treasurer of Gosfield township for a good many years and a Conservative in politics. He married Ann Iler, a sister of Sheriff Iler. She was born in 1826. To this marriage came the following children: Lewis, a resident of Leamington and ex-member of Parliament; Gordon, of California; Alfred; Esther, deceased; Elihu, deceased; Angus, on the farm in Gosfield township; Ernest, a lawyer of Windsor; Ella, deceased.

Alfred Wigle was born on the old Wigle homestead, July 28, 1848. Upon reaching manhood he clerked for his brother and father for two years in Leamington, and in 1871 he started in business on his own account as a general merchant at Ruthven, where he remained until 1879, when he sold his interests. On Oct. 1, 1880, he entered upon his duties as postmaster at Windsor, which position he has ably filled for twenty-three years.

Mr. Wigle has been thrice married. On August 6, 1873, he married Lucinda Russell, by whom he had one daughter, Annie, now the wife of E. J. Moore, of the County of Essex. In 1878 he was married to Miss Allie Snyder, and three children were born to them: Sidney, Nettie and Solomon. In 1893 Mr. Wigle married Miss An-

nie Bannwell, and they have two children: Madge and Irene.

THOMAS MILLEN, a prominent farmer of Gosfield North, who has been conspicuous for many years in the religious work of the section, and also in its public life, was born in Westwell parish, County of Kent, England, Dec. 26, 1839. His parents were John and Jane (Foster) Millen, who came to Canada in 1849.

Thomas Millen was the second son and third child in the family, and received nearly all of his education before leaving England. In Canada he was principally engaged in helping his father on the farm until the death of his mother, when he began working among the farmers until his marriage, after which he and his wife settled for a couple of years at Binbrook, County of Wentworth. Moving to the County of Essex, Mr. Millen there bought a place with some little improvement already made on it, and lived there with his family in a log cabin until 1877, when he erected a large brick house. He also put up barns, cleared most of the land, and remained there until November, 1898, when he moved to his present home, which is on a tract purchased in 1885, near his homestead. The present good buildings on this second farm have been put up by Mr. Millen.

On March 31, 1863, Thomas Millen married Miss Mary H. Slater, who was born Jan. 2, 1842, in the town of Dunnville, County of Haldimand. Her parents, William and Elizabeth (Andrews) Slater, died at Dunnville while she was a young girl. She was educated in the County of Wentworth. Mrs. Millen has borne her husband four children, three of whom are married and have families of their own. (1) The eldest child, Dr. William H. Millen, was born in the County of Wentworth in 1865, was educated in the schools of Essex and the Essex high school, and, thus prepared for his professional work, studied at the Medical Colleges of Toronto and Detroit, also at the Harper Hospital. He completed his work and graduated from the Trinity Medical College, of Toronto, and is now a practising physician at South Woodlee, County of Essex. He married Miss Catherine McKellar, of Ingersoll, and has two children, Nina L. and Mary K. (2) Thomas Millen, born in Gosfield in 1867, married Miss Lottie S. James, daughter of Walter James, of Cottam, and they live on his father's old homestead. They have two children, Florence M. and Walter

J. (3) Elizabeth E., born in 1869, married Fletcher E. Awrey, of Cottam, and has five children, May A., Elton R., Wilbur S., Fern I. and Thomas L. (4) Lottie J., born April 29, 1884, has been educated in the Cottam schools, and is now living at home.

Thomas Millen has always adhered to the principles of the old Reform party. While he has never been eager for office he was elected magistrate of Gosfield, and filled the position for ten years. He was also school trustee for a time. Mr. Millen's keenest interests, however, are in connection with his church work. He and his wife have for over forty-five years been members of the Methodist Church and were always foremost in its activities. They were really among the founders of the Methodist Church in their section, and were interested in the building of the Belle River and Cottam churches, both of which they supported with generous donations. Mr. Millen has been one of the stewards, a class-leader and Sunday-school superintendent for a time, and has done much to advance the prosperity of the church.

William Slater, father of Mrs. Thomas Millen, was born in Yorkshire, England, and married Elizabeth Andrews, a native of the same place. They came to Canada when young people. In his native land Mr. Slater was educated for the profession of attorney, but after coming to Canada he served an apprenticeship to the mason's trade. However, he was not strong enough for such work, so he took a clerical position in an attorney's office. He died in 1851, his wife in 1850. She was a member of the Methodist Church, but Mr. Slater belonged to the Church of England. To them were born children as follows: Mary Ann, who died young; Elizabeth, who married James Bain, of Gosfield North, and died at the age of fifty-two years; Jane, who died in infancy; Mary H., Mrs. Millen; Jane, who married John Neville, a farmer of Gosfield North; William, who died while serving in the Civil war in the States; and Henry, a tinsmith, now working at his trade in Windsor, Ontario.

WILLIAM R. WIGLE, who comes of one of the old families of the township of Gosfield South, County Essex, is of the fourth generation from the founder of the family in this locality, who settled here one hundred and ten years ago.

Joseph Wigle, the grandfather, son of Windle and Julian Wigle, was born March 22, 1792, about the time the family settled in Gosfield. His boyhood days were passed on the homestead, and in time he came into possession of a portion of the home property, and turned his attention to farming. He accomplished much good as a church worker, and having been brought up in the Methodist faith he early became a local preacher, and held services all over the country, travelling to some settlements on foot. His longest trip was to Belle River, to which place he made periodical visits. He would go to Cottam with his horse and cart, and travel the remaining distance on foot, this being before roads had been built in that section. The death of this truly good man occurred July 23, 1864, and his remains were interred in the cemetery on a part of Lot 6, a short distance east of the old house. This house in which his life was passed was built of hewed black walnut logs, and is still standing in wonderfully good condition.

Joseph Wigle married Euphemia Miller, who was born Sept. 8, 1789, and died Sept. 9, 1851, and she lies beside her husband. To these two were born the following children: Windle, married Margaret Cummingford; John, married Elizabeth Clingersmith; Sally, married James Hooper; James married first Mary Ruthven, and second Alice Curtice; George married first Jane Thornton, and second Catherine Wigle; Raymer, a successful blacksmith at Leamington, the only surviving son, married Mercy Godwin; Solomon married Eliza Thornton; William, a successful liveryman of Kingsville, who died Oct. 30, 1904, married Winnifred Hart; Joseph died at the age of ten years; Susan married Stephen Thomas; Abigail married Patrick Hart; Euphemia married Thomas Fox.

Solomon Wigle, son of Joseph, and father of William R., was born in the log house still standing on the lake shore, before mentioned. As a young man he learned the trade of blacksmithing, and for a time conducted a shop on the bank near his house. He next built a sawmill and gristmill, at the little settlement then called Albertville, but a short distance to the east of his home. This mill was operated by steam and he conducted it for ten years or longer, when he moved it to Cottam, in Gosfield North. Later the mill was burned, and he erected another which he soon afterward sold to Mr. Upcott. The father and family then returned to his farm, which he inherited, and he also purchased 156

acres of Lot 6. Even in the time of Solomon Wigle but a small part of the land had been cleared, and he began to work so as to bring more of the land under cultivation, and during his life he had the pleasure of seeing it all cleared. Needing another house, he moved a frame store building from Albertville to its present site, near the handsome brick structure of our subject, and converted it into a comfortable abode, using it for living purposes until the present home was erected. The father died in 1896, and with his wife is buried in the old cemetery at Kingsville. Politically he was a Reformer, while in religious affiliations he was a Methodist.

Solomon Wigle married Eliza Thornton, who was born on Sandwich Street, Gosfield North, and to this union were born: Richard, of Essex, married Martha Wilson; Naomi, who died in 1885, married James Irwin, of Essex; Raymer, a millman, married (first) Jane Upcott, and (second) Maggie Hill, and he now resides at Boyne City, Michigan; Lemuel (deceased), who married Joanna Tofflemire, is mentioned later on in this sketch; Esther married Thomas Ellis, of Essex; William R. married Matilda E. Malott, of Tilbury; Mary married James R. Oliver, of St. Mary's, Ont.; Abigail, who died in 1889, married William White; Oliver J. married Marion Hill; Alzora died at the age of six years; Martha (deceased) married William Malott.

The following very appropriate notice appeared after the death of Rev. Lemuel Wigle, who passed away at Vanderbilt, Michigan, July 30, 1901, and was written by V. O. Prichard. It is but a fitting testimonial to this good man, and does him but justice, for he accomplished much good, and left many to mourn his loss:

"He was born at Kingsville, Ontario, February 22nd, 1843; converted at the age of fifteen years at Wesleyan Methodist revival services; ordained a local preacher when nineteen years old. Received his schooling at Cobourg, Ontario. Married Miss Joanna Tofflemire at the age of twenty-nine. One year later they moved to Illinois. While there school teaching was his chief employment. From thence he moved to London, Ontario. Here it was that he received a call to the ministry in 1886, and was stationed at Whittemore, Michigan. Five years were spent here, the late L. P. Davis being his first presiding elder. Fifteen years were spent in earnest work—not an idle week in all that time. He had been in ill health for about two years, and a

few weeks before his death he suddenly began to grow worse, and his decline was very rapid. A close and thorough examination by his physician revealed the presence of a cancer, and no hope of recovery could be held out by the physician. Bro. Wigle was fully prepared in mind for this unwelcome assurance and was calmly resigned to the inevitable outcome. He died on Tuesday, July 30, 1901, at his home in Vanderbilt. Services were held Wednesday, Revs. Prichard, Underhill, Stevens, Wood and F. S. Hurlburt were in attendance, extending aid and sympathy. The remains were taken to Kingsville, Ontario, where the funeral services were held in the Epworth Methodist Church on Thursday afternoon, Aug. 1. The Rev. B. Clement, pastor of the church, delivered a most impressive discourse, taking for his text Acts xiii, 36: 'For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell on sleep.' Interment took place at Greenhill cemetery.

"Bro. Wigle served the churches at Whittemore, Au Gres, Indian River, Riggsville and Vanderbilt during his ministry. Notwithstanding many hard struggles, such as men in like places are exposed to, he toiled bravely on, endeavoring to build up the church both spiritually and materially. Much of his time was spent in visiting among the more neglected people of his circuit, extending sympathy, love and sunshine. He was a peacemaker at all times; a kind adviser where there had arisen hardness and unkind sayings between families or friends. His lips were always sealed to all unkind remarks. The more trying the circumstances the more carefully did he weigh his utterances. He was very self-sacrificing—never known to hint for other than he received at Conference as his field of work, always receiving his task as from God. He was benevolent overmuch from a worldly point of view. I think he was one of the most careful and considerate men I ever met, very unassuming and manly in his deportment—truly a man of God."—V. O. Prichard.

William R. Wigle, the subject proper of this review, was born in the township of Gosfield South, Jan. 23, 1854. As a small boy he lived at Cottam, being about ten years old when the family returned to the township; and he enjoyed the advantages offered by the public schools, and at the same time assisted his father and brothers in clearing the land he now owns. After he attained his majority he worked with his father, and later came into possession of the

homestead. This place he devotes to general farming, also raising fruit, tobacco, grain and potatoes in large quantities for the market. In politics he is a Reformer, but he has never aspired toward public life. All the members of his family, including himself and wife, are consistent and active members of the Methodist Church, which owes so much to this family.

In 1875 William R. Wigle was united in marriage with Matilda Elizabeth Malott, daughter of Simon Malott. The history of the Malott family is as follows:

Simon Malott was a son of Peter and grandson of Theodore, and was born in Gosfield South. He married Maria Dustin, and their family consisted of children as follows: Matilda Elizabeth, born Oct. 8, 1853; Peter, Sept. 18, 1857; Oliver, Nov. 2, 1859 (a farmer of Gosfield South); William, Jan. 4, 1861 (a farmer); Ozias, Feb. 5, 1864 (lived in Tilbury East and was accidentally killed in 1900); Eliza Jane, May 18, 1867 (married Amos E. Wood, of Malden township); Andrew, Jan. 21, 1870 (lives at Calgary, Alberta); Norman, May 2, 1873 (a farmer of Tilbury East).

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Wigle are: Leila May, of Essex, Ont.; William Gordon, of Essex, who married Georgia Fulmer, and has one child, Leona Pearl; Lottie, who was educated for the profession of teaching; Oliver Mowett, at home; and Beulah, also at home.

In their beautiful home, surrounded by all the comforts of life, Mr. and Mrs. Wigle dispense a most generous and gracious hospitality to their large circle of friends. Mr. Wigle is justly regarded as one of the representative agriculturists of County Essex. The various members of his family have sustained the high standard set by the good grandfather, and made the family name an honored one, not only in this portion of Ontario, but wherever its representatives are found.

MCCORMICK. Our knowledge of the McCormicks dates back to the reign of George II. of England. Of the three brothers of whom we have record, John was a surgeon in the British army, and served on Admiral Boyne's ship, but resigned after the court-martial and death of that gallant officer. John McCormick died at Bath, England. Another brother, David, was a linen merchant, and conducted his business at a place some twenty miles from Belfast, Ireland. Alexander, the third brother, came to Amer-

ica, and from him descend those of the name in the County of Essex, Ontario.

(I) Alexander McCormick was born in County Down, Ireland, in 1728, of Scotch descent, and as a young man he emigrated to the British colonies, locating in Pennsylvania. There he took up the active life of a trader among the Indians, following that business for a number of years. Upon one of his western trips he met a tribe of Shawnee Indians who had with them a captive white girl, who had been adopted into the tribe. She was a native of Pennsylvania, and while out making maple sugar, in company with others, had been captured by Indians and forced to take up their wearing life. Mr. McCormick loved the unfortunate captive, but at first could not gain her consent to a marriage, for he was thirty years her senior, but when a young brave also decided that he wanted to wed her, she planned to make her escape. In this she was assisted by a squaw, who put her in a place of concealment, and then communicated with Mr. McCormick, who hastened to the girl he loved, and gained her consent to a marriage if he succeeded in effecting her escape. He took her to his boat, and so arranged his load of hides and pelts that she was entirely hidden. His interest in her escape was suspected by the Indians, who came to him at his boat and accused him of knowing of her whereabouts. This he denied, inviting a search of his craft. The Indians began to remove the hides, but after taking off several layers, and believing it impossible for a human being to be concealed under the remainder, they permitted him to go on his way. Upon reaching Detroit they were married, in 1783, at the home of Col. Abbott, and soon returned to Pennsylvania. In a short time he moved to Ohio, and settled on a 600-acre tract of land, now a part of Toledo, where he established an Indian trading station. In 1795 he came to the County of Essex, taking up a tract of Government land consisting of Lots 77 and 78, Concession 1, in the township of Colchester South. He later came to the 200-acre farm now owned and occupied by the father of our subject, and upon that place he died, Oct. 20, 1803, aged seventy-five years. His widow survived him until June 6, 1838, passing away at the age of eighty years. At the time of Alexander McCormick's death he owned in this township between 900 and 1,000 acres of land. Both himself and wife are buried on the Matthew McCormick farm.

To Alexander McCormick and his wife were



Elizabeth J. McCornick Dr. M. McCornick

born children as follows: (1) William, who lived for many years in this township, and later on Pelee Island, was a man widely known, and during the war of 1812 was a member of Parliament, continuing to serve as such for eleven years. (2) Nancy married a Mr. Stockwell, and lived on Lot 71, Colchester South. (3) Elizabeth died unmarried. (4) John is mentioned below. (5) Matthew lived in Colchester South, and has grandsons there now; his wife, Deborah (Wright) McCormick, died April 20, 1874, aged seventy-one years, one month and eleven days. (6) Alexander made his home near Oxley, where he had 400 acres of land; he married Mary Lidwell.

(II) John McCormick was born in October, 1790, on a 600-acre tract on the site of the present city of Toledo, Ohio. He was a child when the family came to the County of Essex, and he grew up here. His advantages for securing a good education were limited. He began his independent farming operations on Lot 44, Lake Front, which he owned, and where he married. After a few years he traded Lot 44 for land in Lot 76, where he resided for some thirty years, and made considerable improvements, this being an 100-acre farm. This property he traded for Lot 7 in the Gore, a 200-acre farm now owned by his son, Matthew W., and he resided on this at the time of his death, which occurred Dec. 21, 1867, when he was seventy-seven years of age. All of his life was passed in farming pursuits, and he made his work a success. He belonged to the volunteers, and had a captain's commission, while in the war of 1812 he was a lieutenant, and participated in the taking of Fort Detroit. During the Rebellion of 1837-38 he was captain of his company, and was present at the taking of the schooner "Ann," at Amherstburg. When he resigned he was succeeded by John Brush. In politics John McCormick was a Conservative, but in such matters his brother William took the leading part. The family were all members of the Church of England, and were prominent in the building of the first church of Sackville, now known as Colchester. Mr. McCormick married Annie, only daughter of Philip Wright (her mother was a Dowler), and she died April 18, 1865, aged sixty-eight years and eighteen days. Five children were born of this union: Sarah Ann, who died aged two years; Alexander and Elizabeth, who both died young; Matthew W.; and John C., who died Dec. 8, 1858, aged twenty-four years, ten months and eight days.

(III) MATTHEW W. McCORMICK was born on the Col. Brush place, Colchester South, Oct. 1, 1830, and was about sixteen years of age when the family moved to Lot 7, in the Gore. He enjoyed the advantages of the public school, and remained on the farm, looking after his parents as long as they lived. In time he came into possession of the 200 acres, of which he had cleared more than half, and all the improvements on which are due to him and his untiring energy. Being a very large man he was considered an excellent chopper, and during his busy, active life he has acquired more than a competence.

On Jan. 29, 1854, Mr. McCormick was married to Elizabeth Jane Taylor, who was born in New Brunswick, March 8, 1836, daughter of Steven and Jane Taylor. Their children were: (1) Walter Herbert was born June 14, 1855. (2) Sarah Ann, born July 12, 1856, married Walter Atkin, son of Gore Atkin, of Malden township, and they reside on a portion of the clergy reserve property; their children are: Mabel (who married Leonard Eede, and has three children, Edmond B., Ruby and Madalin); Gore (who married Alice Hutchinson), and Ellis and Grace at home. (3) John C., born Jan. 23, 1858, is on the home place, and assists in carrying on the farm. (4) Melbourne, born Feb. 28, 1860, died aged twenty-eight years; he married Elizabeth Foster, daughter of the late Robert Foster, of Colchester South. (5) Melinda Jane, born Feb. 16, 1862, married Arthur Wright, son of the late Ebenezer Wright, of Colchester South, and has five children, Ella, Florence, Bertha, Bell and Edna. (6) Mary Ocena, born Nov. 19, 1863, married Albert L. Fox, son of the late George Fox, of Colchester South, a lumberman of Walkerville, and has three children, Bertha, Chloe and Rena. (7) Adelaide, born June 8, 1865, married George Jason Fox, of Colchester, son of the late George Fox, above mentioned, and their children are: Blanche, Clyde, Perry, Arnold, Nina and Vernon. (8) William A., born Nov. 13, 1866, lives on a portion of the homestead; he married Annie R. Klie, Dec. 28, 1892, daughter of the late Henry Klie, of Colchester South, and has two children, William Klie and Marie. (9) Thomas Arnold was born Oct. 25, 1870. (10) Arthur Judson, born Feb. 20, 1875, is a druggist of Walkerville, Ont., but prior to taking up pharmacy he taught school for four years; he married Edna Munger, daughter of Alfred Munger, of Colchester South. (11) Eliza, born March 5, 1878, married Robert Sni-

der, of Harrow, son of Jacob Snider, of Colchester South, and they have had children, Irma, Harold and Sarah E. (deceased).

In politics Matthew W. McCormick is a strict Conservative, and in years past has taken an active part in the affairs of the township, acting as collector of taxes for three years, and assessor three years, and he has refused many other offices, his private concerns requiring too much of his time to permit of his acceptance of further preferment. He belongs to the Church of England, while his wife is a Methodist. They are exceptionally fine people, and are much beloved in the community where they are known so well.

Steven Taylor, father of Mrs. McCormick, was born in New Brunswick, where he followed farming in connection with his trade of carpenter. Later he purchased a sailing-vessel, which he operated in the Detroit river, but he always made his home on a farm. In September, 1836, he came to the County of Essex, locating near Amherstburg. His death occurred on his farm in Colchester South in 1884, when he was aged seventy-two. He married, in New Brunswick, Jane Johnson, who was born in England, and who died in 1872, aged sixty-two. They were members of the Methodist Church. Their union was blessed with the following children: Clark A. and Bamfield, twins, the former a retired farmer, who married Charlotte Lockard, and the latter a farmer who married Adelia Bishop; Edward, a farmer in Colchester South, who married Mary Buchanan; Emma, who married the late William Thrasher; Elizabeth J., who married Matthew W. McCormick; Benson, deceased; Alma, who married W. J. Quick, a farmer of Colchester South; Adelia, widow of Edward Vollans, and living in Windsor; Amanda, who married Angus Wright, farmer and township councillor in Colchester South; and Charles, who died young.

WALTER HERBERT MCCORMICK, the eldest son of Matthew W. McCormick, was born on the homestead on Lot 7, in the Gore, Colchester South, and there grew to manhood, enjoying the advantages of the home schools. At the age of twenty-one years, he began farming upon fifty-five acres of the old farm, and so continued until 1890, when he bought of Joseph Wright a farm of 110 acres, Lot 63, Concession 1, on the Lake Front. This was an improved property, and upon it Mr. McCormick has conducted his operations upon a very extensive scale. While inter-

ested in public affairs, his farming operations require the larger share of his time and energy. Fraternally he is a member of the Workmen at Harrow.

On Oct. 24, 1876, Mr. McCormick was married in this township to Louisa Christina Klie, daughter of the late Henry Klie, and children as follows have been born of this union: Arthur Albert, born Sept. 12, 1877, died Aug. 7, 1884; Guy, born Jan. 10, 1884, died Aug. 1, 1884; Annie Elizabeth was born Dec. 5, 1885; Cora Louisa, June 19, 1888; Maud Belle, Dec. 27, 1890; Matthew Warden, July 21, 1894. Both Mr. McCormick and his wife are representative of the best families, of the best interests, and of the best farming fraternity of that fertile section known as the County of Essex, Ontario.

THOMAS ARNOLD MCCORMICK, son of Matthew W. McCormick, was born on the homestead place in Colchester South, three-quarters of a mile from Harrow, one of the most beautiful farms of that specially favored section. He received a common and high school education, and for five years engaged in teaching in the County of Essex. Determining to enter professional life, he matriculated in the medical department of Trinity College, Toronto, from which he was graduated in 1897, immediately thereafter locating at Wheatley, for the general practice of his calling.

Dr. McCormick married Edith Woodbridge, daughter of the late William Woodbridge, of Colchester South, and they have one son, Norman Arnold, born June 14, 1901.

REV. JOHN PERROTT HINCKS, for a number of years Rector of the Church of All Saints, Windsor, has the distinction of being the oldest clergyman, in point of continuous service, within the Diocese of Huron.

Canon Hincks comes of clerical ancestry; his grandfather, the Rev. Thomas D. Hincks, LL.D., M.R.I.A., born in Ireland in 1767, was for many years professor of Hebrew in the University of Dublin, and his son, Rev. Thomas Hincks, M. A., of Trinity College, Dublin, was also a prominent member of the clergy of the Diocese of Down and Connor, being Archdeacon of Connor.

The Ven. Thomas Hincks, M. A., spent his whole life in his native land, marrying there and rearing a family, the only member of which to come to Canada was the Rector of All Saints. His birth took place in 1832, in the city of Bel-

fast, Ireland, and in that center of learning he enjoyed advantages both at the Royal Academic Institution and at Queen's College. It was during the period when Sir Francis Hincks was Premier, in 1852, that Canon Hincks came to Canada, and in the year 1860 took up his clerical work in the Dominion. Since that time he has lived a busy and useful life, beginning with four years of service at Exeter, going thence to St. James Church, at Ingersoll, where he remained for thirteen years. The next ten years were spent in active duty as rector of Trinity Church, at Galt, and it was in 1886 that All Saints secured him as its rector. This is regarded as one of the very important charges of the diocese, numbering some 400 families, and in noting the changes and improvements inaugurated after Canon Hincks took up his parochial duties there, it may be justifiable in the biographer to remark that just such a man as he was long needed. The building of All Saints' Rectory, the needed enlargement of the Sunday School Building and the erection of the West End Chapel are but samples of what was accomplished in a material way during his incumbency, making the church property the finest in Western Ontario, while increased membership and closer attention to the services, and a more spiritual and kindly spirit, showed equally that Canon Hincks exerted a widespread influence. He left Windsor in November, 1903, and is now in Port Stanley.

The first marriage of Canon Hincks was to Frances, daughter of Rev. Dr. Coleman, of St. Mary's, there being no surviving issue of this union. His second marriage was to Georgina, daughter of Rev. Francis Evans, and five children were born to this union, namely: Mary Constance; Frank H., B.A., a member of the class of 1903, at Trinity University, Toronto; Charlotte G.; Grace Dora; and Alice Kathleen. Canon Hincks gives his political support to the Conservative party.

JAMES GEORGE CHEYNE, collector of taxes and chief of the fire department of Windsor, is descended from Scottish ancestry. The first of the family of whom there is any record was John Cheyne, his grandfather, who was born in Scotland, where he farmed and died. His children were as follows: William; George, a Presbyterian minister in Amherstburg for many years, and later pastor at Pembroke, where he died; Barbara, who married John

Webster, of the County of Essex (both are deceased); and John. The last named was the father of James George Cheyne, and was born in Aberdeenshire, Scotland, in 1812. In 1835 he emigrated to Ontario, settling in Amherstburg. During the Rebellion of 1837 he served the government, and was placed in charge of the barracks on Elliott's Point. After the war was ended he settled down to farming at Malden, and later in Colchester township, County of Essex. In addition to farming Mr. Cheyne practiced veterinary surgery, which he had also followed in his native land.

While on the way over from Scotland Mr. Cheyne made the acquaintance of Miss Margaret Noble, and during the voyage of four weeks the young people became so well acquainted that a year after reaching their destination, in 1836, they were united in marriage. Margaret Noble was the daughter of James Noble, who settled at Niagara in 1835, and she bore her husband eight children: Barbara, who is deceased; Margaret, deceased, wife of John Brown, who is also deceased; Jennie N., Mrs. W. Craig; Sarah, who married John O. Hayes (both are deceased); Mary Ann, deceased; James George; Ellen, who married Alexander Black, of Windsor, secretary and treasurer of the school board; and Catherine, who died in infancy.

James George Cheyne was born in Colchester township, County of Essex, Jan. 24, 1847, and at the age of fifteen years went to Detroit, Michigan, in order to learn the harness-making trade. After serving an apprenticeship of four years he purchased the interest of one of the members of the firm with which he worked, the new style being Foster & Cheyne, but this partnership was dissolved in 1867, when Mr. Cheyne, disposing of his share in the business, returned to Canada, and locating in Windsor worked for Thomas Woodbridge, a dealer in harness. In 1869 he purchased the business, and was thus engaged in the harness line until 1872, when his establishment was burned. Not allowing himself to be discouraged, he embarked in business once more, over the livery barn of McGregor & Fulmer, and while in that location made the first government consignment of harness to the Northwest. On June 9, 1879, Mr. Cheyne went out of the harness business, and with David McGregor embarked in a meat business, where his energies were employed for three years. After this he clerked for the firm of Black & Cheyne (his mother being the junior

member) for five years, when he joined C. W. Gunther in the fishing business in Detroit, and continued thus until 1886. He was then appointed collector of taxes for the city of Windsor, and still retains that position of responsibility. In 1866 Mr. Cheyne became a member of the fire department of Windsor, and in 1876 was made chief, to succeed Archibald Whittaker, who had succeeded Charles Scadding, the first chief of the Windsor fire department. Chief Cheyne has a long and honorable military record, as well as in the fire department. From 1866 to 1898 he was a member of the military of Windsor, and was captain of Company 1 for twenty-one years. In 1898 he retired, although he retains the rank of captain. He has received medals for meritorious service during the Fenian raid, and decoration for long service.

On Jan. 17, 1873, Chief Cheyne was married to Ellen Johnston, who was born in Russia in 1852, daughter of David Johnston, and came with her parents to the County of Essex in 1855. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Cheyne: Margaret, deceased; Jessie, deceased; John Oliver and David Johnston, in the grocery business in Windsor; Eva Belle, at home; and Gordon, deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Cheyne are members of the Presbyterian Church, and politically he is a Reformer. In 1882 and 1883 Mr. Cheyne served his city in the council, and he is a man universally respected, and much beloved by a wide circle of friends.

ALEX ST. LOUIS, one of the leading farmers of Sandwich East, River Front, Lot 123, was born on the present homestead, May 29, 1849, son of Leon and Fannie (Janisse) St. Louis. The parents were both born in Sandwich East, in 1824, Mrs. St. Louis being the daughter of Hypolite and Jane (Drouillard) Janisse, who came from France in a very early day. Leon St. Louis was the son of Francois St. Louis and Theodore Louzon, the former of whom was born in the township of Sandwich East, a descendant of one of the first families of France, and was a soldier in the war of 1812.

Leon St. Louis, when a young man, was in the real estate business, and also engaged in farming. He was a man of great financial ability and very successful in his real estate dealings, and before he died had acquired over eight hundred acres of good farm land in Sandwich East. The present home was handed down to him by his mother, and he was settled there for

forty years before he retired and moved to Windsor, where he died in 1892, aged sixty-eight. His wife had died in 1877, aged fifty-three. They were among the founders of church work in their section of the county, and were largely instrumental in building the present Catholic Church at Sandwich, the chapel at Tecumseh and the new church at Tecumseh. Politically Mr. St. Louis was a strong Conservative, but he never aspired to office.

Of the children born to Leon and Fannie St. Louis, four lived to maturity: (1) Alex is the eldest. (2) Frank, born in 1851, a prominent farmer, married Miss Lizzie Langlois, of Sandwich East, and they reside on the Tecumseh Road. They have a family of seven children, Alexandrine (Mrs. Parent), Minnie (Mrs. Reaume), Louisiana, Ferdine, Isadore, James and Cecile. Others died young. (3) Florestine, born in 1855, was educated in the convent schools of Windsor, and was first married to Dennis Mahoney, who settled and died in Tecumseh, Sandwich East, leaving two children, Emma and James, of Windsor. Her present husband is John Mayville, and they reside in Windsor. (4) Dennis, born in 1858, married Miss Mazie Langlois, born in Sandwich East, and they reside on the 3rd Concession, in Sandwich East; they have a family of seven children, Bella, Remond, Alexander, George, Paul, Charlotte and Ernest.

Alex. St. Louis attended the district and public schools of Windsor, where he received a fair education. He remained on the farm with his parents, and there started in life for himself. In February, 1874, he was united to Miss Rose Boismier, of Sandwich village, who was born Aug. 26, 1846, and was educated in the Sandwich convent. Her parents, Capt. Edward and Ursule (Joley) Boismier, of Petite Cote, Sandwich West, County of Essex, both died in Sandwich, Ont. He had led a retired life for ten years prior to his death, which occurred in 1887, at the age of seventy-two. Mrs. Boismier died in 1851, aged thirty-six. They were members of the Catholic Church. He was a prominent man, serving as mayor of the town of Sandwich, as councillor, inspector, government fish inspector (for fifteen years and until his death), and school trustee (many years), and was president of the St. John Baptist Society for many years. To him and his wife were born children as follows: Zoie (deceased), married Hercule Ouellette, and had eight children; Laurence, of Oklahoma City, is in the real estate business; he married Adelle

Parent, and they have eight children; Joseph, a blacksmith of Sandwich, Ont., married Belle Westaway, and they have four children; Josephine, of Anderdon township, is the wife of Charles Ouellette, a farmer, and has four children; Cyrille, of Petite Cote, Ont., a farmer, married Mary Pajot; Matilda died young; Rose is Mrs. St. Louis; Annie, of Detroit, is the widow of Joseph Marentette, and has three children. Antoine Boismier, the grandfather, of Montreal, was an early settler in the County of Essex.

Mr. and Mrs. St. Louis settled on the old home, where he became manager previous to his father's death. He built the present house and barn, all the outbuildings, and made many other improvements. He has dealt largely in real estate in Sandwich East, has purchased 300 acres outside of the home farm, now owning 400 acres in his township, and has become one of the successful and progressive men of the county. He is prominent and respected, being a worthy member of the fine old family from which he comes.

Mr. and Mrs. St. Louis are the parents of three sons and one daughter: Hercule A., born in 1875, was a student of the Windsor schools and a graduate of the Detroit Business University; he is now a dry goods merchant in Pontiac, Michigan, one of that city's successful young business men. Alphonse, born in 1880, and educated in Sandwich College, was married in November, 1902, to Miss Oliva Champagne, of Walkerville; they reside on the home farm. Alfred, born in 1885, is one of the farmers at the homestead. Beatrice, born in 1887, is a student in the separate school.

Religiously this family are all members of the Catholic Church, and Mr. St. Louis' social affiliations are with the C.M.B.A., the C.O.F. (of which he was chief ranger for two terms), and St. Joseph's Society of Ottawa. Politically he has always belonged to the old Conservative party, and he is a man of considerable influence, but has declined the offices of reeve, councilman and other honors offered by the people, filling only the office of assessor in Sandwich East, which he held for two terms.

Alex St. Louis is a descendant of the old family of St. Louis who were among the founders of Detroit, and early settlers in the neighboring section of Canada, and who were all men of wealth and influence. His father, Leon St. Louis, was a man of great influence, and much esteemed by all who knew him, for his many

excellent qualities and his upright and useful life. His son inherits many of the family virtues, and is a worthy representative of the old and honored name.

JAMES E. BANWELL, of Windsor, is descended from one of the early settlers of western Ontario. The family is of English extraction, James Banwell, the great-grandfather of James E., having been born in 1763 in England, where he died in 1798. He was a man of intellectual acquirements, his vocation being teaching. His children were: Henry, born in 1798; Charles, born in 1791; James, born in 1789 (died in India in 1815); George, born in 1793; and John, born in 1796. Of this family

Henry Banwell was the grandfather of James E. Banwell, of Windsor. On April 23, 1822, he married Susan Figs Galpine, and to this union were born the following children: James Thomas, Jan. 11, 1823; Henry, Aug. 13, 1824; Emma, March 22, 1826; Felicia E., April 2, 1828; Susanna, Sept. 3, 1829; Augustus, March 16, 1831; and Edward, Sept. 16, 1832. The father of this family came to Canada in 1835, settling in what was then Sandwich East, near the site of the present city hall. This home was burned during the Rebellion of 1837-38. His occupation was teaching, and he was not only an instructor in the public schools but also in private families of ample means who desired to profit by his teaching, one of these being that of Col. Prince. Later he purchased land in Sandwich East which he afterward sold, investing in Sandwich West. He was a man of such reliability that during the troublous times of 1837-38 he was intrusted with the care of the important papers connected with the Registry office, and they were carefully guarded by him at his home, twelve miles in the country. His death occurred in 1877, his wife having passed away in 1868.

Augustus Banwell, son of Henry, and father of James E., was born in England, and was four years of age when his father removed to Ontario. On reaching manhood he engaged in farming, and he followed an agricultural life until 1890, when he moved to Windsor, retiring from activity. In 1860 he married Miss Mary Ann McKellar, born Aug. 12, 1836, in County Kent, a daughter of Daniel McKellar, and the children of this union were as follows: Henry, born Jan. 19, 1861; Annie, June 20, 1862, wife of Alfred Wigle; Donald, April 9, 1864; James E., Sept. 3, 1866; Peter McKellar, July 25, 1868; Arthur,

June 13, 1870; Susan Figes, Nov. 9, 1872 (wife of Rev. F. G. Armstronog, of Tupperville); and Flora, April 25, 1875 (deceased).

James E. Banwell was born in Sandwich West, and remained there until the age of fourteen years, when he came to Windsor and began life for himself as a clerk for A. E. Patching, a book dealer and stationer of that place. From Mr. Patching's he entered the employ of C. R. Mabley & Co., general merchants of Detroit. Here he began in the humble capacity of an office boy and remained in the same department for three years, after which he was promoted to a position in the head office which he ably filled for the following year, and was then shown the confidence of the firm by being made head cashier. In this capacity Mr. Banwell served with fidelity for six years, failing health then causing his resignation. After spending a year recuperating, he purchased the harness business of A. E. Watson, which from a modest beginning has enlarged and expanded until his establishment takes a very important place among the leading business houses of Windsor. He gives employment to several experienced harness-makers, and has added to his stock a fine line of carriages, farm implements, robes and horse equipments.

On Jan. 1, 1901, Mr. Banwell was elected a member of the council of Windsor from the Third ward, and in 1902 and 1903 he was re-elected, a fact which speaks well for his popularity as a public citizen.

On Jan. 14, 1891, Mr. Banwell was united in marriage with Clara J., younger daughter of the late Reuben Purser, of Windsor, and to this union have been born three children: Ethel Gladys, Raymond Bruce and Olive Gertrude. The late Reuben Purser was one of the prominent citizens of Windsor, and an efficient member of the water commisison board. Mr. and Mrs. Banwell belong to the Methodist Church, where they are active workers and liberal contributors. Fraternally Mr. Banwell belongs to the A. O. U. W., while politically he adheres to the principles of the Liberal party. His success in the past augurs well for the future, and Windsor has few more public-spirited citizens.

RICHARD GOLDEN, one of the self-made men of County Essex, and an excellent example of what can be accomplished by ambitious effort, can trace a most honorable ancestry even as far

back as the times of Oliver Cromwell. Two brothers of the name of Golden served under the great Protector, and later settled in Ireland, where but one, however, remained permanently located. From this English ancestor the family of our subject descended.

Richard Jasper Golden, son of Jasper Golden, and the father of our subject, was born in the parish of Aconra, County Sligo, Ireland, there became a farmer, and married and reared a family, as follows: Maria, who died in 1902, married Alexander M. Wigle, of Gosfield township, County Essex; she was previously a school teacher in Anderdon. Jasper is a resident of Kingsville, well known as one of the early teachers of the county. Sarah, the widow of William Drake, is a resident of Windsor. Richard is mentioned below. Ann, formerly a teacher in Malden township, married Rudolph Brush. Fanny, formerly a teacher in Gosfield South, married Joseph Malott, of Detroit. Elizabeth taught school in Gosfield township and is now the wife of Isaac Wigle, of Gosfield South. John has practiced medicine at Comber, Harrow and Ridgetown for the past thirty years. The mother of this family died in 1857, aged sixty-one years.

In 1850 Jasper Golden, of the above family, accompanied by his two sisters, Maria and Sarah, came to Canada, and settled in Anderdon township, where all became successful teachers. In 1852 the parents, with the five remaining children, followed the example of the other members of the family, and settled on Lot 3, Concession 7, in Anderdon township, securing 100 acres of wild, uncleared land. The father here made a fine farm, assisted by his sturdy sons, and died aged eighty-four years. He was a consistent member of the Church of England.

Richard Golden was born Oct. 15, 1827, in Rathscanlin, parish of Aconra, County Sligo, Ireland. His educational opportunities were very limited, but he was taught the principles of farming, and at an early age was obliged to put them into operation. He was twenty-five years old when he accompanied his parents to Canada, and he remained on the farm, taking the greatest interest in its clearing and development, working early and late to convert it into the fine place it later became. Compared with conditions in his native land, the chance to acquire property of his own was so great that it inspired him to make all efforts possible in that direction. He remained on the home farm until 1883 and added to the original 100 acres another



Mrs Alex St Louis



Rev. H. Lewis

100, Lot 4, Concession 7, making all of it very productive. In the meantime, about 1880, he bought his present farm, but did not locate on it until 1883. This farm was purchased of Henry Wright and consists of eighty-five acres, which Mr. Golden actively cultivated until within the past few years, since when he has retired from active work, his sons ably carrying on the work. The excellent improvements were planned and executed by Mr. Golden, and he has every reason to feel satisfied with the results of his years of hard work.

Mr. Golden was married in Anderdon township, Feb. 8, 1859, to Margaret Paton, who was born in Kilmarnock, Scotland, and children as follows were born to them: Allen Jasper, who has the homestead in Anderdon, married Margaret Callam, and they have children—Edna, Allen, Paton, William and Harry. Margaret Anna is at home. Richard Eccles, who lives on land which was cleared by his father, the south half of Lot 4, in Anderdon township, married Edith Martin. Jessie Maria married Allen B. Gaynard, and resides at San Francisco, California. Henry, who is on the home place, working the farm, married Miss Elba Potts, and they have one daughter, Nora. William L., who also resides on the home place, has a farm adjoining.

Mr. Golden and his whole family belong to the English Church, in which he has been very active for years, and he is the lay delegate from the Amherstburg Church to the Synod at London, Ont. Politically his convictions have made him a staunch Reformer, and his reliable character has caused his fellow-citizens to press upon him many of the local offices. For one year he served as assessor of Anderdon, and for one year as superintendent of the schools of Anderdon township. His interest in educational matters has been constant, and he has given his own children advantages which he never had himself. Few men are more thoroughly respected in Malden township than is this pioneer farmer and first-class citizen, who has not only, through his own efforts, secured ample means, but also the esteem of all who know him.

C. M. WALKER, superintendent of the great distilling works of Hiram Walker & Sons, Limited, of Walkerville, Ont., is a representative of an old and honorable family of Massachusetts, probably of English extraction.

Obediah Walker, his great-great-grandfather,

was born in Massachusetts at a date long preceding the Revolutionary War, and there his son Benjamin was born, as was also the latter's son, Willis Walker. The family in early days was devoted to agricultural pursuits, and attained to wealth and prominence. Willis Walker, grandfather of C. M., married Ruth Buffom, a native of Massachusetts also, and they had a family of four children, namely: Eunice, Chandler, Hiram and Julia, all of whom died in their native State with the exception of Hiram. He was the founder of Walkerville, Ont., and established the great business now conducted under the firm name of Hiram Walker & Sons, Limited.

Chandler Walker was born in 1814, followed agricultural life in his native State, and died there in 1897. He married Mary Southwick, who was born in Massachusetts, and the five children of this marriage were: Sarah (deceased), who married a man from Detroit; Ruth, wife of William C. Bagley, of Detroit; Hiram A., a resident of Walkerville, of which he was the first mayor; C. M.; and Henry A., also a resident of Walkerville.

C. M. Walker was born in 1842, in Massachusetts, and in 1863 came to Walkerville, Ont., to engage with his uncle, Hiram Walker, in the distilling business. For a number of years, early in his connection with the plant, he had charge of the shipping and the warehouse business. In 1897 he took charge as superintendent, and still fills this important position.

Mr. Walker was married, in 1866, to Miss Sarah E. McLean, of Walkerville, a daughter of Edmund McLean. They have one son, Dr. Thaddeus H. Walker, a prominent physician and surgeon at Detroit, who married Miss Irene Davis, of that city. For many years both Mr. and Mrs. Walker were members of the Church of England, in the faith of which denomination Mrs. Walker passed away in September, 1901.

Mr. Walker has been active in the promotion of local enterprises, and has served for three years as a member of the city council and two years as mayor. He is a popular and much respected citizen. While not an active politician, being more closely identified with business, he adheres to the principles of the Conservative party.

ERNEST G. HENDERSON, vice-president and manager of The Canadian Salt Co., Limited, of Windsor, is at the head of the most thor-

oughly equipped plant of its kind in Canada. These salt works were established at Windsor in 1892 by Sir William Van Horn, of Montreal, he being practically sole owner, but in 1895 organized a stock company with the following officers: Sir William Van Horn, president; E. G. Henderson, vice-president and manager; William Vaughan, secretary; and Thomas Tait, treasurer—all but Mr. Henderson being residents of Montreal. From 1895 to 1901 the firm did business under the title of The Windsor Salt Co., with a capital stock of \$200,000. In 1901 the name was changed to its present form, The Canadian Salt Co., Limited, with a capital stock of \$800,000, the same officers being retained. The daily output of this plant averages 1,500 barrels from four wells, and employment is given to ninety men. The corporation is therefore justly ranked among the leading factors in the commercial life of Windsor.

Ernest G. Henderson is a native of Ireland, and is a civil engineer by profession. He followed that calling for a number of years in his native land in connection with the Great Northern railroad of Ireland, and, coming to Canada in 1883, was until 1893 employed by the Canadian Pacific Railroad Co. On the establishment of the salt works, however, Mr. Henderson became the manager, and to his energy, zeal and thorough knowledge of every detail of the business is largely due the marvelous success which has attended the history of this enterprise. He is without doubt a master of his calling and a man of exceptional executive ability.

JOHN DAVIS, who for five consecutive years filled the honorable position of mayor of Windsor, is one of the city's most highly esteemed and popular men. He was born in 1836 in Prescott, Ont., and has been a resident of Windsor since 1872.

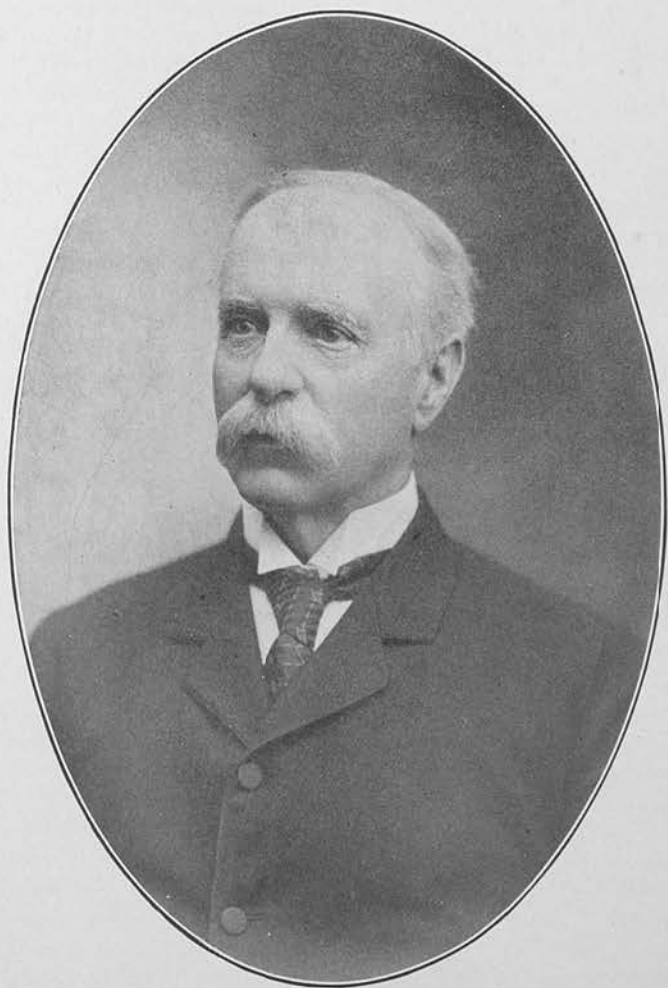
James Davis, his grandfather, was born in 1764 in Wales, and there married Jane Adamson, of Welsh parentage. He followed engineering as a vocation, and lived and died in his native land.

James Davis (2), son of James and father of John, was born in 1790, in Wales, and he died in 1873. Prior to coming to Ontario in 1832, he engaged in distilling in Ireland, and after locating in Prescott, Ont., he continued the business with the firm of McPherson, Crane & Co., for a period of thirty years. Politically Mr. Davis was a Conservative. In 1835, at Prescott,

he married Mary Delaney, who was born in Ireland, in 1806, and who died in Montreal in 1895. The following children were born to this marriage: John, of Windsor; William, who for more than thirty years has been distiller for the Fleischman Distilling Company, of Cincinnati, Ohio; James, owner, proprietor and manager of the Montreal Business College, an institution he entered as a student, later becoming writing-master, and finally sole owner; Thomas G., who is deputy collector of inland revenue, at London, Ont.; and Robert and Patrick, deceased. Every member of this family has become prominent in his own line of activity.

At the age of fifteen years John Davis entered the employ of the company with which his father had been so long associated. At this time he was fairly educated, and was a typical Canadian boy, expert in many manly sports. His connection with McPherson, Crane & Co. continued for six years, his salary being \$16 per month. Thus commenced the business career of one of Windsor's best and most substantial citizens. In 1858 Mr. Davis went to Chicago, and for two years was connected with the distilling firm of John Phund & Co., and in 1860 embarked in the same business in Peoria, Ill. In 1861 he returned to Ontario, and in October, 1863, was appointed excise officer, being advanced in 1867 to the position of assistant inspector of distilleries for Canada. In 1872 he was made inspector, and in 1888 was promoted to the position of chief inspector of the Dominion, which office he held, and most efficiently filled until 1895, when, at his own request, he was placed on the superannuated list.

Ever since locating in Windsor, Mr. Davis has been interested in legitimate business enterprises, and in 1891 he was the heaviest individual stockholder in the Windsor Street Railway and Electric Light plant, which, in 1901, was sold to the Everett-Moore syndicate of Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Davis has large financial interests in various enterprises in Ontario, and he owns much valuable real estate in Windsor. He is one of the directors in the Northern Light Insurance Company, of London, Ont. For ten years he was a member of the high school board, succeeding the late Judge Caron. Perhaps nothing could more clearly demonstrate the popularity of Mr. Davis in Windsor than the attitude of the people in regard to the highest municipal office in their gift. For five consecutive years he was elected mayor of the city, four elections be-



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ing by acclamation, an almost unheard-of occurrence. His first election was in 1897, and the last in 1901. Although the office was urged on him again, he resolutely refused, assuring his fellow-citizens that one of their number, who had been so loyal to him, would acceptably serve them.

Mr. Davis has been twice married. In 1861 he wedded Mary Conly, who was born at Kingston, Ont., in 1843. She passed away in 1867, leaving one son, James, of the excise service in London, Ont., who married Josephine Donohue, and has one daughter, Mary. In 1872 Mr. Davis was married to his present wife, Frances Julia Baby, daughter of William Duperon Baby, and to this union have been born the following children: Gaspie H., unmarried, who is engaged in the insurance and brokerage business at Pittsburgh; Dr. Joseph W., a graduate of Bishop's College at Montreal, and post-graduate at Edinburgh, now surgeon to the Indo-China Steam Navigation Company; Patrick, for five years a student at Stonyhurst College, England, and a graduate of McGill University, class of 1904, in mining engineering; Francis M., a student for five years at Stonyhurst College, a graduate of the Montreal Business College, class of 1901, and now in the Bank of Commerce at Windsor; William, at home; Frances Julia, who took a high school course at Windsor, and spent three years at school in England; and May, now a student in England.

Mr. Davis stands as a representative man of his locality. His genial disposition, his upright conduct in business relations, his loyalty to the Crown, his fidelity in the pursuance of official duties, and his personal attributes, make of him a man his fellow-citizens delight to honor, and a companion and friend welcome in every circle.

WILLIAM DUPERON BABY, father of Mrs. Davis, was born at Sandwich, Ont., April 16, 1819. On Jan. 17, 1843, he married Christina Jane Wilson, who was born Feb. 16, 1822, and who died May 22, 1902. The children born to this union were: Frances Julia, Mrs. Davis; Louisa Rosalie, who married G. W. Girdlestone; John Charles, born May 18, 1848, who married Miss A. C. Askin, daughter of John A. Askin, of Windsor, and died May 27, 1895; William Wilson, born Oct. 13, 1850; Christina Mary, born Dec. 21, 1852, now deceased; Wolstan A. D., born April 13, 1858; and Ann Angelique, born May 2, 1861.

CORNELIUS HENRY ASHDOWN, who passed away Oct. 19, 1903, was of English descent, and traced his ancestry back to John Ashdown, his great-grandfather, who was a native of Kent, England, born in 1762. He married a Miss Nightingale. Among his children was a son, Thomas, the grandfather of Cornelius H., who was born in Essex, England, was a steward, and married Esther Higgins, of Belfast, Ireland. They had three children, James, William, and Margaret, all born in Woodford, County of Essex, England.

James Ashdown, father of Cornelius H., was born Oct. 27, 1787, and in 1839 emigrated to Ontario, settling in the County of York, where he died. By calling he was an accountant. In 1815, prior to leaving London, he was there married to Miss Lucy Catherine Garmon, a native of Tootingham, England, born Sept. 25, 1794, who died Nov. 13, 1877. The following children came to James Ashdown and his wife: James, Esther, Esther (2) (who died in Toronto), William, John C., Mary Ann, Henry and Cornelius Henry, all born in England. Of these, Esther (2), William, John C. and Cornelius H. came to Ontario; the others died in England. Of those who came to Ontario Cornelius H. was the last survivor, and he was the only one who located in Sandwich.

Cornelius Henry Ashdown was born in England, June 25, 1835, and came to Ontario, July 1, 1841, settling near Toronto. On Jan. 5, 1866, he located at Amherstburg, County of Essex. For thirty-two years he was a teacher, during seven years of that time teaching in the County of York, and the remaining twenty-five were spent in the County of Essex. His career as a teacher closed in the spring of 1890, and on account of ill health he was obliged to abandon all duties until he recovered. On Dec. 14, 1894, he was elected to the office of clerk of Sandwich and clerk of the First Division Court of the County of Essex, which he continued to hold until his death. Religiously he was a member of the Presbyterian Church, while his fraternal relations were with the K. of P. Politically he was a Reformer, and he always took an active part in local affairs.

On April 10, 1882, Mr. Ashdown was married to Miss Arabella D. Fluett, a daughter of the late Louis J. Fluett and his wife, Justine (Reaume) Fluett, very early settlers of the County of Essex, where Mr. Fluett was a lawyer for a number of years. No children were

born to Mr. and Mrs. Ashdown. She is a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church. Her birth occurred in Sandwich, and she was married from the home in which she was born. Both Mr. and Mrs. Ashdown were highly respected in Sandwich, enjoying the confidence of a host of warm friends.

JOHN WATSON, of His Majesty's Customs at Windsor, is one of the old residents of County Essex and a man widely and favorably known. The family is of Scotch-English extraction, and its earliest authentic record reaches to 1770, the date of the birth of Jacob Watson, the grandfather of our subject.

Jacob Watson was a native of Scotland, and it was from his first marriage, with an English lady, that John Watson is descended. His children were: Alexander, William, James and John Gowie, all of whom were born in Scotland, and, with the exception of James, all came to Ontario.

John Gowie Watson was but fifteen years old when he reached Ontario, and he engaged as a clerk for a Mr. McIntosh. He enlisted for service in the war of 1812, and during the rebellion of 1837-38, he was in the army with the rank of a lieutenant-colonel under Col. Askin. After the close of his military service, Mr. Watson became a merchant in Windsor, following that business until within three years of his death, in 1844. For many years he was prominently identified with the growth and progress of Windsor, in its commercial and educational life, and he was regarded by his fellow-citizens with the highest esteem. He married Archange Jacobs, born in 1795, in the County of Essex, daughter of George Jacobs, and who died at the early age of thirty-two years. The three children of this union were: Margaret, who married Johnson Richardson, and both are deceased; Robert George, who died unmarried; and John, of Windsor.

A most honorable record of thirty-five years of service in his present position, has made John Watson one of the well-known men of this city. He was born Jan. 16, 1824, in Sandwich, and there grew to manhood. His first occupation was farming, and he continued to be so engaged for a number of years. In 1866 he received the appointment to the customs, and has been identified with this office ever since.

Mr. Watson has been twice married, his first wife being Annie Cowan, daughter of John Cowan (who founded the first newspaper in

Sandwich), and two children were born to this union, a daughter who died in infancy, and John Gowie Watson, of Sandwich. His second marriage was to Caroline Ives, of Kingston, Ont., who died Jan. 10, 1904, in her seventy-third year. Seven children were born to this marriage, namely: George, who died at the age of seven; Minnie, who died at the age of nineteen years; Ida, who died at the age of eighteen years; Carrie, who married Howard Milne, of Hamilton; Cordelia, who married Fred Wear, of Toledo, Ohio; Miss Georgina, at home; and Percy, who was drowned in his ninth year.

Mr. and Mrs. Watson are consistent and valued members of the Church of England. In politics Mr. Watson is identified with the Reform party. The family is prominent religiously, intellectually and socially in Windsor, and has a wide circle of friends.

JEREMIAH EDWARD O'CONNOR, a rising barrister of the Dominion, until Dec. 1, 1903, a member of the strong legal firm of Murphy, Sale & O'Connor, of Windsor, descends from one of the early families of the County of Essex. The family is of Irish extraction, his grandparents both having been born in Ireland.

John O'Connor, the paternal grandfather, came to America in 1824, and settled in Boston, Massachusetts. For a time Mr. O'Connor, who was a man of education, served as bookkeeper for a business firm in that city, and then removed to Detroit, Michigan, purchasing a farm in the vicinity of what is now Grand Circus Park, in that city. After a short residence there he sold that property and purchased another in Maidstone township, County of Essex, and there lived during the remainder of his active life, finally coming to Windsor, where he died in 1866. His three children, John, Sarah and Jeremiah, are all deceased.

The Honorable Mr. Justice John O'Connor, son of the emigrant, and father of Jeremiah Edward O'Connor, was for a number of years a distinguished member of the Bar, and an honor to the Bench in Ontario. He was born Jan. 21, 1824, in Boston, and was still a child when the family settled in Maidstone township. At the age of eighteen years he was articled to Vidal & Baby, barristers of Windsor, and in 1854 was called to the Bar, beginning practice at Sandwich, and subsequently removing to Windsor, where he remained until 1872. At this date he

was called to Ottawa, as a member of Sir John Macdonald's cabinet, and when a political change came he entered into practice in Ottawa. Here his abilities brought him into prominence. In 1878 he was made president of the council, and soon afterward postmaster general. Political parties shifted and cabinets changed frequently at this time, and the services of a man of Mr. O'Connor's ability and character were most valuable. Thus between 1878 and 1882, he alternately filled the offices of president of the council, postmaster general and secretary of state. In the latter year he resigned the office of postmaster general, and retired permanently from politics.

In 1882 Mr. O'Connor was appointed chairman of the commission for the revision of the Dominion Statutes, and was also retained by the government to take charge of the case for the Dominion in the dispute concerning the Northern and northwest boundaries of Ontario, with which he was connected until 1884. In that year he was appointed a puisne judge of the Queen's Bench Division of the High Court of Justice for Ontario, and it was while holding the Assize Court at Cobourg that he died, Nov. 3, 1887. His death was a distinct loss to the Dominion, whose interests he had made his own for so many years. He had always been identified with the Conservative party. In religious faith he was a Roman Catholic.

In 1849 Judge O'Connor married Mary Barrett, who was born in 1826, in Ireland, and the children of this union were: John (deceased), a barrister-at-law; Sarah, who died in 1879; Mary, who married T. M. Morton, of Windsor, and died in 1898 leaving two sons, Percy and Thomas; Richard and Ellen Louisa, deceased; Margaret, who married Eugene Belleau, of Ottawa; Jeremiah Edward, the seventh member of the family; Roderick, deceased; and Catherine Mary Angela, who resides at Ottawa.

Jeremiah Edward O'Connor was born in 1867 in Detroit, Michigan, but was educated at Ottawa College and Toronto University. In 1888 he became articled to Wallace Nesbit, Esq., then of the firm of McCarthy, Osler, Hoskin & Creelman, prominent lawyers at Toronto, and later he attended Osgoode Hall, at Toronto, for three years. He was called to the Bar in 1893, and at once entered into practice at Windsor, in 1900 becoming a member of the firm of Murphy, Sale & O'Connor. On Dec. 1, 1903, Mr. O'Connor severed his connection with that firm

to enter upon the practice of the law in Winnipeg, Manitoba, where he has formed a business connection with J. D. Morice, barrister, of that city. He is endowed with ability, is thoroughly educated, was born into a legal atmosphere as it were, and has every indication of a successful career.

In 1899 Mr. O'Connor married Miss Florence Isabel Power, daughter of N. J. Power, of Montreal, auditor of disbursements for the Grand Trunk Railway Company. Politically Mr. O'Connor takes a deep interest in public affairs, his convictions making him a Conservative. Both he and his wife belong to the Roman Catholic Church.

STEPHEN LUSTED, the efficient and popular city clerk of Windsor, was born in England. His father, John Lusted, was born in England, and there married Ann Drury, daughter of Richard Drury. In 1842 he emigrated to Ontario, and located at Niagara, remaining there for two years. He then removed to Oxford County, cleared up a bush farm and there died in 1870. The following children were born to himself and wife: Sarah, who died in 1899, married Daniel Matthews; Mary Ann (deceased) married James Lamont; Thomas, registrar of deeds at Stonewall, Manitoba, died in 1904; John is a lumber merchant of Manitoba; Joseph, a merchant of Listowel, is deceased; Richard Drury is a resident of Albuquerque, New Mexico; Stephen; Mrs. Midgely, of Woodstock, died in 1901.

Stephen Lusted was born in 1834, and was only eight years old when brought by his parents to Ontario. At the age of eleven years he was apprenticed to John F. Rodgers, of Woodstock, publisher of *The Monarch*, to learn the printer's trade. At the end of three years the business was closed up and Stephen engaged for three years more with the *British American*. After completing his apprenticeship, he worked some time in each of the towns of Brantford, St. Thomas and Chatham, Ont., and in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and for several years upon *The Times* at Woodstock, as foreman. In 1865 he came to Windsor and secured a position on *The Record and Journal*. After filling this position for some time he went to Detroit and engaged with *The Tribune*, but a few months later returned to Windsor and resumed work on *The Record and Journal*, and did not sever his connection with this paper until about 1870, when the concern was sold. He then established the *Windsor Re-*

cord, which he conducted for ten years. In 1880 he was appointed clerk of Windsor, which position he has filled ever since.

Mr. Lusted has been twice married. In 1856 he was united with Martha Matthews, who died in 1885, leaving these children: Stephen Warren Grey, who married Mary Telfer, of Chicago; Louisa Eleanor, who married George E. Killen, of *The Chicago Evening Post*; Elizabeth, a teacher in Illinois; and Donald Cameron, who died in Chicago in 1892.

In 1887 Mr. Lusted married Adela White, daughter of Thomas B. White, and two children have been born of this union: Marguerite Adela, in 1888, and Viola Victoria, in 1899. Mr. Lusted's political affiliations are with the Liberal party.

JOHN McCORMICK, a retired farmer and stock raiser of Gosfield North, living on the town line of Gosfield, on Lot 25, is a Scotchman by birth, and the record of his life shows him to be possessed of those sterling traits of character that have distinguished his race for generations. He was born in Ayrshire, March 20, 1823, son of Thomas and Jane (Eglesome) McCormick.

Thomas McCormick and his wife lived all their days in their native Scotland, and reared a family of nine children as follows: Jane, who married Robert Hislop, of Scotland, where she died, leaving a family; Mary, who married David McNealy, of Scotland, and raised a family; Agnes, the wife of Mr. McNeal, who lives with his family in London, England; Elizabeth, the wife of Hugh McGriff, of Australia; Ellen, who married Thomas Sanders, and went to Buenos Ayres, S.A., in 1841; Annie, who came to America with her brother John, and when last heard of was living in Buffalo, New York, unmarried; William, who married a Miss Campbell in Scotland, and came to Ypsilanti, Michigan, in 1840, dying on his farm there a few years later, leaving one child; Robert, who remained in Scotland, and died unmarried; and John.

While attending school John McCormick was obliged to travel four miles over rugged mountains. He acquired a good, practical education. In 1852 he came to Canada on a sailing vessel, "The Blonde," via Quebec, being five weeks on the ocean, and he first located at Hamilton. There he worked among the farmers, and saved enough money to enable him, after his marriage in 1852, to start out for himself. He took his wife first to Port Nelson for a time, farmed in

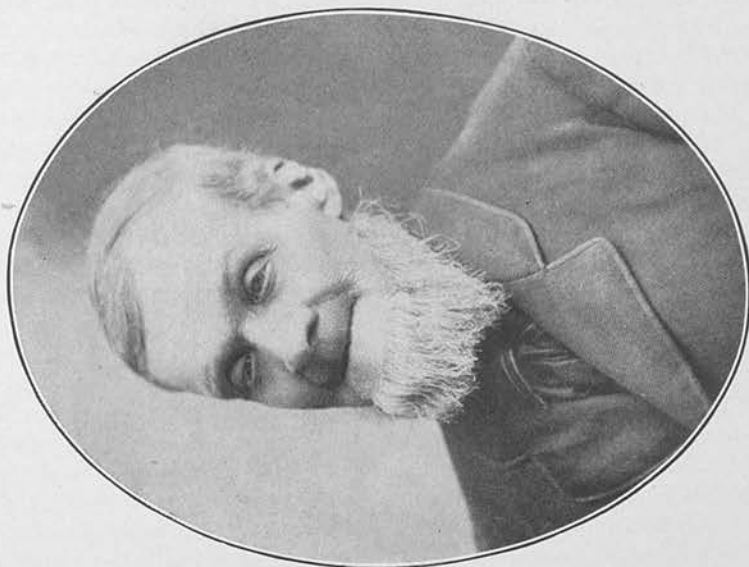
the County of Halton until 1858, and then occupied a farm in Tilbury, County of Essex, for a time, finally in 1874, removing to Gosfield, in the same county, where he bought fifty acres and commenced farming. Four years later he added another fifty acres, and later 100 acres more, the estate now comprising 200 acres, of which 100 acres are under cultivation. Mr. McCormick and his sons have cleared the land from its wild state and have erected good barns and all other needed buildings. Until 1893 the family lived in a log house, but in that year they built the large and comfortable dwelling which is the home today. In addition to general farming the McCormicks have given some attention to the raising of hogs, usually having about seventy head a year for the market.

John McCormick was married March 15, 1852, to Miss Jane Stewart, who was born in Perthshire, Scotland, March 10, 1832. Her parents, Duncan and Margaret (Gillespie) Stewart, were natives of the Highlands of Scotland, came to Canada in 1835, and settled in the County of Halton, Ont., where they both died when Mrs. McCormick was a young girl. She was brought up by her grandparents, Hugh and Mary Gillespie. She was one of eight children, namely: William, who died young, of smallpox; Mary, who married Thomas Dunn, a farmer, and both died in Canada, leaving a family; Robert, whose whereabouts are unknown; Jane, Mrs. McCormick; Margaret, deceased; Hugh, whose whereabouts are unknown; Elizabeth, deceased; and Janet, of Guelph, Ont. The parents were members of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Stewart was a farmer all his days.

Nine children were born to John McCormick and his wife, six of whom grew up: (1) Thomas McCormick, born in the County of Halton, received a fair education, and as he was the eldest son shared with his father the burden of making the home. He has always remained at home, unmarried. (2) John, born in Maidstone, County of Essex, where the parents resided for a short time, is also unmarried and at home, and has shared in all the labors of developing the farm. (3) Mary J., born in Tilbury West, married Henry Morris, of Tilbury, a farmer on Concession 5, and died in 1882, leaving children, William A., Edward, Mary E., Jessie M., and Lillie A., all residents of Tilbury West. (4) Elizabeth is the wife of James Bascom, of Mersea, and the mother of Jane, Edward, Jessie and Arnold. (5) Robert grew up at the homestead. In



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1895 he was married to Miss Maggie J. Lambier, of Leamington, and resides with his parents. His three children are Emma, Louisa B. and George R. (6) William, born in Tilbury West, whose earlier life was similar to that of his brothers, married in 1897, Miss Ida E. Lambier, a sister of Mrs. Robert McCormick. They live on one of the later additions to the original farm, and have three children, Arthur, Elmer and Thomas D.

In his political views John McCormick has always been a Conservative. His religious connection is with the Methodist Church, while his wife is a Presbyterian. The family stands high in the respect of their neighbors, for they have worked their way from poverty to wealth by their own honest efforts, and their persevering industry and clear intelligence have won ample reward. They are a most united family, for the four sons have always worked together with their father, with all their interests in common. When they first came to this farm the region was very wild, and deer and wild turkeys were plentiful. Before the land was in a condition to yield a sufficient income, Mr. McCormick took about the only means there was of earning money, the manufacture of black salts, by burning the timber and boiling the ashes. The product was sold in Comber and Cottam. In this way he made about \$30.00 a month. Mrs. McCormick proved a true helpmeet in these early days, working hard and managing well, and her thrift has been a potent factor in her husband's success.

CAPT. EUGENE W. McCORMICK. The McCormick family of Pelee Island, Ont., trace their descent through Alexander McCormick, the first American ancestor, to a Scotchman who was in the army sent by James II., of Scotland, to Ireland under the Duke of Scobberg, in the closing years of the seventeenth century. This McCormick settled in County Down, Ireland, and there reared a family of four sons and two daughters. Two of the sons were of a roving disposition, and were eager to seek adventures in the New World. They reached America, probably about 1761, and the elder brother went south to the Carolinas, while the younger, Alexander, the forefather of the Canadian family, remained in Philadelphia for several years in a mercantile position. But this life soon became too tame to suit him, and somewhere about 1769 he started out on the adventurous career that was to prove a veritable romance.

At first joining a party of traders who were starting across the Allegheny Mountains, Alexander McCormick was soon fired with a desire to penetrate even further into the wilderness, and, in 1771, with a few companions and with goods for trading, he started for the region known as the North West Territory, between the Ohio river and the Great Lakes. It is not known whether he was captured by the Wyandotte Indians, one of the tribes located there, or went among them voluntarily to trade, but eventually his long sojourn among them must have been a matter of his own choice, as there would have been frequent opportunities to escape during the latter part of the time at least. He became a favorite with the tribe, who adopted him as a "brother," and finally offered him a comely young squaw, the chief's sister, as a wife. They were married according to the Indian rites, and the son born to them was afterward taken to Canada with his father when the latter settled down to civilized life. For eight or ten years McCormick lived among the Indians, and acted as interpreter and trader for them with the whites at Detroit, whither he was often sent with their cargoes of skins.

In the fall of 1782, in the region around the present site of Toledo, the tribe with whom McCormick was met another Indian tribe with whom there was a white woman, Elizabeth Turner by name, a captive taken some years before. McCormick's Indian wife had died some time before, and the acquaintanceship thus strangely begun between the two so cut off from their own people soon ripened into a warmer feeling.

The life of Elizabeth Turner, up to her meeting with Alexander McCormick, had been one of strange and terrible adventure. Her home had been in Pittsburg, and there, one afternoon in early March, in 1780, she, with a friend and a younger brother, had been out a little way to take food to their brothers in a sugar camp near the town. The Indians fell upon them, killed the two young men and carried the girls and the boy off as captives. By the time the tragedy was discovered pursuit was impossible, and it was years before the fate of the prisoners was made known to their friends. The boy soon became ill, and was killed by the Indians, and the girls were sent with different tribes and never met again. Elizabeth Turner was physically strong, and able to stand the hard life which she was compelled to endure, while her moral courage and indomitable spirit enabled

her to preserve a stoic behavior which, with her general good conduct, caused her to find favor with her captors, and she was formally adopted into the tribe and treated as kindly as was consistent with Indian ideas. Various stories are told of the spirit with which she resented indignities and maintained her own rights against the other squaws, and this also explained why the Indians gave her a name which meant "chestnut burr." Once she fell ill, and as she received literally no care or attention from any of the other women it seems a miracle that even with her strong constitution she recovered, for she was left lying for weeks in the field where she first fell unconscious.

The Indians were allies of the English, and were permitted by them to practice numerous atrocities upon their captives. Elizabeth was often compelled to be a witness of these tortures, and found it the most unendurable part of her captivity. At various times she saw white people, either captives or traders, but never met one who could tell her anything of her own family. When she met Alexander McCormick her hopes of getting news rose again, only to be disappointed, but still the companionship of a white person was in itself a great relief. However, when he first suggested marriage to her she did not accede to it, for she had left a lover behind her in Pittsburg and felt she should remain faithful to him. But McCormick finally succeeded in overcoming her scruples, only to find greater obstacles before him, for the Indians refused to give Elizabeth up. When McCormick proposed to pay a liberal ransom for her they at first agreed, but afterward regretted it and refused to let her go when he came for her. This fully roused his Scotch spirit and he determined to have her in spite of them and accordingly laid his plans to steal her away.

Mr. McCormick was engaged that spring in collecting furs to be sent from Maumee City to Detroit, in row boats, and when ready to start, by previous arrangement with Elizabeth, he got her into one of the boats and covered her with the skins. The Indians soon missed her, and went at once to McCormick's boats, to search for her, but by great good fortune they did not remove quite all the furs from the boat where she was, feeling satisfied that the few left could not have concealed her if she had been hidden there. Thus they got away and made the slow voyage to Detroit in safety. Mr. McCormick took Elizabeth to the house of a friend made on

a previous visit, one Col. Allen, provided her with a wedding dress and complete outfit, and the wedding was solemnized by a minister of the English Church in May, 1783.

After their marriage the young couple determined to return to the Indian settlement from which McCormick had originally come, as in this way he could continue the profitable fur trade in which he had been engaged, while at the same time he could establish a more permanent home. Both were too inured to the hardships of such a life to feel it a sacrifice. On May 30, 1784, a child was born to them, whom they named William, whose later brilliant career was hardly to be expected from the circumstances of his infancy.

Mrs. McCormick naturally felt a great desire to visit her old home and let her family know she was alive, but as Pittsburg was two hundred miles away, through the wilderness, and her husband could not conveniently accompany her, it did not seem practicable. However, her old spirit rose and she determined to go with an old squaw as her companion. So, on horseback, with a small outfit of the most necessary things, and with her child in her arms, Mrs. McCormick began her long journey; in spite of hardships and thrilling adventures she accomplished it in safety, and spent some weeks with her parents, both of whom she found alive.

Just what part Alexander McCormick had taken during the Revolution is not known, but as he was thoroughly identified with the Indians, who were the British allies, he no doubt was a strong sympathizer with the English cause. At any rate, he had apparently made it unpleasant for himself among the "Yankees," who were rapidly increasing in numbers through the Ohio valley, so he determined to gather up his effects and join the colony of U. E. Loyalists who were settling in the County of Essex, Ont. Each colonist was rewarded by the government with two hundred acres of land and Mr. McCormick selected his in that part now known as the township of Colchester, on Lake Erie. It cannot now be determined whether the date of his exodus was about 1787-88, or some four or five years later. There were Indians all around, and he evidently engaged in his old business of trading as well as carrying on farming.

At the time of his marriage, Alexander McCormick was about forty years old, and his wife twenty-one. Their children were eight in num-

ber, viz.: William; Alexander; Matthew; John; Elizabeth ("Betsey"); Mary; Nancy, who married a Mr. Stockwell; and Sarah, who married a Mr. Price. The sons all married and settled in that county. In 1802 Mr. McCormick made a trip to Ireland and visited his relations there. Returning, he lived to a good old age, but passed away many years before his wife, who survived till 1837, aged then seventy-seven. Her death occurred in the township of Colchester, where she was visiting.

William McCormick was at the most not more than ten years old when his father brought him to Canada. He may have had some elementary teaching from his father or mother before leaving the Maumee country, and after moving to Canada he was probably sent to such schools as existed at Malden or Sandwich, there being none nearer his home. In the main, however, he was indebted to his own energy and ambition for such knowledge of books or of business as he acquired. Doubtless he was much indebted to the United Empire Loyalists around him, who formed the nucleus of an unusually good society for the time and place, a society to which the young man had access and where he met his wife, Miss Mary Cornwall.

On Jan. 29, 1809, at the age of twenty-five, William McCormick was married, and his wife, then seventeen years old, was the daughter of John Cornwall, who left Connecticut after the Revolution. The young couple settled on the old homestead farm already enlarged by purchase of adjoining land. In the course of time they found themselves surrounded by a large family, thirteen children having been born to them, as follows: Alexander, in 1811; John, 1813; David, 1815; William, 1817; Thomas, 1821; Lucinda, 1822; Charles, 1826; Mary, 1828; Sarah Ann, 1829; Peregrine, 1831; Arthur M., 1834; and two others not named. Mr. McCormick's aged mother and a maiden sister also formed a part of the household.

Besides the Loyalists and the army and government officials at Fort Malden, the inhabitants of that region were almost wholly Canadian-French, half-breeds and Indians, and in such a community an intelligent and energetic young man like William McCormick was bound to come to the front. This, we find, he did. His first official position was that of postmaster for Colchester, the first postoffice being established in an outbuilding in his yard. Later he was appointed a magistrate for that district, in which capacity

it was his duty, as well as to meet the usual magisterial duties, to perform the marriage ceremony for such as could not wait for the quarterly visit of the minister. The two principal towns of that locality were Sandwich and Malden, in both of which Mr. McCormick was well known, and he received the nomination for member of the Canadian Parliament for the County of Essex, a nomination ratified by election.

The first official record of Point au Pelee Island is that of a deed or lease made by the sachems of the island in May, 1788, conveying all their right to the island to one Thomas McKee, an Indian half-breed and a chief in some of the tribes. As this lease forms an important as well as a curious document in the history of the island, a copy of it is here given:

"This Indenture made and made between the chiefs and sachems of the Chippewa and Ottawa Nations of Indians, on the one part; and Thomas McKee, of Detroit, of the other part, witnessed, that the said chiefs and sachems of the Chippewa and Ottawa Nations, for and in consideration of the rent and covenant hereinafter mentioned and contained, which on the part and behalf of said Thomas McKee, his heirs, executors, administrators, are and ought to be paid and performed, hath demised, and to form letters granted, and by these presents do demise, grant, and to form let unto the said Thomas McKee, his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, all that island known by the name of Point Pelee Island, near Point Pelee in Lake Erie: To have and to hold the said island unto the said Thomas McKee, his executors, administrators, or assigns, for and during the term of 999 years and fully to be complete and ended. To parcel out the said island into such lots and parcels as he may think proper, and tenant the same with whatsoever and whomsoever they please to put thereon. Yielding and paying therefor, yearly and every year during the said term, unto the said chiefs and sachems of the Chippewa and Ottawa Nations their heirs and assigns, three bushels of Indian corn or the value thereof, if demanded, annually, to and for the use of said chiefs and sachems, their nations, heirs and assigns for and in full satisfaction and payment of all manner of rents whatsoever; and the chiefs, for themselves, their nations, heirs and assigns, do hereby covenant that the said Thomas McKee's heirs, executors, administrators or assigns may demise, grant or sell any part or parcel of the said island for the term herein specified."

So far as we know William McCormick's attention was first drawn to the island in 1815, after it had come into the possession of Alexander McKee's only son, heir of Col. Thomas McKee. In that year Mr. McCormick leased the island from McKee, for what use we are not informed, but it must have had great attractions for him and inspired him with a faith in its future, for in eight years he bought McKee's whole interest for \$500. He did not, however, remove to the island permanently till 1834, by which time some tenants had been sent over, a few spaces cleared and houses built, the shipping of timber from the island begun, and the lighthouse erected. The north end was selected for the homestead, and two cedar houses built, connected by a frame apartment built between; the house was only a few yards from the bluff and faced the beautiful bay, while almost in front was a good location for a dock, which was soon added.

In March, 1838, during the Rebellion of 1837, the rebel mob invaded Pelee Island, but were defeated and put to rout by the regular troops, who were told of the attempt to be made and guided to the island over the ice by two of William McCormick's sons, William and David. The family left the place at the time and remained away till the summer of 1839. The disaster seemed to have a depressing effect upon the father, his health began to decline, and he died Feb. 18, 1840, at the age of fifty.

Mary (Cornwall) McCormick, the wife of William, was in many respects a remarkable woman. As her husband's business kept him away from home often, much of the responsibility of bringing up her large family fell upon her, and the circumstances and surroundings were most difficult, especially so after her husband's death. But her splendid constitution physically, her active mind with a retentive memory and her cheerful disposition, enabled her to prove equal to her task, her executive ability being particularly marked. She lived a widow for more than half of a century, seeing many changes on the island where she made her home so many years, and where her influence for good upon all about grew even greater as time passed. She died in 1891, nearly ninety-nine years of age.

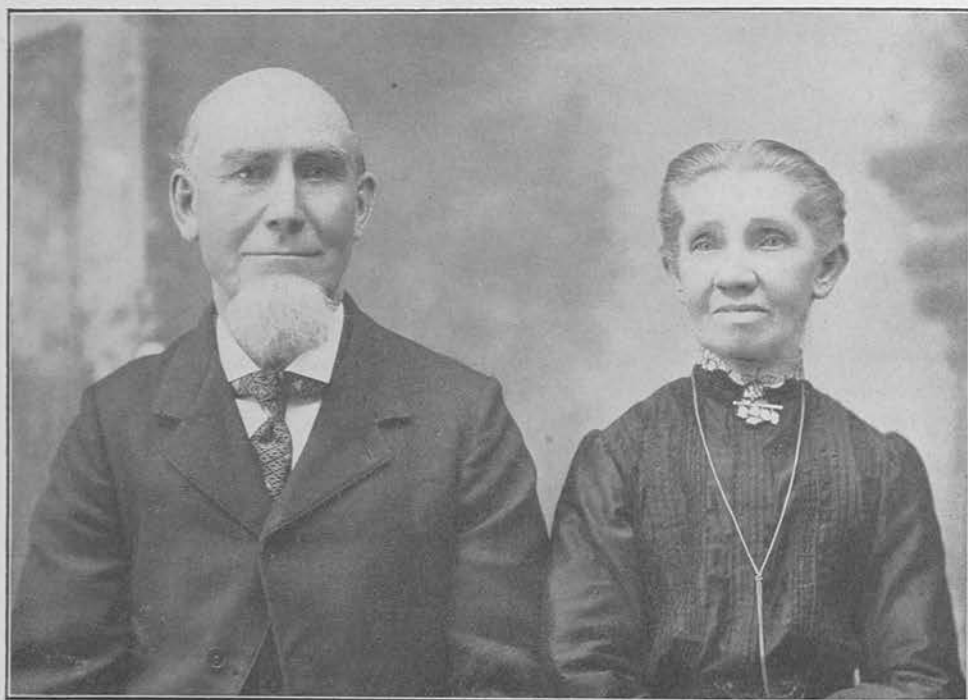
By the terms of William McCormick's will, the island was left to his children: 300 acres, specifically located, were to be given to each, 100 acres set aside to maintain a school, 10 acres de-

signated for a village plot and church, and the rest to be divided equally between the children. Each took possession of his homestead, and the eldest son was appointed to act as agent for the others in arranging the division. Nothing was done for seven years, and then the division made by Alexander McCormick was so altered from the original will and so unsatisfactory to the others that family dissensions arose and by their long continuance did considerable material injury to the interests of all concerned. These were happily settled, though, in the end.

William McCormick (2) was born in Colchester South, April 3, 1817. He was one of the young men who gave the warning to the troops when the island was attacked in 1838. He married Miss Esther Buchanan, born in the same locality in 1822, and her people were farmers, who were living on Pelee Island at the time of their death. The children born to William and Esther McCormick were: Frances, the wife of Henry Nichols, of Pelee Island; Eugene W.; William J., of Pelee; Mary E., the wife of Hamilton Cornwall, also of Pelee Island; Alice E., wife of George Jaspersen, of Kingsville. William McCormick was a Conservative politically, and both he and his wife were members of the Church of England. His death occurred in 1869, and hers eighteen years later.

Eugene W. McCormick was born April 15, 1849, before his father's family removed from Colchester South, but he was reared on Pelee Island. His education, begun on the island, was completed at London, Ont. His regular trade was that of a carpenter, but in 1863 he began sailing during the summer seasons, and followed the two occupations alternately a number of years. Capt. McCormick made his first voyage on the steamer "Valley City," after that being on many others, but since 1894 he has sailed the "Imperial," plying between Windsor and Pelee Island.

In 1882 Capt. McCormick was married to Miss Leonetta Broadwell, a daughter of George and Alice (Henson) Broadwell. Mrs. McCormick is a native of Ohio, whence her family moved to Ontario in 1867, so that while she is American born, she is Canadian bred. The Captain and his wife settled in Kingsville, but in 1894 moved to Amherstburg, where they now reside. To them has come one son, Eugene William Pay, born Feb. 13, 1896. Capt. McCormick is a member of the Masonic fraternity; he and his wife both belong to the Church of England.



William Moore Nancy Moore

WILLIAM MOORE, one of the most highly respected citizens and substantial farmers of Sandwich West, County of Essex, located on Lot 52, Huron Road, was born Oct. 13, 1831, in Yorkshire, England. His parents were William and Fannie (Emblay) Moore, the former of whom was born in Yorkshire in 1802, and the latter in 1803.

William Moore was a son of William Moore, who died in England, his two children, William and Annie, coming to Canada. The latter married Dr. Bower, who settled and died in Canada, leaving children who are still residents of the Dominion. The former came to Hamilton, Ont., in 1851, via New York City, making a five-weeks voyage in a sailing vessel on the Atlantic. After one summer spent at Hamilton the family came to Sandwich West, where Mr. Moore purchased a farm and where he spent the remainder of a useful life. His death occurred in 1866. His wife had died in England in 1840, leaving him a family of five children, as follows: Elizabeth, born in England, married John Shields, of Canada, and they settled in Sandwich West, but after his death she removed to Detroit, where she died in 1892, leaving three children, William, Mary and Sarah. George, born in 1826, in England, was married in his native land to Miss Sarah Clarkson, came to Hamilton, and was killed there by the caving in of a mine, where he was employed; he left two sons, Stephen, a farmer of Sandwich West, and George, a resident of Windsor. John, born in 1829, in England, married the widow of his brother George, and they settled on a farm in Sandwich West, where he died leaving his widow, two sons and four daughters, Frederick, John, Emma, Mary, Matilda and Sarah. William is mentioned below. Stephen, born in 1834, married Margaret Herdman, of Canada, and they settled on a farm in Sandwich West, where he died in 1886, leaving his wife and four children, who live on his farm, Nettie, Minnie, Ernest and Newton.

William Moore was the fourth member in his parents' family. As he was nineteen years of age when he came to Canada, he had finished his schooling and was ready to begin his own business life, his industry soon bringing him enough means to invest in farm land. In 1857 he was married to Miss Nancy Spence, who was born in Ireland in June, 1836, a daughter of George and Margaret Spence, who settled at Kingston, Canada, in 1840; he died there in 1870 and his widow in 1880. There Mrs. Moore grew

up and was educated. She had five sisters and one brother: Mary married Mathew Sullivan, of Halifax; Rachel married John Broach, of Manitoba; Robert married Jane Blacklock, of Kingston; Jane married Adam Tate, of Kingston; Matilda married Lemuel Smith, of Hamilton; Margaret married Thomas McWaters, of Kingston.

In 1862 Mr. Moore and his wife settled in Sandwich West, where he purchased his present farm of 160 acres. On this land he built a fine, modern brick house in 1882, and, in fact, has made all of the excellent improvements here. Mr. and Mrs. Moore had a family of ten children born to them, as follows: George died aged twenty-five years. Miss Margaret, born in Hamilton, remains the presiding genius of the home. Mary, born in Hamilton, is the widow of Oscar Connors, who died in Windsor in September, 1902. Arthur, born at the present homestead, is still at home. William was crushed beneath the wheels of a heavy truck on Aug. 23, 1904, and died ten hours later from the effects of his injuries; he married Ada Clark, and they had four children, Myrtle, Harry, Arnim and Stanley. Matilda is the wife of D. A. Banwell, of Windsor, and they have two sons and one daughter, Roy, Clarence and Gertrude. Alfred died at the age of twenty-one years. Robert married Laura Lutes, of Windsor, where they now reside, and they have two daughters, Florence and Ethel. Frank remains on the old homestead. Clarence, who is one of the intelligent young men of the neighborhood, has been a student for the past three years at Windsor College.

Religiously Mr. and Mrs. Moore are members of the Church of England. Politically he has always zealously supported the old Conservative party. In summing up the life of William Moore, we see on every hand the results of industry, economy and probity. Although but a boy in years when he came to Canada, his principles were fixed in the right path. After assisting his father in establishing himself in the new country we see him industriously earning the means to become a land and home owner, a course he pursued until now he is one of the wealthy and independent farmer citizens of Sandwich and his fine farm stands as a monument to his industry. Mr. Moore is a man of sterling traits of character, scrupulously honest in his dealings with his fellow-men, one whose word on all occasions is as binding as any legal formalities could make it. Both he and Mrs.

Moore enjoy the esteem of all who know them, while their children have grown up to be representative members of society. Few men in Sandwich West stand higher in general esteem than does William Moore.

JOHN WALTERS, Town Clerk of the town of Essex, County of Essex, and one of the retired farmers of that town, was born in Halton County, Ont., Aug. 21, 1833, a son of John and Mary (Fitzgerald) Walters, old settlers of the County of Halton.

John Walters, Sr., was born in England, and his wife in Ireland, but in 1830 they settled in the County of Halton, Ont., he being a British soldier who came to Canada in the service. His death occurred in the County of Haldimand, in 1878, at the age of eighty, and his wife died in 1870, aged sixty. They left a family of children as follows: James, of Ypsilanti, Michigan, now deceased; Henry, of Chatham, County of Kent; Thomas, of Haldimand; Richard, of British Columbia, also deceased; Catherine, widow of William Quinlan, of the County of Haldimand; Maria, who married a Mr. Fralick; and John.

The education of our subject was received in his native county, and he began his life work as a land surveyor under the celebrated Hugh Black. In 1854 he went via New York and Panama to the gold fields of California, and remained on the coast until 1870, mining and surveying, a portion of the time being in British Columbia. Mr. Walters was not only successful in his mining operations, but also as a surveyor. He returned in 1870, and engaged in farming in the County of Haldimand until 1876, when he sold his interests, and coming to Essex, settled on a farm in Maidstone, erecting a good brick house and excellent barns, as well as making other improvements. He made his home there until 1892, meantime coming to the town of Essex and assisting his two sons, Frank and Henry, who were engaged in the publication of the *Essex Free Press*. In 1892 they disposed of their paper to E. J. Lovelace, who later sold it to the present editor, Mr. R. R. Brett.

In that same year Mr. Walters was elected town clerk of Essex, which office of honor and responsibility he still retains. In all of his political life he has been a Liberal, and while a resident of Maidstone, served his constituents as treasurer of the school board, on retiring receiving a handsome testimonial for faithful services.

In 1859 Mr. Walters married Maggie Isabell

MacDonald, who was born and reared in the County of Halton, daughter of Charles MacDonald, a native of Scotland. Six children were born to them: (1) Charles, born in California, is a business man in Northville, Michigan; he is married. (2) Frank, born in British Columbia, is a prominent lawyer of Detroit, and a very brilliant young man, at present in South America, where he is manager of a large mining company; he is married. (3) James, born in British Columbia, is now a resident of Alberta, Northwest territory, where he owns a large ranch; he married a Miss Radcliff, a native of Maidstone, and they have four children, John, Henry, Margaret and Hattie. (4) Henry, also born in British Columbia, is a prominent and talented lawyer of Detroit; he was formerly one of the publishers of the *Free Press* in Essex. (5) George Walters, born in the County of Haldimand, was educated in the high school of Essex, and when a young man became editor and manager of the *Kingsville Reporter*. During the American war with Spain he enlisted and served with distinction under Gen. Shafter, taking part in the entire campaign. He enlisted in the United States service in Cuba, becoming adjutant under Major McNaughton, chief of the Hospital Corps. Later, as agent for the Sun Life Insurance Company of Montreal, he was sent to Hankow, China, and while there was appointed vice-consul-general under consul-general Willcox, U.S.A. Owing to ill-health, he and his wife, formerly Miss Ethel Johnston, of Detroit, Michigan, returned to America, and now reside with their little daughter Margaret in Detroit. (6) Miss Annie C., the only daughter, was born at Maidstone, where she received her early education, later graduating from the Essex high school; she is a young lady of many attractions, well educated, and possessed of a very charming manner, her gentleness and sweetness making her the idol of her parents' hearts, and the centre of attraction in their Essex home.

The religious affiliations of the family are with the Presbyterian Church, of which Mr. Walters has been treasurer for some time, and in which he and his family are most highly esteemed. Mr. Walters is one of the respected men of Essex, and one well known throughout the county. His years of loyal work for his party as an assistant on the *Free Press* served to bring him favorably before the people, while his conscientious discharge of his many duties as a public official commend him to those in whose

hands lie the gift of these positions. The success which has attended Mr. Walters must be attributed in a great degree to the wise and loving support given him by the lady who bears his name, for no matter how discouraging the outlook sometimes became, her words were always encouraging and hopeful; much credit is also due to his early moral training and the high standard of respectability of his parents, which was inherited from very far back. Not only in their own immediate circle are Mr. and Mrs. Walters highly esteemed, but in every community in which they have lived, and they are people of whom any community may well be proud.

REV. ALEXANDER GORDON DAUGHARTY (known as Gordon A. Daugharty), a retired minister of the Baptist Church, was born in Osnabruck township, County of Stormont, June 5, 1830, son of James J. and Catherine (Empy) Daugharty.

The Daugharty family, as the name implies, is of Irish ancestry. William Daugharty, the grandfather of our subject, was born in the town of Ross Grey, County Tipperary, Ireland. He married Hannah MacNeil, who was born at what was called MacNeil's Ferry, Vermont, and was of Scotch ancestry. When eighteen years old, William Daugharty went to England and there learned the trade of shoemaker. He afterward enlisted in the British army and fought under Lord Nelson in the battle of Trafalgar. At the expiration of his term of service he was discharged and emigrated to Canada, locating at Montreal, where for many years he was engaged in the boot and shoe business. He subsequently removed to the township of Osnabruck, where he settled on land granted him by the British Government by virtue of his service in the army. He met his death by the accidental discharge of a gun in the hands of a friend.

James J. Daugharty was born in 1785 in Montreal, and when a child his parents removed to Osnabruck, where he was a resident for seventy years, engaged in farming, lumbering and milling. He served in Ridge's Light Brigade during the war of 1812, and the declining years of his life were spent with his son, Alexander G. His death occurred March 19, 1872. He had eighteen children, seven of whom grew to maturity: Eliza, deceased; William, deceased; Edwin, deceased; Johiohl, deceased; Gordon A., our subject; Pembroke; and Diana, deceased.

Gordon A. Daugharty was educated at Madison University, New York, from which he graduated with the degree of A.B. with the class of 1857, and in 1859 took the degree of A.M. in the same university. The same year he was ordained to the ministry at Ogdensburg, New York, and for about seventeen years was in active ministerial work, fourteen years of this time being spent in Canada, and six years at Leamington. Since his superannuation in 1876, he has preached on different occasions.

Gordon A. Daugharty was married at Fort Covington, New York, Sept. 3, 1861, to Emma Jane Spencer, born in County Huntingdon, daughter of Horatio and Rhoda (Blanchard) Spencer, and to this union have been born the following children: Allan H., resides in Chicago; Victoria died in childhood; Vilas married Mabel Dunbar, and resides in Chicago; Franklin died in childhood, and Ella May.

Edwin and William Daugharty, brothers of Gordon A., were soldiers in the Rebellion of 1837 and 1838, the former serving in the dragoons, the latter being a lieutenant. The maternal ancestors, the Empys, were U. E. Loyalists, and early settlers in Canada. Jacob Empey, a brother of our subject's mother, was a captain of militia during the Rebellion under Col. Philpot, and was present at the taking of the windmill at Prescott.

CHARLES BARILLIER (deceased) was in his lifetime one of Windsor's most esteemed citizens. He was of French extraction, his grandfather, Jean Barillier, having been born in France. Of him little is known, except that he was an officer in the French army.

Jean Barillier, son of Jean, and father of Charles, was born in France. His business interest took him to the West India Islands, where he became a man of wealth and landed estates, engaging in the raising of tropical products in Guadeloupe, and it is known that he kept many slaves. He married Lady De St. Germain, whose father was murdered during an uprising among the slaves, and they had three children: Antoinette, Emma (deceased), and Charles. Antoinette married Capt. George Masnou, and their son, George Masnou, is now a general in the French army, and married to one of the daughters of the French General Tranchard.

Charles Barillier was born June 23, 1828, in the West Indies, and was but three years old

when his father took him to France. He was given every advantage of education, his parents placing him in the Royal College of Saints, at Bordeaux, and later he entered the French navy. In 1851 he came to America, locating at Montreal, where he remained for two years, then went to Detroit, and later came to Windsor. He entered upon the study of law with Charles Atkinson, of Chatham, later engaging in the insurance and conveyancing business. He did not make his permanent home in Windsor prior to 1874.

While in Chatham Mr. Barillier made the acquaintance of Miss Clara Baby, a daughter of Edmund and Fannie (Urquhardt) Baby, and granddaughter of Col. Francois Baby, and this accomplished lady he married in 1853. She is one of a family of seven children born to her parents, namely: Clara, Edmund, William, Susan, Frank, Catherine and Louisa. Extended mention of the Baby family will be found in another part of this volume. Shortly after his marriage Mr. Barillier came to Windsor, as noted, and engaged in the practice of law in partnership with Albert Prince, a son of Col. Prince. He grew in prominence and in the confidence of the people, and became treasurer of Windsor, and it was while still serving as such that his lamented death occurred, July 10, 1891. His political views made him a Conservative. Religiously he was a devout Roman Catholic. Mrs. Barillier survives her husband.

Children as follows were born to Mr. and Mrs. Barillier: Charles E. is deceased; Mary Antoinette, who married Gabriel Chene, has three children, Arthur, Grace and Antoine; Clara Emma married Alexander Chene, and has three children, Alexander, Alberta and George; Josephine married William G. Mayhew, of Detroit, and they have one child, Marie; Georgiana Emily, married Francis D. Poole, of Escanaba, Michigan, and they have one daughter, Irene; Eugenia married Henry Bramley, of Detroit, and they have two children, Edmund and Violet; Charles married Margaret Macquire, of Cleveland, and they have two children, Reginald and Ruby; Victoria Alexandrina married Charles D. Wetherall, and they have one son.

The Barillier family is prominent in social circles in Windsor and other cities. Its religious connection is with the Roman Catholic Church.

RICHARD R. BRETT is editor and part proprietor and publisher of the *Essex Free Press* and a prominent citizen of the town of Essex,

where he has resided since 1896. He is a native of this county, where his entire life, with the exception of two years, has been passed.

John Brett, father of Richard R., was born at Ballysidare, County of Sligo, Ireland, in 1826, and came to Canada in early manhood. He was a shoemaker and followed his calling in Toronto, State of Iowa, York Village, County of Haldimand, and later in Amherstburg, County of Essex, where he lived from 1865 until his death in 1880. During his residence in Amherstburg he took an interest in public matters, was a councillor for the town in 1876, and in 1877 was elected deputy reeve, and as such was a member of the Essex county council. He married Ann Elliott, who was born at Halifax, Nova Scotia, where her father, an Irishman, and a soldier in the British army, was at that time stationed.

Richard R. Brett was born in Amherstburg, April 17, 1869, and his mother died when he was but nine years old. He was one of a large family, being the youngest son and eleventh child. He attended the public schools in Amherstburg, and in 1884, when but fifteen years of age, received a second-class teacher's certificate. Being obliged to earn his living, and being too young to teach, he went into the office of the *Western Herald*, published at Amherstburg, as an apprentice, and remained there three years, learning all the secrets of the printer's trade. In 1887 he attended the model school at Ingersoll, and received his full teacher's certificate. He at once secured a school, and taught for two years near Harrietsville, in the County of Elgin, and for one year in the County of Essex. In 1890 he went on the staff of the Amherstburg *Echo* as local reporter, and remained with that paper until June, 1896. In that year he and W. H. Auld bought the *Essex Free Press*, which they still carry on, and which is one of the leading weeklies of the county. Mr. Brett has taken an active part in municipal affairs since 1899, when he was elected one of the town councillors of Essex. The following year he was re-elected to this office, and in 1901 was elected one of the representatives of District No. 2, to the county council. This district includes the town of Essex, and the townships of Colchester North and Colchester South, and Mr. Brett again received the election to this office for 1903 and 1904. At the session of the county council in January, 1904, Mr. Brett was elected warden of the County of Essex for the ensuing year.



R. R. Bress

Mr. Brett was married at Charlotte, Michigan, in June, 1893, to Frances L. Roberts, who was born at Pontiac, that State, to which place her parents had moved in 1854, from New York State. Mrs. Brett received a thorough education in the Michigan schools. The children born to this union were as follows: Frances Elaine, Richard R., Kenneth E., Lillian A. M. and Marwood R. The family home is a large and comfortable house in pleasant grounds, owned by Mr. Brett. Both he and his wife are members of the Episcopal Church. His political faith has always been that of the old Liberal party. Mr. Brett is active in fraternal circles, being a Past Master Mason, a member of the Essex Lodge; Past Master Workman, of the A.O.U.W.; a member of the K.O.T.M.; Past Grand of the Odd Fellows; and Past Grand Conductor of the I.O.O.F., Grand Lodge of Ontario.

MAJOR FRANCOIS X. MELOCHE, whose military record extends over more than thirty-five years, is descended from one of the old French families of the County of Essex. The family was founded in this vicinity by his grandfather, Jean Baptiste Meloche, who was born in Lower Canada in 1771, near the city of Montreal, and there married. In 1786 he settled in Amherstburg, County of Essex, and there he died in 1830. He took part in the war of 1812 as a private, and later became well known as a contractor and builder. In politics he belonged to the Conservative party. His religious connection was with the Roman Catholic Church. Four children were born to him, as follows: Jean B., who settled in the States, and died there; Eleanor, who became the wife of Joseph Gascon, and lived to the age of ninety years; Joseph, who died unmarried; and Cyril, who was the father of Major Meloche.

Cyril Meloche was born April 3, 1811, in Amherstburg, County of Essex, and became a well-known and substantial citizen of that place, engaging in the butchering and meat packing business. In military affairs he took part in the suppression of the Rebellion of 1837-38, under Capt. Kevill, and was present at the taking of the schooner "Anne." In politics he also was a Conservative, and he served in various offices, being tax collector at Amherstburg for a long period. His religious connection was with the Roman Catholic Church, in which faith he died in 1889. In 1830 he was united in marriage with Christine Grondin, who was born in 1813, in

East Sandwich, daughter of Joseph Grondin, and died in 1896, at Port Huron. To these worthy parents were born the following children: Joseph, who married Eleanor McTavish, of the County of Middlesex, Ont., had one son and four daughters. Miss Elizabeth is a resident of Amherstburg. John, who married Josie Turner, of Detroit, has children—Bertha, Minnie, Monte, Hattie and Harry; they reside at Ottawa, where Mr. Meloche is connected with the London Life Insurance Company. Ellen, who is the wife of Henry W. Nutson, of Windsor, has children—Miles, Garfield and Mary. Mary, who is the wife of Capt. John Hutton, of Amherstburg, has children—Laura, Lillie and Milton. John B., who married Mary White, has children—Clifford and Rhea, and is in the employ of the Grand Trunk Railroad Company at Port Huron. Madeline, who married H. J. Pettypiece, member from West Lambton, and publisher of *The Forest Free Press*, has children—Nora, Charlie, Victor and Lister. Cyril settled in the States in 1865. Francois X. is the gentleman whose name opens this sketch.

Francois X. Meloche was born April 5, 1840, in Amherstburg, where he attended school until the age of sixteen years. He then came to Sandwich and remained until 1864, learning the trade of harness-making. Settling then in Windsor, he worked at his trade until 1869, when he embarked in the dry goods business, which he followed until 1874. From the latter date until 1880 he was very largely interested in a real estate business. From 1880 until 1898 he served as assistant postmaster at Windsor, and since 1899 has been bookkeeper for the well-known law firm of Ellis & Ellis, of Windsor. Major Meloche in 1869 was a member of the city council of Windsor, and in 1871-72 was assessor. Although well known in business and in social circles, Major Meloche has, perhaps, been most prominent in military circles. In 1861 he helped to organize Co. No. 1, of Sandwich, of which he was made sergeant, and in 1864 he became ensign. In June, 1865, he attended the military school in London, and in the following September attended the camp near Montreal, where 1,300 military school men and 1,600 regulars were assembled under Major-General Williams. In that year he was promoted to the rank of first lieutenant, and in 1866, during the Fenian Raid, was called out, in June of this year being made captain of his company, which, with three other companies, was under the command of Col.

Smith of Chatham in 1866. During this year the Twenty-third Regiment was organized in Windsor, with the late Arthur Rankin as colonel, and in October, 1866, the regiment camped at Sandwich, on the site of No. 1 school building. In the spring of 1868 Major Meloche retired from Company 1, but in 1883, when the Twenty-first was formed, he was made paymaster, and in 1902 was made major of Windsor. In 1899 he attended the camp at London, having always taken a deep interest in these meetings, and he is now on the retired list, with the rank of major.

In 1870 Major Meloche was united in marriage with Elizabeth Dumonchel, who was born in 1849, in Sandwich West, daughter of Jerome Dumonchel. A family of six children has been born to this union, namely: Ulysses, who died at the age of twelve years; Estella, who is the wife of William Peck, of Windsor; Wilfred, who died at the age of six years; and Blanche, Medora and Raymond, who are at home. The Major and his family are devotedly attached to St. Alphonsa's Church, at Windsor. They are prominent in the city and one of the best-known families in the County of Essex.

WILLIAM WRIGHT (deceased) was for many years one of the most successful business men of Detroit, Michigan, being at the head of the establishment now conducted under the name of the William Wright Company, designers, decorators and art furniture manufacturers. He was a native of Cambridgeshire, England, born in December, 1830, son of William Wright, of England, a highly respected man who died in Cambridgeshire.

Mr. Wright grew to manhood in the country of his birth, where he early began the study of decorating, and being possessed of perseverance and good taste he became quite skilful in that line before leaving England. In 1863, after his marriage to Elizabeth Linsell, daughter of William and Ann Linsell, prominent people of England, he and his bride crossed the ocean to America, locating in Detroit, where he began business in his line. He started on a modest scale, as a house painter, decorator and marbleizer, and continued to enlarge both the scale and scope of his operations until, at the time of his death, he was the leading designer, decorator and manufacturer of art furniture in Michigan. In 1890 the William Wright Company was organized, with Mr. Wright as president, and he continued

to serve as such until his death, in January, 1899. His widow still retains an interest in the company. Mr. Wright was not an artist himself, but he had a genius for recognizing the fine work of others, and a faculty for applying it in his own business, which in time won him renown over a large territory, and he received many of the largest contracts for decorative work and art furnishings in the United States and Canada, giving employment to between 150 and 200 people. During 1892-93 Mr. Wright had a branch house in Windsor, Ont., but after two years' experience gave it up. As he became known and patronized he grew possessed of more and more of this world's goods, until he was numbered among the wealthy men of Detroit, a portion of his wealth being invested in realty in that city. However, he resided upon his beautiful farm of 250 acres on the Detroit River, in the township of Sandwich West, County of Essex, known as Hazel Ridge, to which he had removed in 1884. At that time it was but partly improved, and all the improvements which now enhance the value of the place were virtually made under his care; all the buildings were erected by him, and give evidence of his care and taste, for both buildings and grounds are beautifully arranged. Perhaps the best specimens of his skill are to be found in the home there, which is recognized as one of the finest of its kind in this section. On this beautiful estate Mr. Wright led the life of a gentleman farmer, raising fine horses, cattle, poultry, etc., not for profit, but for the pleasure it afforded him, and he not only raised the tone of agricultural work in the locality in that way, but also benefited the community in many respects, proving a true benefactor to Windsor and Sandwich West in the use which he made of his ample means.

Since Mr. Wright's death his widow has continued to reside upon and manage this fine estate in a most intelligent manner, which reflects great credit upon her judgment and business ability. In her beautiful home, surrounded on every side by evidences and remembrances of the love and devotion of a good, conscientious, Christian man, she is living peacefully, giving of her abundance to help others, although the greater number of her good deeds are not known to the world. Mrs. Wright always took a deep and abiding interest in the affairs of her husband, whether of a business or philanthropic nature, and in her many benevolences is endeavoring to carry out the wishes of him who made

her life such a happy one, and tried to follow in the footsteps of the Master. Mr. Wright was long connected with the Methodist Church, in which he was quite an active worker, contributing liberally to all church enterprises. Mrs. Wright's religious connection is with the Presbyterian Church.

In political matters Mr. Wright was an ardent Republican, but while he always gave his cordial support to all measures he deemed would advance the material prosperity of the community, he was not an office seeker, desiring all things for the general good, without any thought of himself. His remains rest in Woodmere cemetery, in Detroit, where they were laid away with Masonic honors, he having been a thirty-second degree Mason.

HARWOOD O. FLEMING, the leading druggist and pharmacist of Windsor, belongs to one of the prominent and influential families of this locality.

His grandfather, Daniel Fleming, was born in Scotland. He married Elizabeth Tayler, a native of England, and in 1824 they emigrated to Ontario. They settled in County Halton, and there both died, he in 1845, and she in 1876. They left a family of four children, namely: Samuel, father of our subject; Mary A., wife of Joseph Martin, and mother of Joseph Martin, Jr., one of British Columbia's most prominent citizens; Mrs. Col. Keller, of Kansas; and Elizabeth, Mrs. Upton Harwood, of Windsor.

Samuel Fleming was born in 1817, in Bradford, England, and was six years old when he accompanied his parents to Ontario. During the early years of his maturity, he farmed on the old homestead, but later came to the County of Essex, and after some time spent at the cabinet-making business, retired to Windsor, where his death took place in 1891. Politically he was a Conservative. In religious faith he was a Presbyterian. Samuel Fleming married Sophia Harwood, born in the County of Halton, and to this marriage the following children were born: Arthur H., formerly a lawyer at Detroit, later a large lumber dealer in Michigan, and now living retired at Pasadena, California; Oscar E., a prominent business man and politician of Windsor; Harwood O.; Clarence S., assistant cashier of the Dime Savings Bank of Detroit, formerly with the Canadian Bank of Commerce; Donald W., an accountant in Cameron & Curry's bank, who died in 1881; Lilla, deceased, wife of Dr.

Palmer, of Salem, Michigan; Bertha, wife of A. C. Stelwagen, an attorney at Detroit; Florence V., wife of William E. Scotten, president of the Scotten Tobacco Company, of Detroit; Felixia, wife of R. H. Holmes, a barrister of Toronto; and Evelyn, wife of Albert Montreuil, sub-collector of customs at Walkerville, Ontario.

Harwood O. Fleming, of this sketch, was born in 1864, at Milton, Ont., and was educated in the local schools. At majority he entered into the drug business, and in preparation for the work, took a course at the College of Pharmacy in Toronto, from which institution he was graduated in 1886. In 1887 he formed a partnership with Mr. Laing of Windsor, which continued for some years. In 1893, in association with his brother, O. E. Fleming, he erected the Fleming block, at the corner of Chatham and Ouellette streets, and in the fall of the same year he opened one of the finest drug stores in Western Ontario, locating it in the handsome new building. Mr. Fleming is both a retail and wholesale dealer, and is also a manufacturing chemist. He owns a fine residence property at Sandwich, which is part of the old Judge Chewett farm.

In 1896 Mr. Fleming was married to Miss Janet Campbell, daughter of George Campbell, and two children have been born to this union, one of whom is deceased; the survivor, Errol Keith, was born in 1897. Both Mr. Fleming and wife are active members of the Presbyterian Church, of which he has been treasurer for twelve years. Politically, Mr. Fleming is an Independent, favoring the Conservative party in local affairs. Fraternally he is a Mason and an Odd Fellow. He has a high standing in business as well as social circles, and is one of the representative men of Windsor.

WILLIAM HORTIN, who passed away July 7, 1904, was one of the oldest and most highly esteemed citizens of Windsor. He descended from English ancestry on both paternal and maternal sides, his paternal grandfather being a native of Gloucestershire, England, where he engaged in farming and became notable as a maker of fine cheeses. His son William, the father of Mr. Hortin of Windsor, is the only member of his family of whom we have record.

William Hortin was born in 1784, in Gloucestershire also, and there spent his life, engaged in cheese-making with his father. His marriage was to Mary Standley, who was also of English extraction, and they had born to

them the following children: Jane, Rachel, Mary Ann, James, William and Henry. The father died in 1826.

William Hortin was born April 7, 1819. He married Eliza Meadows, also of English parentage, and soon afterward they went to Australia, Mr. Hortin engaging in the clothing business in that far-away land for twenty years. Upon his return to England he engaged in farming, cultivating a farm of 374 acres for a time, but as years passed by he again decided to leave his native land, and, with a view to settlement, visited New York, in the United States. Not feeling attracted by the conditions he found there, he returned to England, but in 1871 he again crossed the ocean, visiting Ontario, and finally decided to locate at Windsor, where he made many investments which during his later years occupied his attention to the exclusion of any other business. Although he passed his eighty-fifth birthday, Mr. Hortin was in appearance and vigor many years younger, and, with his excellent memory and conversational gifts, he was a rare entertainer. His reminiscences of years past in this locality were of a most interesting character. His estimable wife passed away in 1883, the mother of children as follows: William, who died during the voyage from England to Australia, and was buried at sea; another child that died in infancy and was buried at sea; Mary Ann, who died in Australia; William Dutton, of Toronto, who married Maria Bessey, of England, and had one daughter Annie, who is also married and a resident of Toronto; Jane, who married Edward Saul; and Priscilla, residing in Windsor, who was the loving companion and devoted care-taker of her father.

Mr. Hortin was Liberal in his political views. He was at one time a member of the Windsor council for two years. He was a member of the English Society of Friends.

MAJOR THOMAS M. FOX, a distinguished citizen of Wheatley, Romney township, County of Kent, Ont., and a man prominently identified with the growth of the county, senior member of the firm of T. M. Fox & Sons, lumber merchants, real estate and insurance agents, commissioners and conveyancers, was born in Mersea township, County of Essex, Nov. 2, 1829.

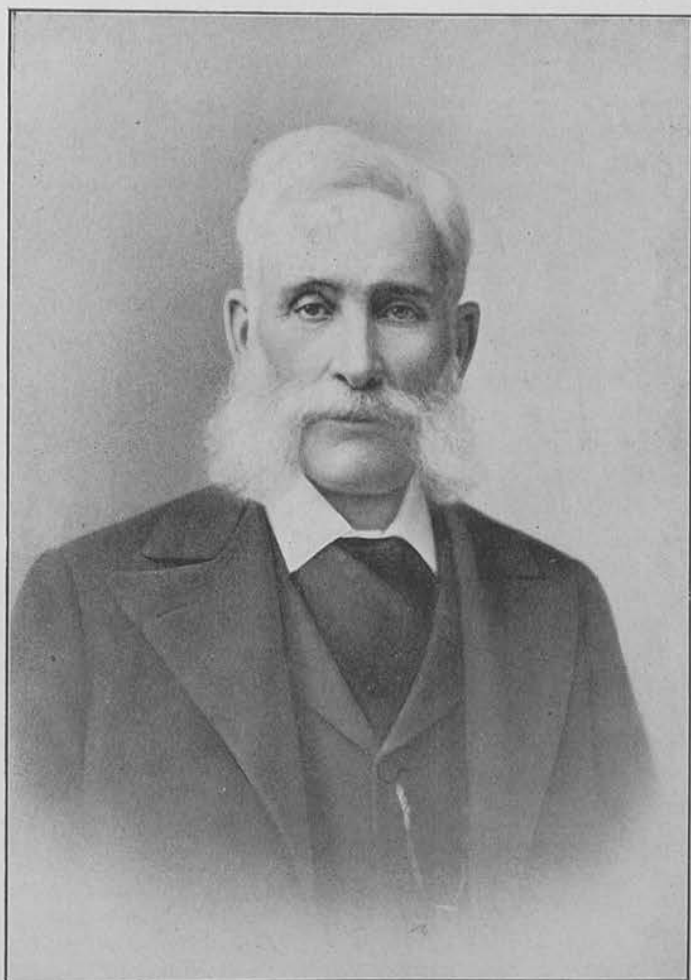
Thomas Fox, grandfather of our subject, was a native of England, and being a member of the British artillery, came to America during the war of 1812, and participated in the battle of

Lundy's Lane, and also at Queenston Heights. After the close of the great struggle he took his discharge (he served nearly twenty-one years) and took up a grant of land in Mersea township, where he engaged in farming and shoemaking, spending the remainder of his life upon this property.

Major Thomas M. Fox was reared to manhood in Mersea township, and when fourteen years of age he became apprenticed to the trade of carriage building, and subsequently he also learned the trade of carpentering, and followed that calling all his life. In 1867 he started a sawmill, and manufactured all sorts of building material. In this connection he also does contracting and building. From 1869 to 1890 he operated a flouring mill in Wheatley, selling it in the latter year. This was the first flour mill in Wheatley, and although destroyed by fire in 1882, the enterprising owner immediately rebuilt it. In 1901 Major Fox removed from the County of Essex across the line into the County of Kent, although a resident of Wheatley for some thirty years. Since 1894, besides his former extensive operations, he has added lumber and real estate and insurance business, and since his removal to Wheatley has been a conveyancer. His years have proved no detriment to his activity, and he is remarkably well preserved both physically and mentally.

In 1863 Mr. Fox organized a company of volunteers, of which he was commissioned captain, and this company was afterward attached to the Essex Battalion, and in 1867, he received his commission as major. During the Fenian Raid in 1866, they were called out for service, and were stationed in Windsor, Ont., from June 2d to July 5th. He has taken an active interest in public affairs; has served as a member of the township council, and efficiently filled the office of reeve of the township for six years; in 1867 he was appointed a justice of the peace. Major Fox also held the office of commissioner, and in 1880 was appointed reeve of Romney township, County of Kent, and served for two years. He has served as postmaster for a number of years, but since he has grown older he has gradually declined public honors.

On Aug. 14, 1851, Major Fox was married, at Detroit, Michigan, to Miss Phoebe White, who was born in the township of Mersea, County of Essex, Nov. 19, 1829, daughter of James and Phoebe White, natives of Scotland and England respectively, but who were married in the Coun-



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ty of Essex, where they were pioneer farming people. Major Fox and his wife had the following family: Rebecca, who married Gowin Hair-sine, of Mersea, and has five children, Casper, Carl, Maud, Ivan and Sidney; Frederick, who married first Nettie Copeland, second Edith Dales, resides in Mersea township, and has two children, Florence and Nettie; Harriet married George Sunter; and James, Sarah, Lewis and Nellie are all deceased.

Major Fox is a very energetic, popular citizen, ever ready to assist in all matters pertaining to the advancement of his community. His genial disposition and honest business methods have won him a host of friends in both Essex and Kent Counties.

CHARLES JOHN ANDERSON, president of the Walkerville Match Co., and one of the city's successful business men, comes from Swedish ancestry, his father, Johanas Anderson, having been born in Sweden in 1830. Johanas Anderson chose for his life occupation the manufacture of matches, and he is now living retired from active business, in his native land. He married Louise Peterson, who was born in 1835, and died in 1892, and they had the following children: Gustave, who is deceased; Charles John; Axel, deceased; Charlotte, Mrs. Carleson, of Sweden; Anna, deceased; and Frank, of the Walkerville Match Co., who married Hilda Anderson, a native of Sweden, by whom he has two children.

Charles John Anderson was born in Sweden Jan. 23, 1863, and from boyhood was engaged in the manufacture of matches, learning his trade with his father. Until 1888 he remained in his native land, in that year emigrating to the New World, and after spending a short time in Chicago he settled in Detroit, where he had charge of the chemical department of the Diamond Match Company, and where he remained for seven years. In 1894, however, he founded the Improved Match Company, of Detroit, of which he was vice-president for four years, when he sold his interest, and going to Walkerville founded the Walkerville Match Company, of which he is now president. This company was incorporated in October, 1900, and the establishment gives employment to 200 men. On May 14, 1901, the entire plant was destroyed by fire, but it was re-built in 1902. From its inception this company has been very successful, and Mr. Anderson is to be con-

gratulated upon his ability, energy and thorough knowledge of all the details of the business. In 1893 he went to Europe to purchase the machinery for the Improved Match Company of Detroit. In 1897 he made a second trip to Europe, this time taking his family, going both for pleasure and business. He purchased on this trip the machinery for the Walkerville Match Company.

In 1891 Mr. Anderson married Alice Metcalf, daughter of T. H. Metcalf, of Paris, Ont., and one son had been born of this union, Marceal. Mr. Anderson is a very prominent Mason, and has attained the thirty-second degree, being a member of the Mystic Shrine and the Knights Templars; he is also a member of the A.O.U.W. In 1899, when he located in Walkerville, Mr. Anderson erected one of the finest houses on Second street, and his home is the abode of hospitality.

LEWIS WIGLE, mayor of Leamington, County of Essex, was born at Kingsville, Ont., March 10, 1845, a son of Solomon and Ann (Iler) Wigle.

Solomon Wigle, ex-member of the Provincial Parliament, was born in Gosfield South, County of Essex, Ont., May 14, 1822, and was a son of John Wigle, who first came from Pennsylvania to Bois Blanc Island, but later settled on the farm where Angus Wigle now resides. The family settled in Gosfield South when they had to follow Indian paths through the woods. John Wigle's wife used to take forty or fifty dozen eggs in a basket on horseback to Fort Malden (now Amherstburg) and trade them for the necessities of life. The grain was also transported on horseback. For the first four years after the confederation, from 1867 to 1871, Solomon Wigle represented the entire County of Essex in the Ontario Legislature. He was reeve of the township of Gosfield South for ten or twelve years, and was one of the most representative men of his day. Some six or eight years prior to his death he removed to Kingsville, where he held the office of township treasurer until the time of his demise. In politics he was a Conservative. When he went to Toronto the government was a coalition one, but when the party split and the opposition took the reins of government he became a Conservative. The death of this truly great man occurred in 1898, when he was seventy-six years of age. He and his wife had a family of seven children, of whom five

are now surviving: Lewis; Gordon, of California; Alfred, postmaster at Windsor; Ernest S., an attorney of Windsor; and Angus, who is on the home farm and general agent for the Williams Piano Company of Toronto.

Lewis Wigle remained at home until he was seventeen years of age, at which time he went to Leamington, and was employed as clerk in a mercantile establishment for some eighteen months. He then returned home, and as his father had a contract for carrying the mail from Blenheim to Amherstburg, and from Kingsville to Windsor, he drove a four-horse stage from Kingsville to Windsor; he had driven the mail coach when he was only fifteen years of age, and drove the first mail coach over this route. As this was just at the time the Civil war in the States broke out his commissions were many and varied. Accumulating sufficient money, Mr. Wigle returned to Leamington and attended public school for a time, and then embarked in a mercantile business, and continued to be identified with the establishment until his retirement, in 1891. During the years of his residence at Leamington he acquired some valuable realty near the city, on which he carried on farming for a number of years, and in addition to attending to his other interests he has bought tobacco extensively for the Empire Tobacco Company, being one of the best known tobacco buyers of this section. Mr. Wigle was instrumental in having constructed the Leamington & St. Clair railroad, and was president of the company until that road was absorbed by the Michigan Central. He built and is the owner of the handsome Wigle block, one of the best business blocks in the town of Leamington.

In politics Mr. Wigle is a staunch Conservative, and when only twenty-two years of age he began to make his influence felt in politics, beginning to serve at that time as reeve of the township. This office he held until he was twenty-nine, when he was elected to the Ontario Legislature, and had the honor of being the youngest member of that body. Between 1875 and 1882 he served two terms in the house, and in 1882 was further honored by being elected to the Dominion Legislature. He was the only Conservative elected to either house from the South Riding of the County of Essex. Since the confederation he has served three consecutive terms, and he was nominated three times more, and only defeated by thirty-four, fifty-five and eighty-three votes, at the respective

elections, in a riding of 25,000 inhabitants. He is the present nominee, for the eighth time, from the South Riding of the County of Essex. In 1902 Mr. Wigle was elected mayor of Leamington, and in 1903 and 1904 was re-elected by acclamation.

In Nov., 1867, Mr. Wigle was married to Miss Rebecca, daughter of Thomas Hairsine, of Mersea township and five children were born to this union: Everett, of Leamington, married Maggie McLean; Edith is the wife of S. L. McKay, mayor of Kingsville, and has one daughter, Marjorie; Russell, of Leamington, married Gertrude Awkworth, and has one son, Lewis W.; Mabel and Ella are at home. Mrs. Wigle died in February, 1898, and Mr. Wigle later married Mrs. Bertha (Smith) Wray, widow of Dr. Wray, and daughter of Thaddeus Smith, of Pelee Island, although Mrs. Wigle was born in Kentucky. She was sent to her native State to be educated, and was graduated from the Lexington (Kentucky) Female Institute. Mrs. Wigle is an active worker in the Church of England, and Mr. Wigle attends its services and contributes liberally toward its support. Both Mr. and Mrs. Wigle are among the leading people of Leamington, and Mr. Wigle is recognized as one of its most distinguished citizens.

JOHN A. H. CAMPBELL, a prominent business man of Windsor, engaged in the lumber trade, is descended from Highland Scotch ancestry on the paternal side, and from Irish stock on the maternal side. His great-grandfather, Dougal Campbell, was colonel of a Highland regiment, and was killed on the field of Culloden, in 1746. The grandfather, John Campbell, was born, and spent his entire life, in the Highlands of Scotland. Among his children was a son Donald, who became the father of our subject.

Donald Campbell was born in Argyllshire, Scotland, Feb. 10, 1790, and on April 10, 1827, married Rebecca Motherwell, who was born in Sligo, Ireland, Nov. 6, 1805. She was a relative of the Poet Motherwell. Donald Campbell lived for a time in New York State. He was the first lumberman on the river Thames, in the County of Kent, Ont., and while in Chatham on business he contracted a cold from exposure sustained while rescuing property from a flood, and died at the "Royal Exchange Hotel," Aug. 10, 1851. His widow survived until Feb. 6, 1884.

John A. H. Campbell was born in New York State, Aug. 4, 1839, and at the age of eighteen

years came to Canada, where he first worked for his brother George Campbell. In 1862 he went into the lumber business on his own account in the Wabash Valley, living at Peru, Indiana, shipping walnut lumber to Quebec, he being the first to engage in this line. There Mr. Campbell resided until 1870, when he settled in Windsor, still continuing his business with the United States. In 1876 he built the Essex mill, located where the Canadian Pacific Railway depot now stands, and this mill continued in operation until 1880. Mr. Campbell was also engaged with his brother in the manufacture of staves, and has been very successful in all his enterprises. In 1876, when the Maritime court of Ontario was established, he was honored by appointment as deputy marshal and he held that office during the existence of the court. At present Mr. Campbell is a member of the board of education of Windsor, which is the only one in the Dominion whose membership includes both Catholics and Protestants.

In 1870 Mr. Campbell married Miss Florence Benjamin, a native of New York, and the daughter of Vanrensselaer and Cordelia (Borland) Benjamin. The grandfather of Mrs. Campbell, Thomas Benjamin, was a son of Jesse Benjamin; these two served on the American side in the Revolution and the war of 1812, respectively. The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Campbell: Malcolm George, a member of the firm of Smith & Campbell, real estate dealers at the "Soo," Michigan; John Angus, manager for the Detroit Cigar Box Company; Lorn Donald, bookkeeper for Lee & Cady, wholesale grocers of Detroit; Florence Anna, who is at home; Wallace Ronald, with the Queen City Oil Company, at Windsor; and Kenneth Charles, with the Edison Illuminating Company, of Detroit. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell are members of the Church of England. Mr. Campbell is an uncompromising Conservative, but does not take an active part in local affairs. Few men stand higher in the community than he, and he is highly esteemed by all who know him.

J. F. SMYTH, who is prominently identified with the commercial, business and political interests of Windsor, worthily represents an honorable English and Welsh ancestry.

The first member of the family in Canada was John Smyth, who was born in England, and who distinguished himself in military life. As a member of His Majesty's 91st Foot regi-

ment, he was through the Peninsular wars, and fought valiantly at the battle of Waterloo, in 1815. In recognition of his services in the army he received two medals and eleven clasps. After his war service was over, he came to America, and in 1838 settled at London, Ont., where he established the "Waterloo Hotel," on the site of which now stands a row of wholesale houses, called the Waterloo Block. He died in 1862, and his wife in the following year. John Smyth formed the first company of rifles in Windsor, of which he was made captain. His two children were: Alfred G., a retired Government officer at London; and John B., father of our subject.

John B. Smyth was born Nov. 28, 1827, in the County of Kent, England, and was but a boy when his parents came to Ontario. He was educated in London, and began a successful business career in the capacity of clerk for Lawrence Lawreson, of that place. Then was formed the partnership firm of A. G. & J. B. Smyth, dealers in groceries, which continued until 1883, from which date until 1885 the business was conducted by John B. Smyth, who then retired from activity. For seventeen years he was a member of the city council, was the first quartermaster of the 7th Fusiliers, and at present is a justice of the peace, at London. He also has been conspicuous in military life, and owns two medals won for meritorious services—during the Fenian raid and the Northwest rebellion. Politically he is a Liberal. Fraternally he is a thirty-second degree Mason.

Mr. Smyth married Miss Adelia Leonard, daughter of the late Hon. Elijah Leonard, and to this marriage these children were born: Jennie, wife of Albert Gillard; John L., probate judge at Rosecommon, Michigan, who married Miss Marsh, and has children: Adelia, John B. and Ellen; Harry C., who died Nov. 12, 1901; J. F.; Minnie, wife of Dr. J. S. Edwards, of Grand Rapids, Michigan; Delos W., a broker at San Jose, California; Clara, wife of C. J. Wall, of Windsor; Frank, a merchant in Indiana; and Hattie, a resident of Windsor. The mother of this most estimable family passed away May 28, 1873, on the forty-first anniversary of her birth.

J. F. Smyth was born Dec. 22, 1857, at London, Ont., and was educated in the public schools of his native city. In 1874 he engaged with Edward Adams, a merchant at London, as a clerk, and remained with him more than fifteen years. In 1889 he removed to Windsor and

purchased the interest of D. T. Smith in the grocery house of Smith & Duck, remaining a member of this firm for five years when he established the wholesale grocery house in this city, known as J. F. Smyth & Company, with which he is still identified. Mr. Smyth has been prominent also in political and public life since locating at Windsor. In 1901 he was elected a member of the city council, and Jan. 2, 1902, he was elected mayor of Windsor by the largest majority which was ever given any candidate, for any office, in this city—an honor which Mr. Smyth appreciates. Many things contributed to this happy result, a leading factor being the popularity of a reliable business man of known integrity and public spirit. Fraternally he is connected with business, secret and social organizations. He is the first president of the London Old Boys' Association of Windsor, and he is the paymaster of the 21st Regiment of Essex Fusiliers. He belongs to and takes an active interest in the I.O.O.F.

In 1880, Mayor Smyth was married to Elsie Matheson, daughter of H. S. Matheson, of London, and they have a family of four children, namely: Redley V., John B., Elsie and Jessie. Mr. Smyth takes a deep interest in educational and moral movements in his community. With his family he belongs to the Presbyterian church in this city, and is a member of its official board.

JOHN S. BRUNER, one of the leading citizens of Gosfield South, an extensive farmer and fruit grower at Elm Bluff Fruit Farm, occupies the old home of his father and grandfather, belonging as he does to one of the oldest and most honorable families of this part of County Essex.

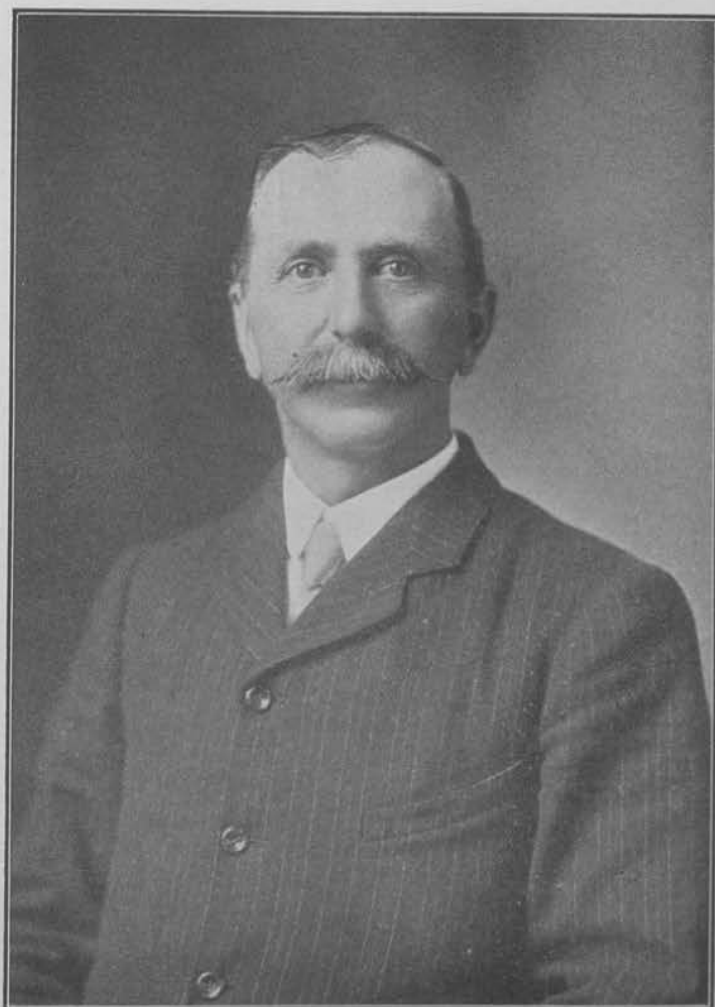
Henry Bruner, the grandfather of J. S., was born Oct. 30, 1785, and was a boy when the family settled at Cedar Creek. When he came of legal age he drew from the Government Lot 8, Concession 3, consisting of 200 acres, locating on his new acquisition when John W. Wigle was his only near neighbor. The land was heavily wooded and proved very wet, requiring much drainage, and wild animals were still a menace to the farmer's stock. Soon after coming here, wolves killed his only cow. Henry Bruner built here a double log house which stood some twenty rods to the northwest of our subject's present home. Some forty years ago that house was remodeled, and it stood until some ten years ago, when J. S. Bruner tore it down to make way for

improvements. In that primitive home the grandfather died and was, at the time, according to custom, interred on his own land, but some fifteen years ago his remains, with those of his wife, were removed to the Olinda cemetery. In addition to clearing his land and cultivating it, Henry Bruner officiated as a minister of the Baptist Church, and much of his time was devoted to work pertaining to his spiritual calling. He was thrice married (first) to Elizabeth Utech; (second) to widow Tron, and (third) to Widow Moody.

Peter Bruner, father of John S. Bruner, was born Aug. 2, 1819, on the present farm, and he assisted in much of its clearing, receiving as his share of the property the south half of the lot. He later acquired the south half of Lot 7, adjoining. He continued to farm all his life until within twelve years of his death, when he moved to Leamington, living to see the whole property under cultivation. In 1851 he built the stone house, later building an addition to it, and this stanch old residence was occupied by our subject for thirty-six years, until he removed to his present modern residence.

Peter Bruner married Jane Upcott, daughter of John and Maria Upcott, the former of whom died Dec. 16, 1854, aged seventy-six years, eight months, twenty-five days, and the latter died March 1, 1848, aged sixty-one years, two months and six days. The mother of our subject died March 13, 1889, and was buried in the family lot in the cemetery at Olinda. Politically Peter Bruner was a Reformer. In church affairs he was a Baptist, and he took a very prominent part in the work of his church, giving liberally to its various charities and missions. In material affairs he was a very successful man. The children of Peter Bruner and wife were: Maria Annie married (first) Leonard J. Fox, and (second) Daniel Gorman of Leamington; Ozias died when past eighteen years old; Philetus was a farmer in Nebraska, where he died Dec. 9, 1901; he married Amelia Malott; Henry died aged eighteen years; John S. is mentioned below.

John S. Bruner was born April 5, 1852, in the old stone mansion so often referred to in the various sketches of the members of his family. After attaining manhood he came into possession of 100 acres on Lot 8, and his brother 100 acres in Lot 7. He subsequently bought his brother's property and then owned the 200 acres of his father's farm. It is a matter of record that there has never been a cent of indebtedness



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placed against the 400 acres of land owned by the sons of Peter Bruner.

In 1888 Mr. Bruner first became interested in the fruit industry, which he has since continued to pursue, and has become one of the extensive growers of the country. His apple orchard, containing seven acres, is wonderfully productive, as is also his thirty-acre peach orchard, fine peaches being his specialty. He also grows plums, pears and other fruit. In addition to carefully attending to this industry, with the assistance of his son Gurnsey, he carries on general farming, and also, during the past year, raised some \$2,000 worth of tobacco. The visitor can see little to improve about Mr. Bruner's fine grounds and surroundings, but he himself is not yet satisfied, and each year finds more and better buildings, and still more attractive lawns and gardens. His commodious three-story residence would do credit to a city, and it is vastly comfortable, being supplied with modern conveniences, furnace heat and running water. Mr. Bruner was one of the organizers of the Erie Tobacco Company, and was its manager during its first two years of business. Politically he is independent, and fraternally he is a Forester and Odd Fellow, belonging to the lodges at Ruthven.

In 1872 Mr. Bruner was married to Catherine E., youngest daughter of Charles Stewart, Sr., and to them were born these children: Mary Luella, born Nov. 22, 1873, married Wellington W. Wigle, a dentist in Detroit, and they have children, John Dayton, born Aug. 18, 1898; Lila, Oct. 5, 1900; Elizabeth, March 12, 1902; and Beatrice, Feb. 20, 1903. Peter Charles, born March 29, 1876, is a rising young dentist located at Vancouver, B.C.; he married Mary Bonham, of Ridgeway, Ont., and they have one son, Preston. Gurnsey Carlisle, born March 3, 1878, married Daisy Fox, and is engaged with his father in operating the home farm. Gladys Nellie, born Jan. 29, 1881, and Eva Blanche, born June 8, 1884, are at home. Mr. and Mrs. Bruner and two of their daughters belong to the Leamington Baptist Church.

Mrs. Catherine E. (Stewart) Bruner was born in the township of Mersea, Feb. 26, 1856, daughter of Charles (Jr.) and Mary (Whittle) Stewart, natives of Pennsylvania and the County of Essex, respectively, granddaughter of Charles Stewart, Sr., and great-granddaughter of James Stewart.

James Stewart, father of Charles Stewart,

Sr., was born in Scotland, and came to America about 1775. He came out as a soldier, belonging to the regiment known as the Black Watch, the 42nd Highlanders. He was married in Virginia to Peggy Brown, a Scotchwoman, and they afterward moved to Greene County, Pennsylvania, where they raised a family, Charles Stewart, Sr., being their youngest child.

Charles Stewart, Sr., was married in Pennsylvania to Jane Findley, and they afterward moved to Essex County, Ont., settling in Mersea township. They raised a large family, of whom Charles Stewart, Jr., was the second son.

Charles Stewart, Jr., married Mary Whittle, a native of Essex County, who died Aug. 9, 1885, aged seventy-five. Charles Stewart, Jr., died at the home of Mrs. Bruner, Sept. 9, 1893, aged ninety-three. They were members of the Baptist Church. To this union came the following children: Jane, deceased wife of John Hetherington; Elizabeth, deceased wife of Alexander Quick; Margaret, deceased wife of William Long; Clarissa, deceased wife of Wells Morley; Charles, deceased, who married Victoria Wilkerson; Mary, deceased wife of Jesse Brown; Malinda, wife of George Jeffery, of Mersea township; Tabitha, who died aged eleven years; Olive, deceased, who married James McQueen; Eliza Ann, widow of John Thompson, of Mersea township; Thomas, a farmer of Mersea township, who married Martha Jeffery; James who died when three years old; and Catherine E., Mrs. Bruner.

JOHN ASKEW. Among the distinguished and honored residents of Leamington is John Askew who for many years has been prominently identified with the best interests of this locality. He is a native of the County of Kent, born Oct. 10, 1827, son of Thomas Askew, who came from Yorkshire, England, in 1816. Soon after his arrival he became a close friend of Col. Talbot. Together with Peter Simpson and Robert Shanks he was employed doing farm work near Fingal, on the old Talbot homestead. They drew from the government a grant of 200 acres each, selecting adjoining farms, all heavily timbered, in Tilbury East. In those early days they were obliged to live in primitive log cabins and seek for their food in the forests which surrounded them. At times they worked fifty miles from their farm. In order to get provisions they would canoe by way of Pelee Point in the summer season. The privations of those

times were great, and the sufferings such as can only be imagined by those of to-day. One instance will show what some of the pioneers endured. The brother of Thomas Askew came to the new land after Thomas, via Buffalo, then a mere village, and while there fell sick; being entirely without money he lay sick in a hospital, dependent upon strangers, so he sent a letter to Thomas. This letter was three months in reaching its destination, and immediately upon its receipt, although it was in the middle of winter, Thomas set off on foot to the relief of his brother. After many adventures and privations he found himself near Buffalo, and though it was dark he decided not to stop, but to push on. Unfortunately he lost his way in the midst of a dense forest. He was surrounded by the great trees, and felt the fatal sleepiness creeping over him which he knew must be fought against. Finally, as courage had almost left him, he came across an Indian pony wandering about, and climbing upon the faithful little animal was carried to a lonely Indian cabin, occupied by a squaw. By signs he made her understand his needs and the kindly old woman made him welcome, and gave him food and a warm place beside the fire. In fear he awaited the return of the braves, but to his astonishment he discovered that even Indians can comprehend and sympathize with trouble, and when he left, the next morning, he was loaded down with food and good wishes, and placed on the nearest trail. Entering Buffalo later on in the day, he visited the hospital to find his brother had left two weeks before. Making inquiries, he found him, now fully recovered, and they made the trip together to the claim of Thomas.

In 1822 Thomas Askew married Mary Willan, daughter of Thomas Willan, who came from England in 1818, settling in Tilbury East, on a farm adjoining the one occupied by Thomas Askew, which was one of the ten lake lots just below Port Alma. He died in 1871, in his eighty-second year. Ten children were born to Thomas and Mary Askew, four of whom survive: William, of Gosfield South; John; Harriet, who married Thomas Coatsworth, of North Talbot road, near Blenheim; and Anne, who married John Simpson, of Romney. Mary, who died in 1904, married Hezekiah Hughston, and they resided near Kingsville, in the 4th Concession. Mrs. Askew died Aug. 6, 1864, aged sixty-two years. Like her husband she was an active member of the Methodist Church. In politics

Mr. Askew was a Reformer, but never an office-seeker.

John Askew remained at home until he was sixteen years of age, when he left the parental roof, and was employed for some time at several occupations. He then served an apprenticeship with Henry Chrysler (the first settler of Chatham) at the blacksmith's trade and later took up millwrighting. In 1852 he built a mill on Yellow creek which he operated until 1855, when he sold it and located at Leamington, purchasing the old mill which stood on the present site of Prosser's livery barn. This mill was one of two buildings which then represented the town of Leamington, the other being a small structure intended for a store. In 1866, Mr. Askew having in the meanwhile disposed of this property, the mill was burned and an interesting relic of the early days of the place destroyed. Two years later Mr. Askew built his large flouring-mills, which are known for miles around, and in 1884 he remodeled them, putting in a complete modern roller system. He bought and brought into the country the first Hungarian system rollers ever used here. In 1901 Mr. Askew again remodeled the plant, which is one of the best of its kind in Ontario, and noted for the excellence of its product.

On March 20, 1850, Mr. Askew married Miss Mary A. Russell, a native of the County of Durham, England, daughter of Isaac Russell, who came to Ontario in 1832, and who later became reeve of Tilbury township, and one of its most prominent men. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Askew, five of whom survive: (1) Cordelia E., married John Minnis. (2) Amelia M., married W. F. McKinzie, and they have six children. (3) Nettie B. married Henry Eede, and has two children. (4) Actavia married Phil. Phillips. (5) T. S. I. Newton, who has charge of the mills, is a very efficient and successful business man, and has also been active in the public life of the town. He was in the town council five years, and was reeve one year, being the youngest reeve ever in the town council. He married Carrie McSween, and they have two children, Angus and Charlotte.

Mr. Askew is a Reformer in politics, and for a few years was a member of the township council, giving the body the benefit of his experience and keen judgment. He was also reeve, and for many years he has been license commissioner of Leamington. Few men have taken a more active part in local and county affairs than he, or man-

aged the various trusts entrusted to him more conscientiously or intelligently. Through his efforts, numerous improvements have been effected; the settlement of two buildings has advanced until it is now a prosperous place, the home of many industries, and the center of a varied line of interests. Although Mr. Askew is somewhat advanced in years, his grasp on affairs is as firm as ever, his judgment is as unerring, and his interest never falters. Whenever there is any weighty matter to decide, either in his own business or in town affairs, his advice is sought, and never in vain. It is such men as he, sprung from the sturdy pioneer stock, which make Western Ontario what it is to-day, and cause other portions of the Dominion less favored to look upon its prosperity and institutions with something very nearly approaching envy.

D. A. MAXWELL, A.B., LL.D., Ph.D., inspector of schools for South Essex, Windsor and Walkerville, is a native of the County of Middlesex, Ont., where he was born in 1846.

Originally the Maxwell family was Scotch, but under the religious troubles of the reign of King Charles, they migrated to the North of Ireland, and there the grandfather of our subject, Alexander Maxwell was born in 1752. While residing in Ireland he married Ann Hoseley, also a native of Ireland, and in 1837 they emigrated to Canada, locating in Montreal, but later removed to the County of Middlesex, Ont., where he died in 1859, and his widow passed away at Chatham in 1872. Their children were: Thomas, Hugh, David, Ann, Jane, Eliza and Sarah, the last named now Mrs. Quirk, of Chatham, being the only survivor.

David Maxwell was born in Ireland, and after coming to Ontario, settled in the County of Middlesex, where he farmed until his death. His wife, Margaret, bore him one child, our subject.

Dr. D. A. Maxwell was educated in the public schools of the County of Middlesex, the normal school of Toronto, and a business college, and has always been a student, his active mind probing into deep and scientific subjects. He received from Victoria University upon work done privately, the degrees of A.B., LL.D., and in the same manner secured the degree of Ph.D. from the Illinois State University. When only eighteen years of age he began teaching, and has devoted his life to educational work. His first school was in Kenwood, and he taught for some time in the several schools of the County

of Kent, becoming head of the public schools of Wallaceburg, and still later at Cornwall, and was also identified with the high schools of Chatham and the high schools of Strathroy. In 1878 Dr. Maxwell settled in the County of Essex and assumed the duties pertaining to the position of inspector of schools for South Essex, with headquarters at Amherstburg. In 1891 the Windsor schools were placed under his supervision, and the following year the schools of Walkerville were added to the number. The report for the year ending 1901 showed that he had 163 teachers, and 8,000 pupils under his charge—a most responsible and important position. Few men are as well fitted for such work as Dr. Maxwell, he having himself taught in all the various departments of public schools, and he is also well versed in literary and pedagogical lines.

In 1876 Dr. Maxwell was married to Miss Catherine Luckham, a daughter of William Luckham. Prior to her marriage she was a popular teacher, and possesses a superior order of literary ability. Dr. and Mrs. Maxwell are consistent members of the Methodist Church, and enjoy in the highest degree the respect and confidence of a wide circle of warm friends.

CAPT. JAMES R. INNES. Probably no two families are better known in marine circles around Detroit and Windsor, than those represented by Capt. J. R. Innes and his most estimable wife, Mrs. Louisa (Horn) Innes.

Capt. Innes is of Scotch ancestry, his grandfather, Robert Innes, having been born in the Scottish Highlands. He married a Miss Donovan, and they came to the Dominion, settling at Amherstburg, County of Essex, Ont. There Robert Innes engaged in a mercantile business for many years, became prominent and respected, and there both he and his wife ended their days, their tombs being in the old English cemetery at this place. They had two children, the son Robert (2) becoming the father of Capt. Innes.

Robert Innes (2), son of Robert, was born in 1812, in Detroit, during the stormy time when that city was held by the British troops during the War of 1812. He was liberally educated, and was prepared for the law, although he never followed the profession, his inclination being in the direction of agriculture. His death took place in 1848, at Chatham. He married Mary Cox, born in 1799, at Montreal, of Irish extraction, who died in Amherstburg, County of Essex, at the age of ninety-seven years. The children

of this marriage were the following: Robert, Stephen, William and John, all deceased; Capt. James R.; Mrs. John Bratt; Mrs. McConnell; Mrs. Burk; and Mrs. John Clark, of Ypsilanti, Michigan.

Capt. James R. Innes was born May 1, 1844, at Chatham, Ont., and was still a lad when his parents removed therefrom to Detroit, in which city he obtained an excellent common school education. His inclinations led him to favor a seafaring life, and he was but fifteen when he first served on the water, which has exerted a fascination he has never overcome, being now thoroughly identified with the lake marine service. The first trip that the young seaman took was on board the stone scow, "The Frank Pierce," going then as cook to the tug "Pratt," and during this service he learned enough concerning life on the water to gain him a position before the mast on a vessel plying between Detroit and Chicago. On leaving that position he entered into the service of the Detroit & Windsor and the Great Western ferries. There Capt. Innes remained until he was offered the position of mate on the tug "Arrow," which he accepted, later becoming mate on another boat, returning then to the ferry as pilot. His sailing experience increased as time went on, and he had charge of a number of vessels, among these being "The Detroit" and "The Hope." About 1863 this well-seasoned sailor took the position of mate on the steamer "Stone River," on the Tennessee River, in the quartermaster's department, and efficiently filled the position for two years. He then returned to the Windsor ferry, remaining until 1871, when he became mate on "The Transfer," a boat belonging to the Canada Southern Railroad, and there he remained for one year, at the end of that time taking service on the wrecking tug "Prince Alfred," remaining for three years. From this service Capt. Innes entered the employ of the Canada Southern Railroad ferry as Master, and in 1882, when the Michigan Central Railroad came into possession of the former, he was given the responsible position of superintendent of the Windsor ferries, a situation he has ably filled for many years. His long and arduous service has won him the highest marks of esteem, and there are few marine men in all this locality so popular or valued.

Capt. Innes is a member of the Ship Masters' Association and a very efficient and active one. In politics he is independent. Although his

life has been one of almost constant travel, the greater part of it has been in the line of duty. In 1901 he permitted himself to take a journey of pleasure; it was enjoyable in the extreme and he returned refreshed in mind and body. Leaving his home amid the snows of Jan. 29, 1901, he traveled as far south as Mexico, where two sons reside, and in that genial climate passed several enjoyable months.

In 1866 Capt. Innes was united in marriage with Miss Louisa Horn, born in 1848, at Bristol, England, (and now deceased); daughter of Capt. John and Sarah (Pottinger) Horn, the former of whom was born in Devonshire, England, in 1823, where he married, in November, 1842. In 1853, Capt. and Mrs. Horn came to Detroit, and there he died in October, 1897, his wife surviving until July, 1898. Capt. Horn built and owned some of the first ferry boats plying between Detroit and Windsor, and their names, "The Excelsior" and "The Garland," are easily recalled by the older residents. The father of Capt. Horn was a minister of the Church of England. Capt. Horn was a member of the Royal Arcanum and also of the Knights of Labor. To Capt. John and Sarah Horn were born seventeen children, eight of whom grew to maturity, namely: Capt. John, Jr.; Louisa, Mrs. Innes; Mrs. A. R. Schulenburg; Mrs. Capt. Thomas McGowan, of Detroit; Capt. George, of the steamer "Excelsior"; William Albert, of "The Wabash"; Edward Henry; and Charles Fred.

The children of Capt. and Mrs. Innes were: Louisa Gertrude, who married Fred Cooper, of Walkerville, and has one daughter, Gladys; Henry L., who married Carol Read of Sandwich, and died May 30, 1903, leaving two children, Charlotte and Read; Walter James, deceased, resided in Mexico; Ivy B., wife of Charles Pulfer, at Walkerville; and Lottie, at home. The family is widely known not only in marine circles, but in the social life of both Windsor and Detroit. Capt. Innes, with his genial personality, is a welcome guest anywhere, and he has a very wide circle of firm friends.

BUCHANAN. The Buchanan family is of Irish origin, and was planted in Ontario in the first half of the nineteenth century. In County Donegal, Ireland, lived William Buchanan, in the beautiful parish of Columbkil. On his land, according to tradition was the famous St. Columbkil Well, whither to this day thousands of pil-

grims flock every year to partake of its healing waters. William Buchanan was a school teacher, so enthusiastic over his profession that he followed it all his life, although he also cultivated a small farm. In his faith he was a devout member of the Church of England.

John Buchanan, son of William, was born in the same parish. He received a good common school education under the tutorship of his father, and at the same time obtained a practical knowledge of agriculture. At the age of eighteen he left home to better his condition in the New World. Embarking on a sailing vessel, after an eight weeks' voyage he arrived at Quebec, and at once made his way west to Ontario, locating first at Chatham, in the County of Kent, where he obtained employment in a tannery owned by a Mr. Smith. After learning the trade he continued to work there a few years, but when he had saved enough money he bought 100 acres of land on McGregor's Creek, in Harwich township, and began farming. Building a small log cabin to live in, he succeeded in clearing his farm, added various buildings and other improvements, and in 1855 sold the whole place. For over a year Mr. Buchanan tried living in Lapeer County, Michigan, but gave it up and returned to Ontario, where he bought from a Mr. Foster a tract of 100 acres in Tilbury West, County of Essex. Undeterred by his privations and hardships of pioneer life, which he had already experienced in Kent, he entered upon a similar life in his new location. With the help of his sons he cleared up his land, situated on the Middle Road, South, made many improvements, and engaged in agriculture there very successfully for the rest of his life. He was known all over the township as a hard-working man, whose chief pleasure was in his home.

In 1832 Mr. Buchanan married Miss Sarah LaRue, born in New York State, of parents who were natives of France, and who were Huguenots in their faith. Mrs. Buchanan is still living, now over eighty-eight years of age, but still active and industrious. She was devoted to her husband and home, and her greatest pride was in her eleven children, namely: William, who was drowned at the age of six; James, who died young; Mary, the widow of Ernest Heiser, now residing in Tilbury West; Amanda, the wife of Reuben Smith, both deceased; James (2), killed at a barn raising when twenty-three years old; Augustus, a farmer and land owner of Manitoba; Lydia, wife of Edward Jackson, a farmer of

Tilbury West; John Alexander; Thomas, living on the homestead; George, who manages the paternal farm; William (2), who died at the age of thirty-four, while in Fresno County, California, for his health. John Buchanan was always of an unusually strong and robust physique, and seemed likely to live to an extreme old age, but his death occurred when he was seventy-two, the result of a cancer in his jaw. His remains rest in St. George's cemetery, in Tilbury West. In politics he was a staunch supporter of the Conservative party, but ever refused to accept office, except as a member of the school board. He was most warmly interested in all school matters, was an ardent supporter of the free school system, and he served as a trustee for the district schools. Believing strongly in the necessity for education, he made every effort in his power to give his children a good one. In his early days he belonged to the Church of England, but later attended the Methodist Church at Comber, as did also his wife. He was a member of the Loyal Orange Association in Ireland, but never affiliated with the order after coming to Canada.

JOHN ALEXANDER BUCHANAN, son of the immigrant John, and senior member of the firm of Buchanan & Goatbe, manufacturers of building material, member of the city council, and one of the best known citizens of Tilbury West, was born in Harwich township, County of Kent, in a log cabin on McGregor Creek, Jan. 15, 1850. He was six years old when his parents removed to Tilbury West township. Although he attended the public schools, the system was then in its infancy, and the schooling he received was so limited that he is really self-educated. He worked with his father until he was sixteen years of age, but the prospects then for farmers' sons was far from bright, and he looked to the United States as offering a more promising field. Starting out with practically no money, and with all his worldly possessions tied up in a handkerchief, he succeeded in making his way to Illinois, where he worked as a farm laborer for \$25 per month. In two years he had saved a little money, and returned and located in Tilbury West. He bought a tract of 100 acres for \$500, but could make a payment of but \$25, going in debt for the rest. He cut off the timber, sold it for railroad ties, and after three years' hard work, paid off his debt, and sold the place for \$1,000. He continued to buy up timber land until 1879, when he rented the place which is

now his home, and was there occupied in farming for three years.

In 1882 Mr. Buchanan started in life as a merchant in Comber, also dealing in grain and lumber. He continued as a merchant for twelve years with marked success. He bought and shipped grain to all parts of the Dominion, and was also extensively engaged in the lumber business, buying railroad ties, etc., and disposing of them to the Michigan Central Railroad. In 1895 he retired from active business and lived quietly on his farm until 1902, when he formed a partnership with Mr. Goatbe, for the manufacture of sashes, doors and other building materials, and from the beginning the firm has done a most flourishing business. Besides his many business interests, Mr. Buchanan is one of the largest land owners in the township, as he possesses over 200 acres of well cultivated land. On his farm he has built a fine brick house with all modern improvements, from an architectural standpoint one of the finest homes in the county, and reared at an expense of over \$5,000. The grounds around it are very tastefully laid out, and to a large extent bespeak the taste and oversight of Mrs. Buchanan.

Mr. Buchanan was married June 25, 1878, to Miss Susanna Jackson, of Tilbury West. She is a lady of great refinement, of a good education, and with highly artistic tastes. She and her husband have traveled extensively, both in Canada and the United States, and have been even to the Far West and California. They have no children. While he is greatly interested in all public questions, Mr. Buchanan is perhaps more particularly concerned with educational matters. He regards the school as the proper place for instilling into the minds of the young patriotic love for their country, as well as practical education, and considers them the only means of building up a united people and nation, hence he is found among the enthusiastic supporters of the free school. In his politics he is an ardent Conservative, and is keenly interested in the success of his party. He is a member of the Conservative Association of Tilbury West, and in 1892 was nominated as a candidate for the Provincial Parliament against the Hon. W. D. Balfour, but in spite of his gallant fight was defeated. He served his township as reeve three years, which entitled him to a seat in the county council, and in 1896 he was elected county councillor. Mr. Buchanan is a member of the A.F. & A.M. of Comber, being a Royal Arch Mason;

he belongs to the Loyal Orange Association, and has been master of the lodge at Comber; and he is also an active member of the I.O.O.F. In his religious views he is a member of the Methodist Church at Comber, as is also his wife, and he has filled the office of recording steward, while the Sunday School is likewise the scene of his activities, as he has taught a class for several years. In every way he is a representative citizen of the best type, and is honored as widely as he is known.

GEORGE BUCHANAN, farmer and stock raiser of the township of Tilbury West, son of John and brother of John Alexander Buchanan, is one of the progressive and favorably known citizens of his neighborhood. He is a native of the County of Kent, born in Harwich township, Feb. 18, 1854. He removed with his parents to the County of Essex, and grew up on the home place, during his boyhood attending the district school of the township. He continued to work with his father on the home place until the latter's death, after which he became engaged in the timber and stave business with his brothers, William and Thomas, carrying on that line for some time. He then settled down to farming on the homestead, a tract of 200 acres, and he has made numerous improvements and changes on the place since it came under his management. He is extensively engaged in stock raising in addition to the work of general farming, and his progressive ideas, no less than his thrifty habits, have brought him success in every line, and have won him rank among the enterprising men of his section. However, he has not tried to make anything take the place of hard, honest work, and he is accordingly respected and well liked wherever he is known. Outside of his business Mr. Buchanan is, perhaps, most interested in the question of public education in his community, and he takes a strong and effective interest in the workings of the public school system in his township. He was one of the organizers of the high school in Comber, was a member of the building committee during the erection of that school, and has also served three times as trustee, which office he still fills. While engaged as a lumberman at Staples, the union school between the townships of Rochester and Tilbury West was formed, known as Union School No. 12, and Mr. Buchanan and his brothers, William and Thomas, were its chief promoters, and Mr. George Buchanan served on the building committee and on the first board of trustees. How-



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ever, he has never sought public position of any kind, although he takes a lively interest in the workings of his party, the Conservative. Externally Mr. Buchanan affiliates with the A. O. U. W., at Comber, and with the Loyal Orange Association No. 1198, also of that place, of which latter he has served as master, being quite active in the association. He is a zealous church worker, uniting with the Methodist Church at Comber, of which he is trustee and a Sunday-school teacher. All in all, he is heartily in accord with every movement for the good of his community, a fact which is recognized by all who have come in contact with him.

On Nov. 24, 1884, Mr. Buchanan married Miss Mary Dell Wilson, who was born in Rochester township, County of Essex, April 22, 1864, daughter of Alfred and Mary (Dwyer) Wilson, natives of England and Ireland, respectively, and well-known residents of Comber. Mrs. Buchanan, like her husband, holds membership in the Methodist Church, and she is a worthy Christian woman, devoted to all the duties of her home and church circles. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan were as follows: Mary Ethel, now teaching school; John Alexander, who is now studying civil engineering and mining; Beulah Dell, attending high school; Alfred and George Rush, who both died young; and Margaret Miriam, William Thomas, Francis Edward and Addie Winnifred, at home.

DAVID ALEXANDER GORDON, director, manager and one of the largest stock owners of the Sydenham Glass Works, and president and largest stockholder of the Beet Sugar Company, both of Wallaceburg, County of Kent, Ont., is a worthy representative of one of the sturdy pioneer families of that county.

The Gordon family is of English and Scottish extraction. John Gordon, the great-grandfather of David Alexander, was born about 1744, in England, of Scottish parentage, and his father was an officer in the English army. He grew to manhood in England, thence went to India, and after some time spent in that country returned to England, in 1773 coming to America. He located in Pennsylvania, but being loyal to his native country the outbreak of the Revolution made it advisable for him to seek a home elsewhere, and he accordingly located in Amherstburg, County of Essex, Ont. About 1790 he moved to Howard township, County of Kent,

and settled at Thamesville, where he followed farming until his death, in 1834. After his location in Canada John Gordon married a Miss Kuntz, of German extraction, and to this union were born the following named children: John and Aaron, who both died from colds contracted at the battle of Lundy's Lane, where both they and their father were serving in the English army; Michael; Mrs. Shippy; Mrs. Hewitt; and Mrs. Cornwall.

Michael Gordon, son of John, served in the British army in the War of 1812. After the close of the war he settled down to farming in Howard township, County of Kent, and later he spent some time near Dawn Mills, whence in 1842 he came to Wallaceburg, where he died in 1855. He married Juda Marsh, daughter of William Marsh, and she died at Wallaceburg, in 1848, the mother of the following children: Sarah, deceased, who (first) married Alexander McGregor, and (second) Daniel McDonald; Aaron; David William, a member of Parliament, who died in British Columbia in 1891; Maria, deceased wife of David Sutherland; Alexander, proprietor of the Michigan Cigar Factory of Detroit; John, of Blenheim; Michael, of Wisconsin; and Juda, deceased.

Aaron Gordon, son of Michael, was born Jan. 21, 1830, in Howard township, County of Kent, and was only twelve years old when the family moved to Wallaceburg. Upon reaching man's estate he engaged in lumbering and farming, which business he followed during the greater part of his active life. He died in April, 1902. Mr. Gordon was always intrusted with public affairs, and for three years served in the council of Wallaceburg. From 1857 to 1892 he was a member of the school board, and in many years showed himself ever the friend of education and progress. Politically he was a Liberal, while religiously he was a member of the Methodist Church. In 1857 Aaron Gordon married Mrs. Jane (Steinhoff) Craig, by whom he had the following children: David Alexander; John E.; and Henry L., Eldora Jane and J. Andrew, the last three deceased. The mother died in 1866, and in 1900 Mr. Gordon married Mrs. John Johnson. No children came to the second marriage.

David Alexander Gordon was born in Wallaceburg in January, 1858, and has passed his life in his native town, highly respected by those who know him best. He began business life as a manufacturer of staves. In 1883 he

and James W. Steinhoff formed a partnership for the manufacture of cooperage stock, at Wallaceburg, and Mr. Gordon is still connected with this business, being president of the Wallaceburg Cooperage Co. In 1896 the Sydenham Glass Works were founded, of which concern Mr. Steinhoff became president, and in 1897 Mr. Gordon became managing director. This is one of the important enterprises of the town and has enjoyed a constantly increasing business from the start. Mr. Gordon is president and general manager of the Beet Sugar Co., whose large plant was located at Wallaceburg through his efforts. In any movement that tends to advance the commercial prosperity of his town he may be found taking an effectively active part. Mr. Gordon has taken an interest in municipal affairs, has served as a member of the council and was mayor of Wallaceburg in 1899, 1900 and 1901.

On April 22, 1884, Mr. Gordon was united in marriage with Miss Rose Fox, of Bay City, Michigan, and of their children the eldest, Ruby, was graduated in 1902 from Havergal College, Toronto, and secured first honors at the vocal examinations held at the Toronto Conservatory of Music for three consecutive years, in the Junior, Intermediate and Senior examinations; she is a natural musician and is devoting her time to perfecting herself in the art. The other children are Robert Elmer, Donald Dean, Glen Victor, Arthur St. Clair, Dudley Alexander, John Aaron, and Rowley Archibald.

In religious faith Mr. and Mrs. Gordon are members of the Church of England. Politically he is a Liberal, and fraternally a member of the Masons and Odd Fellows.

DAVID CONKLIN, proprietor of a bond sawmill, a wood yard, and a sash and door factory, is one of Kingsville's leading men, and a descendant of one of the early settlers of Gosfield South.

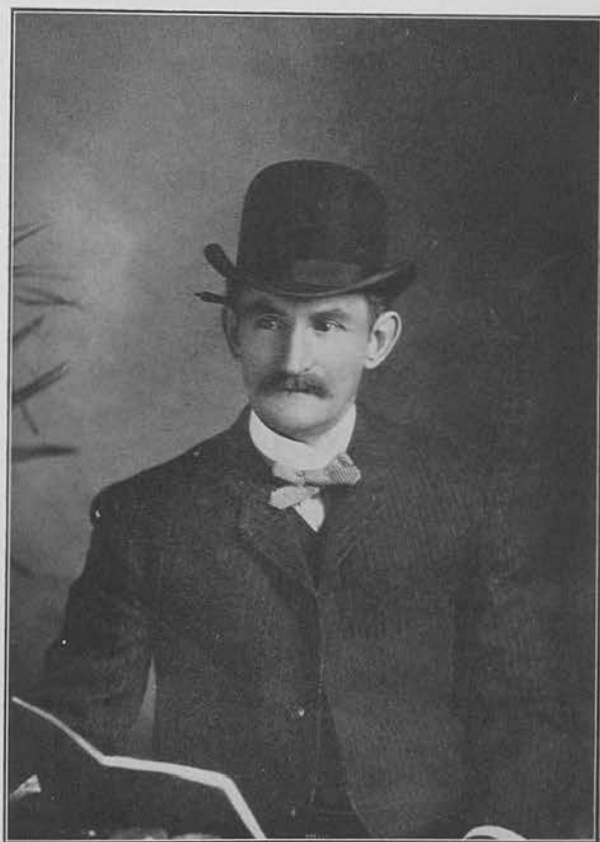
Jacob Conklin, his grandfather, as a young man came to the township of Gosfield South, and settled on a farm north of Ruthven. In time he sold this property and bought a lot in the 3d Concession, No. 304, which he sold to Edward Barnett, and now occupied by him. He then bought a farm in the 1st Concession, a part of which is in the Town of Kingsville, Ont., and this farm he occupied until his death, April 13, 1860. He made all the first improvements upon this land, such as the clearing off of the

timber and bush, and erecting necessary buildings. The first home was a log house, located just east of our subject's present handsome brick house. Jacob Conklin married and had three children: Matthew, Thomas (father of our subject) and Betsy Ann.

Thomas Conklin, the father of David, was born in Gosfield, April 25, 1819. He began life for himself on a farm near Ruthven, later coming to the homestead, where he resided at the time of his death, which occurred Feb. 23, 1863, when he was forty-four years of age.

On Dec. 29, 1840, Thomas Conklin was married in the township of Gosfield South, to Susannah Wigle, born Sept. 13, 1819, ninth child of Wendel and Isabell (Scratch) Wigle (the family name of Scratch was originally spelled Krats); she died Sept. 4, 1880. To Thomas Conklin and wife were born the following children: (1) Isabella, born Jan. 26, 1842, married Arthur Cooper, and died Nov. 8, 1863, leaving no children. (2) Mary Jane, born April 25, 1843, died Sept. 9, 1858. (3) Elizabeth, born Nov. 27, 1845, died Feb. 12, 1867. (4) Julia, born Sept. 4, 1847, married George Gilboe, of Pontiac, Michigan, and has the following children, Mina, Belle, Dietta, Winona, Norine, Walter and David. (5) Wilhelmina, born July 24, 1849, married Horace Wigle, and has three children, Milford, Lillian and Maud. (6) William Arthur, born Sept. 15, 1851, of Kingsville, married Alice Wilkinson, and has three children, Annie, Amelia, Robert and Eva. (7) David was born Nov. 4, 1853, and married Mina E. Fox, Feb. 24, 1875, and has one son, William T. (8) Jane Olivia, born May 7, 1859, died Sept. 18, 1859.

David Conklin was born on the place where he now resides, and as a boy he attended the home schools. At an early age he hired out for farm work, and his pay was four dollars a month and his board. He next entered the employ of his uncle, Simon Wigle, a lumberman, and for the following eighteen years he was in his employ in a very extensive square timber business. Mr. Conklin traveled in the counties of Essex and Kent, and also in Michigan, and at the early age of eighteen years, he became a foreman. In 1880 he purchased the sawmill business, located on the corner of Division street and the 4th Concession line, of J. H. Swart, and since that time he has operated the mill, adding planing mill and a sash and door factory, and in connection he has, also, a wood yard. The past spring he bought the glass factory build-



David Conklin

ings, in the town of Kingsville, on the corner of Lansdowne avenue and Lake Erie & Detroit River Railroad, and removed his planing department to Kingsville, adding to it a box factory, and he now has a fully equipped establishment. This branch of the business is superintended by William T. Conklin, son of our subject, a very able young man, Mr. Conklin himself, devoting the greater portion of his time to the sawmill, wood yard and farming lands. He has purchased 600 acres of timbered lands in the township, and has enough timber on these tracts, including what he buys from the surrounding country, to keep his mill busy for several years. In addition to these purchases, Mr. Conklin has some 200 acres of excellent farming land, and fifty-two acres of the old home place, all of which he has greatly improved, and upon which, in 1891, he erected a fine brick residence. His son's cottage is just across the street. In his various industries, Mr. Conklin gives employment to some forty men. In addition to other property, Mr. Conklin owns one of the finest business blocks in the village of Kingsville, with a frontage of seventy-one feet, and located on the west corner of Main and Division streets, and another equally valuable business block, on the east corner of Main and Division streets, occupied in part by the Molson Bank. He also owns a one-third interest in the Kingsville Electric Light Company.

In politics Mr. Conklin is a Conservative, but has no time to devote to political matters. Both he and his family are active members of the Methodist Church, in which he was an usher for fourteen years and has been trustee for the past eighteen years. To David Conklin and wife came one son, William T., born Jan. 9, 1876; and he was educated in Kingsville Public School, and Detroit Business College. He married Loretta Thornton, of Essex, and they have a bright little daughter, Mina Lucile. As before stated Mr. William T. Conklin has charge of the Kingsville milling business, and is one of the live, ambitious young men of the town, and one who enjoys the confidence of its people. Our subject is a man, who has acquired a fortune by his own unaided efforts, and the success which has attended him is well merited.

WILLIAM A. HANRAHAN, of Windsor, Ont., belongs to an old and respected family which had its origin in Ireland.

Edward Hanrahan, his paternal grandfather, was born in the Emerald Isle in 1790, and there passed his life in the occupation of milling. He had three sons: Michael, John and Edward, of whom the first named died in Windsor in the year 1875.

Edward Hanrahan, father of the Windsor Hanrahans, was born in Ireland in 1818, and there married Margaret Manning. Coming to Canada in 1849, he located first at Amherstburg, and later removed to Windsor, where he was employed in the service of the Great Western Railway. He then engaged in the grocery business until 1874, when he became proprietor of the present "Hanrahan Hotel," on Glengarry Avenue, and he was thus engaged at the time of his death, which occurred in 1884. His beloved wife died two years previously. Politically Mr. Hanrahan was a Conservative, and was always deeply interested in his party's success. Both he and his wife were devoted members of the Roman Catholic Church. He was a man who had many friends, being genial, kind and benevolent, and was most generous in the cause of religion. He did much in the founding and support of St. Alphonsus Church. His family consisted of these children: John, who died in 1879; Patrick, of His Majesty's Customs, who, in 1875, was married to Miss Rose Maisonneville, of Walkerville; Catherine, wife of J. A. Kilroy, of California, who was at one time the candidate of his party for Parliamentary honors against J. C. Patterson; Mary A., widow of the late George W. Baby; Edward, Jr., who succeeded his father in the hotel business, and who, in 1901, was married to Miss Mary Lemay, of Detroit, Michigan; and William A.

William A. Hanrahan is the present efficient secretary of the Windsor Water Works. We are permitted to quote from a local paper the following, viz.: "August 1st, 1860, was marked by two important events in the town of Windsor. One was a mammoth celebration by the colored people, that drew a crowd the like of which has never since been seen here, and the other, the arrival in the Hanrahan family of a twelve-pound youngster. William A. was the name given at the christening, but it is doubtful if he were called by that name to-day, if any of his acquaintances would recognize that it applied to one who can boast of as many good friends as any man, young or old, in the town of Windsor, where he is universally known as 'Billy.' Mr. Hanrahan attended the public schools and

later entered as a student at L'Assumption College, Sandwich, where he remained for five years, afterward taking a course of philosophy at the Jesuit College, Buffalo, New York. As an all-round athlete there are few to excel Mr. Hanrahan in western Canada. He has a cabinet of medals which he has won at different contests. He was captain of the first baseball club organized at Windsor, and during the time the famous Cass Baseball Club of Detroit swept everything in Michigan he was known as 'the demon pitcher.' He, and also his brothers, Patrick and Edward, were members of the famous 10-oar barge crew of the Beaver Boat Club, the champions of America. For fifteen years he was treasurer of the Windsor Fire Department, and was presented with a handsome gold medal by the members upon his retirement. Mr. Hanrahan has many talents and one of them is for music. For years he was director of St. Alphonsus choir, and his services were in demand upon all public occasions. Mr. Hanrahan was president of the C.M.B.A. in 1896, and chancellor in 1897. He helped to organize the Catholic Order of Foresters in Windsor, and was the first Chief Ranger. He was also a member of the I.O.F. and the Windsor Board of Trade, of which organization he was secretary for five years.

"In 1885 Mr. Hanrahan married Miss Kate Peplow Taylor, daughter of Edward T. Taylor, Esq., of Montreal, and grand-daughter of the late James Dougall, who gave Windsor its name (see sketch of Duncan Dougall elsewhere). Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hanrahan, of whom only two are now living—Gwendolyn and Mona—who are pupils at St. Mary's Academy. Both our subject and his wife are members of St. Alphonsus Roman Catholic Church. They live in a pleasant home on Ouellette Avenue."

WILLIAM WOOLLATT, general manager of the Lake Erie & Detroit River Railroad, has spent his entire business life in the various branches of railroad service. He is a native of England, and a grandson of William Woollatt, who was born about 1790, and followed an agricultural life, dying in his native land in 1881. William Woollatt was thrice married, and our subject's father, William Woollatt (2), was a child of the first union, to which marriage were born two sons, William and Samuel.

William Woollatt (our subject) was born April 2, 1855, at Weedon, Herefordshire, Eng-

land, and came with his parents to Ontario in 1872. He very soon became a member of the office force of the Northern Railway Company at Toronto, in the office of the mechanical superintendent, and five years later was promoted to the office of the general freight and passenger agent as stenographer. From 1878 to 1888 he was chief clerk in the general passenger and auditing departments. In the latter year he was transferred to the general passenger department of the Grand Trunk Railway at Montreal, when that company took over the Northern Railway. In 1889 Mr. Woollatt changed to the Lake Erie & Detroit River Railroad Company, as general freight and passenger agent, with office at Walkerville. In 1891 he was advanced to the position of general superintendent and traffic manager, and on May 1, 1900, was elected to the position of general manager, which he held at the time of the sale of the Lake Erie & Detroit River Railway to the Pere Marquette Railroad. His promotion was continued, and it can clearly be seen that it was the result of close and careful application and faithful performance of duty.

In 1875 Mr. Woollatt was united in marriage with Ann Robinson, of Toronto, daughter of David Robinson, and a sister of the wife of his brother, Harry Woollatt, and to this marriage have been born seven children. Eva Elizabeth; Annie Margaret; William Robinson, who on Sept. 6, 1901, married Mabel Tyron, of Brantford; Amy Ethel; Harold Farr; Stanley, named in honor of Lord Stanley, who was governor-general of Canada at the time of his birth, in 1888; and David Herbert.

The pleasant family residence is situated on Second street, Walkerville. Both Mr. and Mrs. Woollatt are members of the Methodist Church. Fraternally Mr. Woollatt belongs to the A. O. U. W. and the I. O. O. F. He is one of the leading citizens of this part of the county, and enjoys the esteem and respect of all who know him.

THOMAS ROBINSON, warden of the County of Kent, and one of the leading men of the township of Romney, that county, descends from one of the first settlers of the township. His grandfather, John Robinson, was a native of Weirsdale, Parish of Stanhope, County of Durham, England, where he grew to manhood, emigrating to Canada in 1817. Soon after his arrival he and Messrs. Coatsworth, Dawson and Peter Heatherington located in Romney town-

ship, each securing a 200-acre tract on the Talbot road, John Robinson obtaining No. 203, upon which he immediately settled. The growth of timber upon these lots was so heavy that the first comers ran great risk of becoming lost should they wander from the lake. After locating his grant John Robinson started into the forest, but kept some of his assistants within hailing distance. He penetrated the forest far enough to discover the gravel ridge. The first log cabin he built upon the shore, but this was destroyed by fire almost as soon as it was completed, and he built a new one upon the ridge. In this all of his children were born, and the building was standing as late as 1864. The third and present residence, a square frame structure, was also put up during the grandfather's life, the work being done by a Thomas Duncan, a wandering jack-of-all-trades. With the assistance of his five sons Mr. Robinson cleared up nearly all of his lot, his method of clearing being somewhat original. He girdled the trees, cut them down and afterward burned them. He died on this place at the age of eighty-seven years. Throughout life he took a very active part in religious matters, and for fifty years was a local preacher; he was one of four who contributed very liberally toward the building of the Romney Methodist Church, the first building for religious worship erected in the township.

John Robinson married Miss Catherine Fox, of Gosfield township, County of Essex, and to them were born: Mary, who married T. C. Renwick, of Romney township; Jonas, a resident of the township; Joseph, a local preacher in the Methodist Church, who resides in Wheatley; William, mentioned below; George, a prosperous farmer, also residing in the township; Jane (deceased), who married Thomas Heatherington; Lucinda, who married Francis Wharram; and John, remaining on the old homestead.

William Robinson was born Aug. 5, 1832, on Lot 203. When he was a young man, his father secured a hundred acres of Lot 192, and upon it William Robinson began clearing. At the time of his marriage he located permanently upon that place and there carried on farming until five years ago, afterward living at Coatsworth until his death, which occurred Dec. 22, 1903. His sons now occupy the home farm. William Robinson married Elizabeth Jane Stobbs, who was born March 28, 1834, and to this union were born Thomas, Feb. 24, 1856; Annie, March 28, 1859, a resident of Boston,

Massachusetts; Rebecca, Dec. 5, 1861, who married Peter A. McVicar, of Wardsville, County of Elgin; Baxter, Aug. 30, 1864, now a resident of Oregon; Ralph S., Jan. 30, 1867, unmarried and on the home farm; John A., Aug. 7, 1869, one of the occupants of the homestead; William S., Oct. 9, 1872, of Chatham; and Jennie, April 1, 1875, widow of Albert Ousterhout, residing with her mother.

Thomas Robinson was born on Lot 192, and there grew to manhood. His early opportunities for securing an education were very limited, but later, in 1889, he took a course at the Chatham business college. Soon after reaching his majority he was employed by a man from Cleveland—Leman M. Reed—for whom he worked four years. He was foreman for him most of this time. In this way Mr. Robinson finally became interested in the lumber business, the various branches of which industry have occupied his attention since he started out in life for himself. For twelve or fifteen years he acted as agent for American firms, buying timber all along the lake in the County of Kent. Later he took up buying and selling for himself, and is still engaged in that line, although not so extensively as in years past. When elm was abundant he sold 5,000,000 feet per year, and he was also for a time interested in a sawmill. At present he owns the east half of Lot 192, which he rents, and for the past eight years he has resided at Coatsworth, where he built a very desirable home.

Even as a boy Mr. Robinson displayed an interest in matters pertaining to politics, and that interest has since continued. In 1892 he was first elected township councilman, and continued in office through 1892, 1893, 1894 and 1895. He was elected reeve in 1896, the last year that the reeves constituted the county board. In 1899 he was elected county commissioner, to represent the Seventh District. In 1901 he was re-elected, and again in 1903, and is now serving as warden of that body, to which position he was chosen at the last election, in January, 1903. Fraternally he is a Mason, being connected with the lodge at Wheatley, and is a member of the Order of Foresters at Coatsworth, in which he has been quite active, having been financial secretary for some years and chief ranger one year.

Mr. Robinson was married in Coatsworth Jan. 13, 1892, to Alice Barton, and they have had two children: Stanley Barton, born April

20, 1893; and Daisy Eurithe Adeline, born May 21, 1897. Mrs. Robinson is a daughter of Elijah and Susan (Challis) Barton, who came to this country from Poslingford, County of Suffolk, England. The father was a native of Poslingford, and the mother of Wickham Brook, same county. Elijah Barton came from Frossterley, Durham, to Romney in 1887, and has since been engaged in farming, railroading and lumbering. His family consisted of six children: (1) Ruth, born March 25, 1864, married Philip Hodgson, and is living in the County of Durham, England. (2) George was born May 21, 1867. (3) Alice, born July 9, 1870, married Thomas Robinson. (4) Sarah, born March 16, 1873, married Chester Renwick. (5) Emily, born Aug. 6, 1875, married Joseph Hopper. (6) Frederick, born Oct. 21, 1877, was drowned Aug. 9, 1903, at Clinton, Illinois.

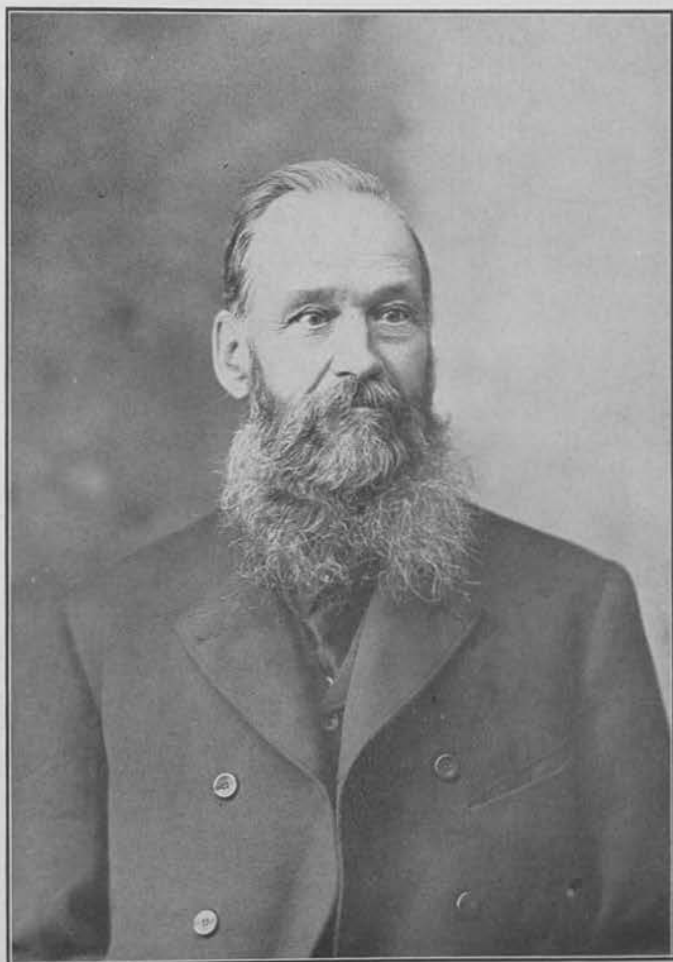
JACOB EEDE, one of the largest land owners and most extensive farmers in the township of Colchester South, is a fine example of what can be accomplished by strict attention to business and a quick appreciation of opportunities for advancing in the world. He was born in Gosfield township, County of Essex, Oct. 3, 1841, son of George and Elizabeth (Arner) Eede.

George Eede was a native of Sussex, England, born Jan. 21, 1812, son of Richard and Frances (Harrington) Eede. When twenty-one years of age he came to Canada, locating in Colchester township, County Essex, Ont. After a short interval he bought a farm of 100 acres in the fourth section, in Gosfield township, and was settled there for the greater part of his life. He accumulated considerable property, at one time owning 650 acres. His whole attention was devoted to farming and he reaped the natural harvest in the prosperity which followed his labors. He was a prominent and active Baptist, but his religious sympathies were broad, and he was interested in all work of that nature. It was while he was in attendance at the dedication of the Harrow Baptist Church that he was stricken with apoplexy, and he died before he could be moved from the church. He was sixty-four years of age. His wife in her maidenhood was Miss Elizabeth Arner, daughter of Jacob Arner, of Gosfield township, who belonged to one of the U. E. Loyalist families. To their union were born children as follows: Fannie (deceased), wife of Richard McLean, of

Gosfield; Jacob; Mary Ann, late wife of Jonas Wigle; Richard, who married Belle Ritchie, and lives in Lot 31, Gosfield township; Charles, in the wood and coal business in Ballston Spa, New York; John, who died at the age of five years; George, who married Miss Emily Fox, and resides on the homestead in Gosfield township; Henry, of Leamington, who married Miss Nettie Askew; Edmond, unmarried, for many years a practicing physician in Detroit, Michigan; Elizabeth, who died when nine years old; Thomas, for some years a physician in Leamington, who married Kate Cousins; and William, who died at the age of fifteen.

The Arner family, to which Mrs. George Eede belonged, was of German origin. Jacob Arner, her grandfather, was born in Pennsylvania, of German parents. As a mere boy he was forced into the American army, but being loyal to his king he escaped when the army was near the Canadian border, and in time made his way to the County of Essex, settling in Gosfield township, where he was given 200 acres of land as a reward for his loyalty. Adjoining this he purchased another 200 acres, making 400 acres in one tract in the southwestern part of the township, along the lake shore. During his lifetime the greater part of this land was cleared and converted into farm land. He married Barbara Arnold, who was born in Germany, but as a child was brought by her parents to America, her mother, however, dying on the voyage. Mr. Arner and his children made their home in Sandwich. To Jacob and Barbara Arner were born: John, who died young; Jacob; Susan, who married John Whittle, of Gosfield; Magdalene, who married (first) a Mr. Blakely, and (second) a Mr. West, of County Kent; Elizabeth, who married Joseph Julian, of County Kent; and Mary, who married Henry Huffman, of Colchester township.

Jacob Arner, son of Jacob and father of Mrs. Elizabeth (Arner) Eede, was born on the Gosfield township farm Dec. 3, 1793. As a boy he made his home with an uncle, a Mr. Arner, but in time he came into possession of the homestead, and he proved himself a most progressive and business-like man. He added to his acreage until he owned some 800 acres. The home is now owned by Miss Eliza Arner. Jacob Arner died on the homestead March 20, 1838. In Colchester he married Susan Iler, who was born June 27, 1797, daughter of Jacob Iler; and died Dec. 17, 1896, aged ninety-nine years, five



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months and twenty days. The children born of this union were as follows: Elizabeth, born May 29, 1819, is the widow of George Eede, of Gosfield, and the mother of Jacob Eede, mentioned below; John, born June 5, 1821, resided on the homestead, and died Dec. 19, 1886; Jacob, born July 15, 1823, lives near Kingsville; Barbara, born Nov. 3, 1825, married William Stadon, of Gosfield, and died Sept. 26, 1894; Lewis, born Nov. 6, 1828, is a wealthy farmer in Malden township; Mary, born March 10, 1831, married William C. Mickle, and lived for many years in Malden township; Susan, born Nov. 3, 1833, is the widow of Robert McLean, of Harrow; and Henry, born March 18, 1836, is living retired in Kingsville.

Jacob Eede grew up on the home farm in the township of Gosfield South, and, as he was the eldest son, his father naturally depended upon him for much assistance. He remained at home until he reached his majority, and then was given 100 acres of bush land in Lot B, Concession 2, by his father, where he settled down to make his own way in the world. Later he bought 200 acres more of wild land, adjoining his first tract, and managed this large place until 1880. Very little of the land had been cleared when it came into his possession, but by persistent industry, well directed, he has brought the property into a fine state of cultivation, and most of it is still in his possession.

In 1880 Mr. Eede rented his Gosfield farm and went to Colchester South, where he purchased from Judson Patton a tract of 280 acres, originally settled by John Cornwall. The first schoolhouse in that region was built on this property. This land was all cleared, but Mr. Eede has added many improvements and made a fine place of it. When he bought this land he agreed to pay \$11,000 for it, and he was obliged to borrow \$3,000 to make a payment. The popular idea was that he would never be able to rid the place of this heavy encumbrance, but his close application to his work, and his excellent business management of his affairs, have won him success, and proved false all prophecies of failure. He has been a lifelong farmer; one line to which he has given especial attention is the raising of hogs, and he sends from 150 to 180 to market every year.

On Aug. 8, 1864, Mr. Eede married Miss Mary Wigle, a daughter of Leonard Wigle, who has borne her husband a large family, viz.: Elizabeth, wife of George Waters, of Colchester

South; Eli, who died in 1892 at the age of twenty-five years; Leonard, owner of the farm adjoining his father's, who married Miss Mabel Atkin, of Colchester South, and has two children, Edmond Byron and Ruby; George, who has charge of the home place; Jacob, who was graduated from the Detroit Medical College, and is a farmer, practicing physician and vice-president of a national bank in Harvey, North Dakota; Nellie, Fannie and Martha, all at home; and Ellis, who died in 1902, aged nineteen.

In politics Mr. Eede is a supporter of the policy of the Reform party, but he has always been too busy to accept public office. His religious affiliations are with the Baptist Church in Harrow, in which he has served as a deacon, and he is an influential member. He has always been a hard worker, and has achieved his present position by the exercise of qualities which have earned him the respect of the community.

COLIN J. NEVILLE, a prosperous farmer of Gosfield South, and vice-president of the Erie Tobacco Company, of Windsor, is one of the leading men of the County of Essex, and he comes from an old pioneer family.

Francis Neville, grandfather of Colin J., was born in Colchester township, of Scotch parentage. He married Abigail Williams, and they settled near Cottam, where he took up 200 acres on Talbot street. He cleared his land and passed his whole life on that property, dying in 1867, aged sixty-seven years, and was buried at Cottam. His widow survived him until the age of eighty-nine years, and was laid by his side in the Cottam cemetery. Their children were: Thomas, born Jan. 3, 1823, lived near the homestead, married Agnes Beatty, and had a daughter and two sons; James, father of our subject, was born in 1825; Edward, born in 1827, lived near the homestead, and left a son and daughter; Jane married Joseph Gilboe, of Pontiac, Michigan; Abigail married Peter Gilboe, of North Ridge, Ont.; Mary married Charles Gilboe, and died some years ago; Charles married a Miss Sanford, and they left a son; Solomon, who resides at Cottam, married (first) Miss Booker; and Isabella married Alexander Neville, and lives in Pontiac, Michigan.

James Neville, father of our subject, was born Feb. 25, 1825, at Cottam, where he was reared, coming to the township of Gosfield South at the time of his marriage, Oct. 30, 1848. At this time he came into possession of the farm

on Lot 12, Con. 2, originally settled by the Wignes, and consisting of fifty acres of land which had been little improved. He completed the erection of a log house which had been started, and which stood just north of our subject's present house, which he occupied until 1867, when he built his present brick house, in which he lived until his death, which occurred April 13, 1869.

The mother of our subject and wife of James Neville, was Sarah Wigne, daughter of John W. and Salonica (Fox) Wigne, the latter of whom was born June 28, 1829, and died July 31, 1896. They had these children born to them: John, born Dec. 22, 1849, is manager of a hotel at St. Clair Flats, Michigan; Colin James, born Oct. 30, 1851; Mary Isabelle, born Dec. 9, 1853, died in September, 1897, married Wilthou Foster, and lived in Mersea township; Testimah, born Feb. 5, 1855, married Michael A. Wigne, of Ruthven; Susan Jane, born May 9, 1857, died aged three years; Dr. Windle D., born March 2, 1860, graduated at the Detroit Medical College, and is in practice at Eagle River, Wisconsin (he married Mae Ross of Port Huron); Maria Augusta, born March 27, 1862, is the widow of E. J. Wigne of Toronto; Cordelia Salonica, born Aug. 6, 1863, is the wife of Scott Foster, of Mersea township; Lucetta, born May 19, 1865, died aged two years; and Horatio Francis, born June 4, 1867, died Sept. 10, 1869.

Colin J. Nevel was born on the farm where he now resides. He attended the local schools and prepared himself for the life of an agriculturist, which he has followed with the exception of two years spent in the far North-west, 1873 and 1874, employed in the International Boundary Survey, during which time he gained a very thorough knowledge of the section which is now being so rapidly filled by settlers. When he returned he assumed charge of the home farm, to which he has added fifty adjoining acres, and during the past year has also purchased another desirable tract of land, fifty-five acres, on Lot 11, Concession 4, Mersea township. Taking a deep interest in his work and devoting his whole time to it, he has developed one of the finest farms of this section. He remodeled the brick residence in 1899, and has not neglected other improvements.

Politically Mr. Neville is a Reformer, but has never been prevailed upon to consent to holding office. He was one of the originators of the Erie Tobacco Company, which promises

to become a very important industry of this locality, and has been its vice-president during the three years of its existence.

In 1879, Mr. Neville married, at Leamington, Nellie Voy, born at St. Mary's April 15, 1858, and their four children are: Lorne Franklin, born Feb. 18, 1880; Erma Grace, born Oct. 22, 1882; Everett Arthur, born Jan. 8, 1887; and Elmer Newton, born Oct. 16, 1892. Mr. Neville is one of the progressive men of his community and has demonstrated the value of his ideas, by the success of his own business enterprises. He is highly esteemed by all who know him.

MURDOCH BROTHERS. The leading photographic house in Windsor is that conducted by William and Stanley Murdoch, under the firm style of Murdoch Bros., and it is the oldest house in its line in the city, having been established in 1877.

The Murdoch family, as the name indicates, is of Scotch extraction, the grandfather of these progressive business men, William Murdoch, having been born in Scotland in 1784. His whole life was spent in his native land, where he followed the occupation of plumber and gasfitter. There he married Agnes Law, and reared a family of eight children, four daughters and four sons.

John Murdoch, youngest son of William, and father of the Murdoch Bros., was born in Scotland, in 1824, and in that country married Rebecca Clark. His tastes were of a literary character. He kept a book store, was a printer, and also a bookbinder.

In 1855, seeking a wider field of activity, Mr. Murdoch, with his family, came to Canada, locating at Sandwich, Essex County, where he worked in the local newspaper, called *The Dominion*, in Windsor. This journal was founded by the late John Richmond, and was sold by him to Solomon White, who in turn disposed of it to John Murdoch and Thomas McKee. The latter at a later date sold his interest to his partner, who moved the paper to Sandwich, but afterward returned to Windsor, where he started a daily paper called the *Daily Dominion*, the first daily paper ever published in Windsor. Mr. Murdoch then sold the paper to Major Lewis, who changed its name to that of the *Essex Times*, and discontinued the daily. The death of John Murdoch occurred in 1879, at Sandwich; his widow and family now reside in Windsor. These children were born to John Murdoch and wife,

the first three born in Girvan, Scotland, the others in Sandwich, Essex County: Jamima, who died young; Agnes, wife of Thomas Ferguson, of Girvan, Ayrshire, Scotland; James C., now of Toronto; William A.; Elizabeth, wife of William Riddell; Gilbert C.; and Stanley A.

William A. Murdoch was educated in Sandwich, and has always had an artistic talent. In early manhood he learned the photographic business, and established his gallery in Windsor in 1877, soon after taking his brother, Stanley A. as a partner. The latter had the same educational advantages as his brother, and like him has always taken a deep interest in his profession. The firm of Murdoch Bros. is one of the leading ones in Western Ontario, and their artistic work commands the admiration and patronage of a wide extent of country. Their equipments are modern and beautiful, while their long experience and constant study have made them adepts in their line. Neither member of the firm has ever taken a very deep interest in politics. Their religious connection is with the Presbyterian Church.

E. W. SCANE, who departed this life April 1, 1902, was a leading barrister of Chatham, County of Kent, and his death removed from that city not only one of the oldest members of the Bar, but also one of her most prominent citizens and highly esteemed Christian gentlemen.

Mr. Scane was descended from English ancestry in both paternal and maternal lines. The first member of this family, concerning whom any definite data are obtainable, is Thomas Scane, the grandfather of E. W., who was born in England about the year 1765, and there married, his wife being also a native of England. Some time afterward he came to Ontario, and settled near St. Thomas (where his wife died) in the year 1820. In the year 1822 he moved to Howard township, County of Kent, settling on a farm, where he spent the remainder of his life, dying in 1845. Politically he was a Conservative. To Thomas Scane and his wife were born the following children: Ellen, who died in England; Jane, who died in Ontario; Betsy, who died in Ridgetown; and two sons, John and Thomas, both of whom came to Ontario with their father, and settled in Howard township, where Thomas died in 1871, leaving two sons, Henry and Thomas, and three daughters, Jane, Ellen (deceased) and Betsy Ann. Of these

Henry is now deceased, and Thomas still resides in Howard township.

John Scane, son of Thomas, and the father of E. W. Scane, was born in England in 1800, and came to Ontario about the same time his father emigrated. He settled on a farm in Howard township, County of Kent, now owned by James Scane, his son. John Scane married in 1822 Miss Elizabeth Mitton, who was born in England in 1798, and they became the parents of nine sons and two daughters, four sons dying in infancy. We have the following record of the others: (1) John, born in 1824, died in 1901; he married Catherine Marsh, by whom he had three children: Charles W., unmarried, who resides in Howard township; Harry, who married Addie Scarlett, and also lives in Howard township; and Elizabeth Alice, wife of J. Hamil. (2) James, born in 1826, married Jane Spence, and lives in Howard township. (3) Joseph, born in 1829, married Harriet Spence, and lived in Howard township until his death, in January, 1902. They had nine daughters, Alice, Ellen and Jane (who died in infancy), Louisa, Minnie, Mabel, Annie, Maud and Ethel, and three sons, George and John (who died in infancy), and James, a farmer of Howard, who married a Miss McDonald. Louisa married William Thorold, and lives in Ridgetown. Minnie married Alfred Savage, of Ridgetown. Mabel married Alfred Crodon, and lives in London. Annie married George Laing, of Ridgetown. Maud married James Craig, of Chicago, and Ethel married Roy Gammage. (4) Charles E., born in 1834, married Amanda Stover, and lives in Ridgetown. He has three sons and one daughter—Wilbur, who married Elizabeth Rushton; Harry; Roy; and Dora, Mrs. Buller. (5) Jane married John Toll. (6) E. W. is mentioned below.

E. W. Scane was born Sept. 9, 1838, in the township of Howard, on the same farm where he grew to manhood, and attended the rural schools. On his father's farm he formed the habits of industry and integrity which made him successful in both his profession and his business. In 1857 he entered Victoria College, graduating in 1858, and in the fall of that year entered the law office of C. R. Atkinson, with whom he remained five years. He passed his examination in 1865, and until his death was engaged in the practice of his profession in Chatham, being one of the oldest legal practitioners in the city. Mr. Scane was never a politician, preferring to give his time exclusively to his profession. He served

his city as member of the council in 1872-73, as mayor in 1882-83, and in 1900-01 was again in the council. He was for some time a member of the Collegiate Institute Board in Chatham, and always took an interest in the educational matters of his city.

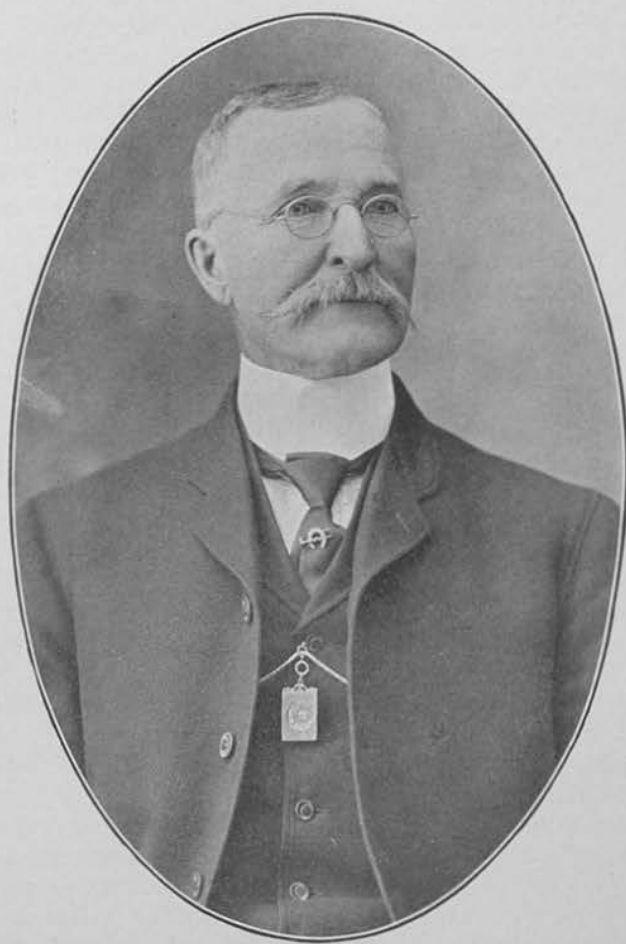
On Feb. 14, 1865, Mr. Scane and Miss Mary A. Spencer were united in marriage. Mrs. Scane is a daughter of William and Betsy (Cherry) Spencer, the former of whom was born in Hull, England, in 1800, and the latter in the United States in 1810. They located in Chatham in 1838, and Mr. Spencer died there in 1847, the mother on Aug. 7, 1893. They had five children: Adelaide (Mrs. Thomas Stone), deceased; William, of California; Timothy, of California, deceased; Mrs. Scane; and Samuel deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Scane became the parents of four children: (1) Walter W. was called to the Bar in 1887, and has been a legal practitioner in Chatham ever since, and is a member of the firm of Huston, Stone & Scane, barristers, of Chatham. He married Emma Wall, by whom he has two daughters, Mary and Margaret. (2) Adelaide Cherry married William J. Taylor, of Chatham, and has two children, William Wallace and Thomas Hulme. (3) John Wallace, a graduate of McGill Medical College, and now a practicing physician of Montreal, married Leonora Morris, and has one daughter, Mary Marjorie Amelia, and one son, John Morris. (4) Bessie C. married Joseph Hadley, of Chatham. Mr. Scane was a member of the Methodist Church, to which faith Mrs. Scane also adheres. Politically he was a Conservative. Mr. Scane owned one of the many beautiful homes in Chatham, and was numbered among the leading members of the legal profession, not only in Chatham, but in Ontario.

JOHN FINLAY. Among the prominent and progressive men of Pelee Island, County Essex, who have been largely instrumental in the development of this section of the country, John Finlay stands preeminent. As justice of the peace, extensive farmer, wine grower, and public-spirited citizen, he has borne his part in the commercial, industrial and social activity of the place, and lent his influence toward the successful accomplishment of all ideas calculated to prove beneficial to the community at large. His birth occurred in County Tyrone, Ireland, Jan. 5, 1843, and he is a son of Alexander Finlay.

Alexander Finlay was also born in County

Tyrone, Ireland, where he engaged in farming, and there he married Miss Jane Kyle, who was a native of Tyrone. She bore him three children in that county: Charles, who now resides in County Huron, Ont.; John; and a son who died in infancy, in 1846. That same year the parents with their two children embarked from Londonderry, Ireland, on a sailing-vessel for the New World, and after a long and weary voyage of six weeks reached Montreal, Nov. 5, 1846. They went west to County Dundas, and located on a farm where they spent eight years, when the father sold the property and moved to Howick township, County of Huron, obtaining a tract of 600 acres. At the time he obtained it the land was worth but little, but he worked upon it, made extensive improvements, and at the time of his death, which occurred in 1894, upon his property, it was a very valuable possession. He was buried in McIntosh cemetery, and his faithful wife, who departed this life at the age of sixty-five years, lies by his side. The following children were born to these parents after they reached their new home: William, a resident of County Huron; James, a resident of Pelee Island; Jane, who married Jacob Cathers and resides in County Huron; Alexander, residing in County Huron; and Margaret, who died young.

John Finlay was but three years of age when he was brought by his parents to Canada, and he was reared to farm work and given the educational advantages afforded by the public schools, first in County Dundas and later in County Huron. He grew to stalwart young manhood upon the homestead in County Huron, and remained with his father until he was twenty-three years of age. At that time he began farming for himself on a tract of 100 acres, on which property he erected a log house, and continued to improve the land, which he later sold, coming to Pelee Island, where he purchased sixty acres of bush land. For some years Mr. Finlay worked his farm, introducing grape culture. As he was one of the first to engage in this profitable business he reaped very substantial rewards, but still greater prosperity was in store for him, as in 1896 the first oil well on the island was discovered upon his property. Now there are three oil wells in active operation by the New York & Lake Erie Oil & Gas Co., Mr. Finlay retaining possession of the property. Gas has also been discovered, so that this farm is one of the most valuable in the county. In



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addition Mr. Finlay owns forty acres of what was once marsh land, all of which is under cultivation, and yielding handsome returns on the investment. He has a handsome modern home, well supplied with conveniences, and comfortably furnished, while his barns and outbuildings are commodious and kept in fine condition.

While residing in County Huron, Feb. 21, 1866, Mr. Finlay married Miss Elizabeth Scott, daughter of John Scott, and the following children were born to this union: John S., who operates a part of the homestead, married Mary Lucas, and has two children, Ruby and Percy; Ella Jane, unmarried, is a stenographer and typewriter, employed at Chicago; William Thomas was killed by gas in 1892; Herbert is an engineer at Mansfield, Ohio; Lillian May is employed by the Detroit Scale Co., of Detroit, Michigan; Louis is at the home.

For many years Mr. Finlay has been justice of the peace, and he has served as township clerk for one year. In politics he is a strong Conservative, while he governs his life by the teachings of the Golden Rule which he believes embraces all creeds. The family attend the Methodist Church, toward which he has been very generous, giving the land upon which the present structure stands. Mr. Finlay also helped to build the first schoolhouse on the island, and for seven years served as a member of the board of education. Socially he belongs to the Orange Lodge at Windsor, and the A. O. U. W. at Kingsville. Mr. Finlay is a popular man, highly respected and honored for his sound judgment, his public spirit and his generous, kindly nature.

Mrs. Elizabeth (Scott) Finlay was born in Bowmanville, Ont., April 21, 1844, daughter of John and Barbara (Miller) Scott, natives of Ireland, but of Scotch parentage. They were wedded before leaving the Emerald Isle, and they made their first Canadian home in the County of Waterloo, Ont. By trade John Scott was a shoemaker. He died in the faith of the Methodist Church in 1854, aged forty years. His widow died in 1889, aged seventy-two years. She was a member of the Church of England. Their children were: Mary, deceased wife of Thomas Freeborn; John, a postmaster in Dakota; James, a retired carpenter in Leskard, Ont.; Elizabeth, Mrs. Finlay; Edward, a farmer in Manitoba; and Barbara E., of Toronto, widow of James Ferguson.

WALTER STARES, manager, secretary and treasurer of the Electric Light Company of Leamington, and one of the enterprising and successful business men of his locality, was born at "Firn Hills," Titchfield, Hampshire, England. He was educated in Blenheim House, Fareham, and after finishing his course became a midshipman on H. M. S. "Victory," but as he did not like a sea-faring life he left the service, and enlisted in the 15th King's Hussars; he entered as a private, and after completing his course as a recruit was promoted to the rank of full trumpeter. At the time he purchased his discharge, he enjoyed the reputation of being the best swordsman in the regiment, and best master of foils, and he was popular with men and officers alike. After purchasing his discharge, he traveled until finally settling down in Canada, first at Ridgetown, and later at Leamington, where for the past quarter of a century he has been one of the leading men of the town, and prominent in its development.

In 1888 Mr. Stares became one of the organizers of the Electric Light Company, of which he was president until 1900, when he was made manager, secretary and treasurer, and under his able management the company has become a very important factor in the business world of Leamington. It is a concern of unquestioned financial standing.

In 1870 Mr. Stares married, in England, Miss Eliza White, daughter of James White, and her family is an old and prominent one. Mr. Stares is a member of the Church of England, and Mrs. Stares of the Methodist Church. In politics Mr. Stares is a Conservative. He was candidate for mayor of Leamington, and although defeated polled a very large vote. Fraternally he is a member of the A. F. & A. M. and the I. O. O. F., and is a very popular man in both organizations.

ALEXANDER H. ASKIN, an old-time civil engineer, who was one of the surveyors for the route of the Great Western railroad, is a descendant of one of the pioneer families of County Essex. He still resides at the old home (called Strabane) of his father and grandfather, in Sandwich East, adjoining Walkerville, the present residence having been erected by his father in 1840.

John Askin, his grandfather, born in 1735 at Strabane, County Tyrone, Ireland, of Scotch lineage, emigrated when sixteen years of age.

He first settled at New York, thence moving to Albany, and accompanied in 1762 "The Relief" with supplies for the garrison at Detroit, besieged by Pontiac. He was attached as Commissariat to the British troops at Mackinac and afterward at Detroit. In 1794 he was commissioned lieutenant-colonel of the North Essex Battalion and commanded this force for twenty years, first at Detroit, then at Sandwich [Vide letters and orders dated Detroit, Aug. 20, 1794, issued by Col. Richard England—24th Regiment—calling out the Essex Militia to assemble at Detroit and prepare to resist the encroachments of the United States forces on disputed territory; Detroit and the vast territory west of the Wabash was not ceded to the United States until 1796], when the British troops marched out of the stockaded fort, with colors flying and fifes playing the "British Grenadiers."

The children of John Askin, Sr., by his first marriage were: John Askin, Jr., whose son was Col. John B. Askin, of London, Canada, (both men took a very active part in 1812-1815 in the defense of their country); Catherine, Mrs. Robt. Hamilton, of Queenston; and Madeline, who married at Niagara Dr. Richardson, of the Queen's or Simcoe's Rangers (they became the parents of John Richardson, the novelist).

John Askin's second marriage, which occurred at Detroit in 1771, was to Orchange Barth, one of three distinguished sisters, ladies of the old French days. Commodore Alexander Grant, lieutenant of the County of Essex, married another, and Capt. Mercer, of the "King's 8th Regiment of Foot," the third sister. Of this marriage with Orchange Barth there was issue: (1) Theresa, born at Mackinac in February, 1774, married Col. Thomas McKee. (2) Archange, born at Mackinac in February, 1775, married at the age of sixteen, Capt. David Meredith, of the Royal Artillery, then stationed at Detroit, who after much hard service in his troublesome days rose to the rank of colonel. He died at Halifax. His widow lived to the age of ninety-six years. Her many graphic letters from England covering the terrible period of the French Revolution and succeeding wars would compile into a veritable historic book. (3) Alice married Col. Elijah Brush, an American, whose immediate descendants, now passed away, took important parts in the development of the city of Detroit and the State of Michigan, and materially aided the subject of our sketch in his professional life. (4) Charles Askin was the father of our subject.

Charles Askin, born in 1785 at Detroit, died at the age of eighty-five at his residence, Strabane. He resided from 1806 to 1820 on the Niagara frontier at Queenston and Carnboro, and Paris on the Grand river, where he opened out the plaster beds. He was with Gen. Brock at the taking of Detroit, a volunteer in the ranks of the 41st Regiment (Welsh), wearing a red jacket and a "Bucket" hat, and for his services received a medal (some forty years after). This precious memento is now in the possession of our subject, together with an equally precious letter from Sir John Beverley Robinson (December, 1850), intimating that he had the medal in his safe keeping, till sent for by some sure and accredited hand. The then John Beverley Robinson was also with Brock's venture and a trusty volunteer in the ranks of the same regiment. After this exploit the inhabitants along the Grand river persuaded Lieut. Charles Askin, of the North Essex Militia, to take rank as Captain in the 2nd Lincoln, under Col. Thomas Clark. He was at the taking of Fort George (night attack), was at the sacking of Buffalo (prize two violins), also at the affair of the Beaver Dams, and others; was entrusted with important despatches from headquarters to these parts. About 1820 he returned to Essex to assume the executive of a large landed interest. He was clerk of the peace of the Western District, embracing Essex, Kent and Lambton. Copies of his official returns of population, etc., of 1830-31, are now curiosities.

Charles Askin was married at Sandwich in 1822 to Monique Jacobs, daughter of George Jacobs, an Englishman, captain in the 1st Kent Militia about 1809, when living on the River Thames, where he served (and where he hewed out a considerable fortune for those days). Phillis Jacobs, another daughter, was Mrs. Alexander McKee, of Sandwich, the mother of the late Thomas and James McKee, and Mrs. Rankin, and of Alexander McKee and Mrs. Marcon, who survive her.

Charles and Monique Askin's children were: (1) Orchange Mary, born Feb. 25, 1823; (2) John David, born Aug. 15, 1824, died in 1866; (3) Charles Hamilton, born April 30, 1826, died in 1878; (4) Alfred, born Dec. 20, 1829, died in California in 1859; (5) Alexander Henry, born March 25, 1831, the subject of this sketch; (6) Elizabeth, born Aug. 1, 1833, died in 1869. All our subject's brothers and sisters were unmarried.

The other children of John Askin and Orchange Barth were: (5) Col. James Askin (Essex Militia, some time registrar of the county) and (6) Alexander David, who also did their share of duty in the war of 1812-15; and (8) Phillis Elinor, who married Richard Pattinson, a wealthy merchant of Sandwich, whose children were: Richard, afterward captain in the Queen's 16th Lancers, and who distinguished himself in India under Lord Gough, was in the famous charge of the 16th Lancers at Aliwal and was at Sobraon (the Sulleg medal—two clasps), exchanged into a Highland regiment, and when stationed at Halifax in 1848 visited his native town of Sandwich and the old rendezvous "Strabane"; he finished his military career with some old cavalry comrades in the Crimea. His sister—also born at Sandwich—married Major Hugh Rose, who was killed at the battle of the Alma.

Our subject does not claim that the family was a "fighting" one, but the circumstances of the times forced an issue and a declaration of who and what they were. John Askin and his descendants and connections distinctly declared themselves British and acted their part. Our subject, who during his childhood, heard many stirring incidents narrated by those who took part therein, and himself witnessed some of the horrors of war, even in the comparatively small troubles of 1837-38, knows that the struggle to preserve this part of the country as British was a serious task, and he possesses much written evidence to prove it. At one time (about 1794) this western country was known as Hess. Detroit was its executive center, with immense undefined surroundings. Canada was looked upon as the ultimate refuge of those who would stick to the British flag. That part of the Essex proper of to-day was settled by many Hessians of the King's foreign legion, whose descendants are now occupying the best part of Canada, as they deserve.

The subject of this sketch had a natural taste for drawing and mechanics, had his instructions directed toward engineering, and felt rejoiced when the survey for the Great Western railway presented itself, obtaining employment thereon—the first important railway constructed in Canada, and with which he was connected for many years. He has seen the primitive equipment of railways brought up to its present stage of advancement, and most of the Western District turned from a howling wilderness to culti-

vated fields. He had his share of the discomforts, if not hardships, inseparable from surveys through a sparsely settled wooded or prairie country. For many years Mr. Askin was an officer of the 13th Battalion, Hamilton, and was present at the affair of Ridgeway, June 2, 1866.

Mr. Askin was married, at Hamilton, Sept. 4, 1862, to Anna Ivanna Caddy, who was born at Woolwich, England, daughter of Capt. John Herbert Caddy, Royal Artillery, who was born at Quebec and partly educated at Sandwich (Pringle's school), during the time that his father was quartered at Amherstburg with his Battery of Artillery. He was a friend and companion of the McKees. Capt. John H. Caddy was sent to Canada in 1840 and stationed with his Battery of Artillery at London and there retired from military life some years later. He visited Essex sixty years after the time of his school days. Our subject feels much indebted to the late captain for valuable aids in drafting and instructions in water-color drawings. The children of this marriage were: Alfred Hamilton, born Oct. 16, 1863, who died Oct. 16, 1881, while a student of much promise; Mary Elizabeth, who has taken up music as a profession; Grace Anna, who married Charles Norman Bull, and has three little girls who promise to follow the loyal traditions of the family; Erskin Herbert, civil engineer, who married Florence Bull; they have a bright little daughter, Murial by name.

Although Mr. Askin has outlived many of his friends and former associates, and has passed his three-score and ten milestone, he retains the appearance and vigor of a much younger man. He is widely known and respected. He has been identified with much of the material development of his section and few men are better informed concerning County Essex topography or history than Engineer Askin.

JOHN SPIERS, one of the leading residents of Sandwich, and a man universally respected, is descended from Scotch ancestry on both sides of the family, and the first of whom there is any definite record on his father's side was James Spiers, the grandfather, who was born in Scotland about 1790, and there lived and died. Among his children was a son, John.

John Spiers, son of James, was the father of our subject. He was born in Beath, Scotland, in 1818, and there grew to manhood. He married Ann Gibb, who was born in Lochwinnoch, Scot-

land, daughter of William Gibb. To this marriage were born thirteen children, three of whom are living: Barbara, Jane and John.

Mrs. Ann (Gibb) Spiers died Sept. 27, 1864, when her son John was not quite twelve years old. In 1857 the family moved from Scotland to Canada, landing in Quebec on the 27th of October. They came to Ontario, and settled in the township of Sandwich, County of Essex. The father had preceded them in 1854, with the intention of settling in the Eastern States. He traveled through Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts and Rhode Island, finding his trade of dresser of cloth in great demand, and commanding much better pay than in his native country. The inducements of his married sisters, who had settled in the County of Essex, however, prevailed, and he, too, located here.

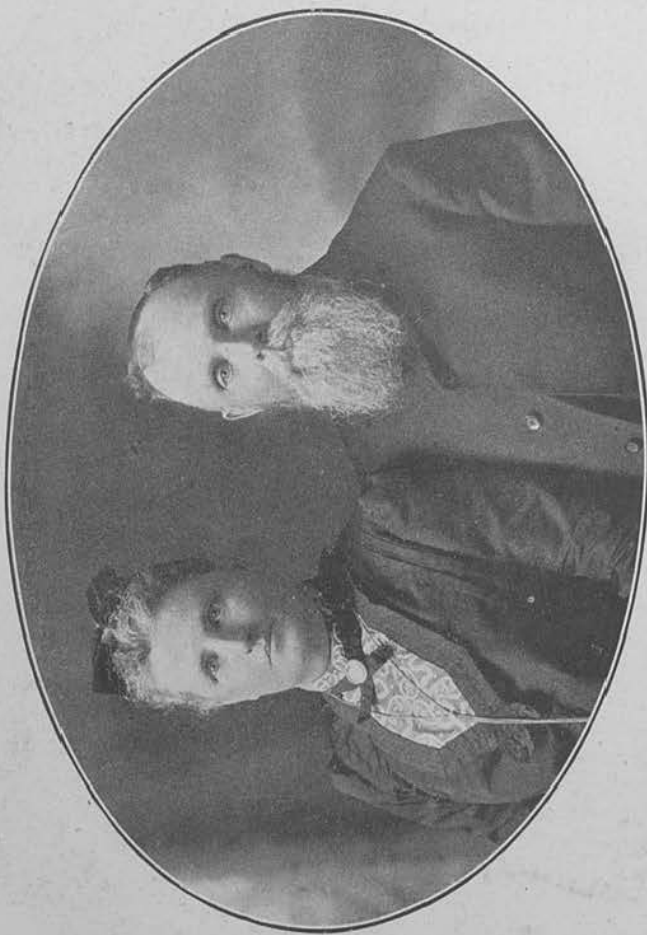
John Spiers, our subject, was born in Glasgow, Scotland, Jan. 3, 1853, and was about five years of age when the family crossed the ocean. He grew to manhood in Sandwich, and there acquired his education. In 1868 he began his business career as a measurer of lumber at Alpena, Michigan, for his uncle, who had a sawmill and kept a large boarding house and general store, and a good portion of the time the latter was in charge of Mr. Spiers. Later he returned to Sandwich, where he clerked for a time, and then, in 1871, he was made deputy postmaster. In 1874 he formed a partnership with Thomas Ferguson in a general merchandising business, and after one year he purchased his partner's interest, and has since continued it alone, now being one of the oldest business men in Sandwich. In 1885 he was appointed treasurer of Sandwich, and in 1891 was re-appointed, still retaining that office. In 1895 he was also honored by the appointment of postmaster. Fraternally he is a member of the K. of P., A.O.U.W., K.O.T.M., and the National Union of Detroit, and has passed all the chairs of these orders. He is a member of Windsor Lodge, No. 403, A.F. & A.M. Politically Mr. Spiers is a Conservative, and always takes an active part in local affairs. Religiously he is a member of the Church of England, in which he takes a prominent part, and has been one of the officials for many years. All of his family are communicants in the same faith.

In 1878 Mr. Spiers and Miss Isabel Tasker, of Windsor, were united in marriage, and the following children have been born to their union: Jessie Ann, organist in St. John's Episcopal

Church, of Sandwich, where her father has sung in the choir for many years, and she is a teacher of music and assistant in the postoffice; Isabel, organist in the Sunday School, and assistant in the postoffice; Barbara Ella, employed in the office of the Stimpson Scales Manufacturing Company, of Detroit; and Jennie May, Ethel, Lillie, Florence and Winnifred, students in the public schools of Sandwich. Mr. Spiers is highly esteemed by all who know him, both as a business man and public official, and his influence in the community for good is largely felt and highly appreciated.

FOX. Jonas Fox, the eldest son of Philip Fox, the first settler of the name in this country, was born in Pennsylvania, and was a young man when the family came to Gosfield. He received from the government Lot 9, on the lake shore, and erected a log house on the lake shore, but later he put up a large frame building, the lumber for which was hauled from Windsor. In order to make the house unusually warm the walls were filled with brick. This house was torn down about 1858, having stood there for about forty years. Jonas Fox cleared up his farm, and increased largely his original holdings, adding Lot 8, so that he had 400 acres in one block; he also bought 200 acres on the Talbot Road, in Romney township, County of Kent. For his time he was a very successful man. In religious belief he was a Methodist. He was married to Susan Bruner, who died in 1854, aged eighty-four years, and he died in 1848, at the same age. He was buried on his home lot, and his widow was buried in the Albertville cemetery. Their children were as follows: Philip is mentioned below. Henry was the father of William J. Michael married Mary Truax, and died in Illinois, in 1903. Jonas came into possession of a portion of the old homestead and married Margaret McLean. George, the only one now living, resides at Put-in-Bay, Ohio, and he married Jane Mills. Barbara married Joseph Malott, of Mersea. Susan married Joseph Paine, of Mersea. Elizabeth died at the age of five years.

Philip Fox, eldest son of Jonas Fox, was born on Lot 9, in Gosfield, and first settled on his father's land in Romney township. Afterward he returned to Gosfield South, and located on the west quarter of Lot 8. His death was caused by drowning in 1842. Philip Fox married Ann Hairsine, a native of Yorkshire, Eng-



Mrs. S. C. Fox Solomon. C. Fox

land, and to them were born: Charles, born in Romney township, Aug. 17, 1829; Rebecca, who married John James Campbell, of Mersea township; Thomas, who died young; Mary, now deceased, who married Alexander Wilkinson; George, who married Julia Quick, and lived on the present Philip Fox place, and whose daughter, Georgianna, married William D. McDonald, and lives on Lot 13, Concession 2; Melissa, who married Henry Wiper, of Leamington, Mersea township; Jane, who married Thomas Quick, of Mersea township; and Charlotte, deceased, who married Peter Hetherington, Jr. For her second husband Mrs. Fox married Peter Hetherington, Sr., of Romney township.

Charles Fox, son of Philip, was born Aug. 17, 1829. Losing his father when thirteen years of age, he was early thrown on his own responsibility. In time he came into possession of fifty acres in Lot 8, upon which but little clearing had been done. Later he added considerable acreage to his holdings, and the house he built is still standing, although not used as a residence. In 1871 he purchased a farm in Mersea township, and located upon it. Later he still further added to his holdings, and he had 100 acres in Concession 9, fifty in Concession 10, in addition to Lots 8 and 9, in Gosfield township. He carried on general farming throughout his life, and was very successful. By careful business methods and right living he ever enjoyed universal esteem. His death occurred Nov. 12, 1885. His first marriage occurred Nov. 20, 1849, his bride being Caroline Wiper, who was born in Mersea May 29, 1828, and who died at the age of forty-six years. For his second wife Charles Fox married a widow, Sarah J. (Fair) Little. The children by his first marriage were as follows: Solomon C., of Ruthven, born Sept. 12, 1850, mentioned more extensively later on. Philip C., born June 26, 1852, also mentioned later on; and Minnie, born Dec. 5, 1866, married to Homer Wigle, a farmer on Lot 6, Gosfield South.

SOLOMON C. Fox was born on Lot 8, Gosfield South, Sept. 12, 1850, and first attended a school taught by Miss Elizabeth Coatsworth. At the age of twenty-one years he located on the western portion of Lots 9 and 10, on a farm of 113 acres, of which he cleared seventeen acres, a little later coming into possession of the east one-fourth of Lot 8 (immediately adjoining the other), where he moved with his family; this property lies in Gosfield South, in the 1st Concession. There

he resided, carrying on general farming, until Sept. 17, 1891, when, owing to ill-health, caused by a stroke of paralysis, he discontinued, and his son Clifford is now farming the home place. Four years ago Mr. Fox built himself a handsome brick house in Ruthven, and now lives retired. In politics he is a Conservative. He and his family are members of the Ruthven Methodist Church. Fraternally he is a member of the Odd Fellows' lodge at Ruthven.

On July 10, 1872, in Gosfield township, Mr. Fox married Emma Haley, who was born in Port Burwell, May 17, 1856, a daughter of John Haley, a native of England, who came to Canada at the age of eight years, and who now lives in Ohio. John Haley married Catherine Scholan, a native of Ireland, who died in Windsor when Mrs. Fox, her only child, was three years old. After her mother's death Mrs. Fox was taken by her grandfather, John Haley, a hotel man at Sandwich, and later she lived in the family of Peter Malott until her marriage. To Mr. and Mrs. Fox have come the following children: Caroline, born June 9, 1873, married Thorbourn H. Wigle, and they have one daughter, Greeta May, born Aug. 22, 1895; Clifford, born Jan. 7, 1876, married Blanche Orton, and he carries on the home farm; and Daisy, born June 11, 1879, married Gernsey Bruner.

PHILIP C. Fox was born on the lot where he now resides, June 26, 1852. He received his education in school section No. 3, Gosfield South, and at the age of twenty years began farming for himself, in time becoming the owner of 100 acres in Lot 8. Later he purchased fifty acres more, which is part of Lots 7 and 8, in the Gore, and this he gave to his son, Milburn, who resides there. Mr. Fox did some of the clearing of his place, and the greater portion of the building, and the farm is now in fine condition. It has been christened "Silver Brook Farm," gaining its name from a stream that flows almost by the door of the house. Mr. Fox carries on general farming, and is an extensive stock buyer, also during the winter season buying and selling a large quantity of grain, and being counted among the enterprising farmers and business men of his township.

In his political opinions Mr. Fox is a Conservative, and he has always taken a lively interest in township affairs, serving as deputy reeve for two years, after which, in 1900, he was elected reeve, an office he still capably fills. For the past twenty-three years he has been trustee

of school section No. 3. Both Mr. Fox and his wife are consistent members of the Ruthven Methodist Church, of which he is now steward and trustee. Fraternally he is connected with the Odd Fellows and Masons.

Mr. Fox married Blanche Malott, who died soon afterward. For his second wife he married Christina Malott, a sister of his first wife, daughter of William J. Malott. The children born of this happy union are: Milburn, born Feb. 20, 1874, married Minnie, daughter of Charles Wigle, and they have one daughter, Josie Margrette, born April 5, 1900. Norah, born April 9, 1878, married C. Cascadden, of Ruthven, and they have a daughter, Dorris Madeline, born Nov. 15, 1897. Addie, born May 1, 1880, married Maurice Stevens, a saddler of Leamington. Albert Godwin, born April 23, 1883, is at home.

ALEXANDER BARTLET, Police Magistrate of Windsor, has been officially connected with that city since 1858, and he is the third in direct line in the Bartlet family to bear the name of Alexander.

Alexander Bartlet, his father, was born in Scotland in 1780, and died in 1827. He married Mary Redford, who was born in 1778, daughter of William Redford, one of the octogenarians of his locality. Mrs. Bartlet died in 1837.

Alexander Bartlet, son of Alexander (2), was born Dec. 31, 1822, in Scotland, and being but five years old when his father died he was taken to the home of his mother's brother. In 1841 he came to Ontario, and in October of that year located in Amherstburg, where he followed contracting and building for thirteen years, and then for a period was engaged in the Dougall lumber yards. In 1858 he was elected clerk of the municipality of Windsor, being the second incumbent of that office, his predecessor being John Stewart. This position Mr. Bartlet most acceptably filled until 1879. The year previous he had been appointed police magistrate, and that responsible position he has held ever since, advancing years but giving him more experience. For thirty-five years he was secretary-treasurer of the board of education.

In 1851 Mr. Bartlet married Helen Noble, daughter of James Noble, of Scotland. She passed away in 1882, leaving children as follows: Barbara, who is the wife of James W. Peddie, a merchant of Windsor; Ann, Mrs. Andrew Braid; Noble Alexander, who is a member of the law firm of Clarke, Bartlet & Bart-

let; Alexander R., also of the above-named law firm; and Eva B., who married Malcolm McGregor, of Detroit, and has two children, Margaret and Jessie.

Mr. Bartlet is the oldest living member of the Presbyterian Church in Windsor, has been session clerk of that body since 1857, and has represented the church at its synods and other gatherings. Politically he is a Liberal, and his long public career in Windsor has made him known to every citizen. A man of genial presence and courteous manner, he enjoys a wide friendship, and his justice and integrity of character make him an ideal official.

LIEUT.-COL. NOBLE ALEXANDER BARTLET, commanding officer of the 21st Regiment, is a member of the prominent legal firm of Clarke, Bartlet & Bartlet, of Windsor, was born Sept. 9, 1860, son of Alexander Bartlet, and his education was acquired in the public schools of his native city. At an early age Mr. Bartlet began his legal studies, his preceptor being J. F. Bell, of Windsor, with whom he remained until he completed his course, and in 1886 he was accepted as a partner by Mr. Bell. In the following year he formed a partnership with his brother, Alexander R. Bartlet, the firm title being Bartlet & Bartlet, which continued until 1892, when Mr. A. H. Clarke (now M.P. for South Essex) was admitted, the firm name being changed to Clarke, Bartlet & Bartlet, another change being made in the style upon the admission of Mr. M. K. Cowan, an ex-M.P., in 1896. Mr. Cowan retired from the firm in 1904.

Col. Bartlet has been a member of the board of managers of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church since 1891, and its chairman since 1898. He succeeded his father as superintendent of the Sunday School—a position the latter held for forty years.

On Nov. 21, 1888, in Winnipeg, Mr. Bartlet was married to Miss Adda M. Peddie, daughter of James W. Peddie, a prominent merchant of that city, and to this union three children were born, namely: Frank A., born Nov. 21, 1889; Florence, born April 5, 1892; Helen Noble, born Nov. 14, 1895, died Oct. 26, 1899. Mrs. Bartlet died Dec. 2, 1902. Mr. Bartlet adheres to the principles of the Reform party, and during political campaigns takes an active part as speaker. The family is one of the prominent ones of the city, leading in both religious and social circles, and enjoying universal esteem.

ALEXANDER R. BARTLET, junior partner of

Clarke, Bartlet & Bartlet, was born Nov. 24, 1862, in Windsor, son of the well-known police magistrate, Alexander Bartlet. He obtained his literary education in the public schools and Toronto University, graduating from the former in 1880, and from the latter in 1884, with the degree of B.A., having taken a special course in mathematics. Upon completing his literary studies at the University, Mr. Bartlet took up the study of law, and in 1887 was called to the Bar, and in the same year received his certificate as a solicitor. The partnership of Bartlet & Bartlet was then formed and it continued as above stated until 1892.

Politically Mr. Bartlet is identified with the Liberal party, being the vice-president for Windsor, and takes a very active part during campaigns, not as an office seeker, but as a promoter of the principles he deems best for the government of the country, and he exerts a strong influence.

On Jan. 12, 1892, Mr. Bartlet was united in marriage with Miss Fannie H. Graham, the youngest daughter of the late J. C. Graham, of St. Catharines. Both Mr. and Mrs. Bartlet are attendants upon the services of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. In Windsor, Mr. Bartlet bears the reputation of a most reliable counselor and able solicitor, and he possesses also those qualifications which make him personally popular to a wide circle of friends.

RICHARD L. GOSNELL, a leading barrister of the County of Kent, who for the past twelve years has been in the active practice of his profession in the town of Blenheim, is a descendant of one of the early settled families of the county.

The Gosnell family is of south of Ireland nativity, and contrary to the general religious tendencies of the residents of that part of the Emerald Isle, they are Protestant in religion. Joseph Gosnell, the grandfather of Richard L., was born in Ireland, and there married Mary Webb, also a native of that locality. In 1832, with wife and children, Mr. Gosnell came to Ontario, stopping for a season in Toronto. His journey there ended, his death taking place the same year. The bereaved widow with her children pushed on into the County of Kent and located in 1833 in Orford township, where some of the descendants are still living. The children of Joseph and Mary Gosnell were: Joseph, George, Lawrence and Henry, all deceased; James, the father of

Richard L., still living; Frances and Ann, deceased; Sarah, Mrs. James Ostrander, living in the State of Illinois; Ellen, Mrs. Reycraft, of Orford, deceased; and Mary (twin to Sarah), who died in infancy, in Ireland.

JAMES GOSNELL, fifth son of Joseph, was born in Ireland, April 25, 1822, and accompanied his parents to Ontario in 1832, remaining with his mother after the death of his father, and assisting her until his own marriage, in 184—, to Elizabeth Salter, daughter of Thomas Salter, also of Irish extraction. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. James Gosnell settled on a farm in Orford township, County of Kent, where they have passed together more than half a century, and are still surviving, surrounded by their many friends. To them were born the following named children: Susan Ann married David Lattimer of Howard township, and both are now deceased. Thomas S. married Maud Walker, and resides in Winnipeg, where he is collector of inland revenue; their only daughter bears the name of Eileen. Joseph, who resides at DeKalb, State of Illinois, married Mary Mills and their three children are Byron W., Richard Roy and Glenn. William A., who resides in Ridgetown, married Allie Mitton, and they have one son, Hal. John J. is unmarried and resides on the old homestead in Orford. George G. died at the age of twenty-two years. Richard L. is mentioned below. Mary Elizabeth is still at home.

Richard L. Gosnell was born May 17, 1863 on the old homestead in Orford township, where he grew to manhood, alternately employed in assisting on the farm and attending school. He began teaching when not more than seventeen years of age; and followed that profession for three years, after which he entered the Ridgetown Collegiate Institute, preparatory to the study of law. In the fall of 1884 he found the opportunity to begin his legal studies with N. Mills, of Ridgetown, later entering the office of Foy & Kelly, of Toronto, and after passing his necessary examinations, with great credit, was called to the Bar, in November, 1889. On Jan. 10, 1890, Mr. Gosnell announced himself ready for practice in Blenheim, and was so cordially received that it has been his home ever since.

Since 1889 Mr. Gosnell has been notary public. By the request and solicitation of the council of Blenheim he was appointed, June 23, 1891 police magistrate of the town, and ably performed the duties of that office until his resignation, which took place Aug. 1, 1902. Since set-

ting in Blenheim he has been active in politics, not as a candidate for office, but in furthering the causes of his friends and the interests of his party. He is ex-president of the East Kent Reform Association, having held that office for one term. Mr. Gosnell is one of the trustees of the Ridgeway Collegiate Institute, appointed by the county council in 1901, being one of the three county representatives on the board. In fraternal life he has also been prominent, and is a leading member of the I.O.O.F. and the Masons, having passed through the chairs in both of these orders.

In March, 1892, Mr. Gosnell was united in marriage with Miss Lillie, daughter of William Tape, and granddaughter of Thomas Tape, well-known citizens of Howard and Orford townships respectively. Mr. and Mrs. Gosnell are members of the Methodist Church, in which they are active, as they are also in the pleasant social enjoyments of the town, where both are most highly esteemed.

J. D. ARTHUR DEZIEL, clerk of the Seventh Division Court, of the County of Essex, and a prominent political worker, is a most highly regarded citizen of Windsor. He is a descendant of an old French family of the Dominion, the Deziel family having been founded in Canada by two brothers, Pierre and Gabriel Deziel, who came hither from France in 1768. The former settled on a farm near Quebec, but soon afterward accepted a position offered him in that city, and there he lived, married and died.

Gabriel Deziel settled at Three Rivers, Quebec, and purchased a farm upon which he passed his life. His son, Gabriel (2), was the grandfather of J. D. A. Deziel, of Windsor. Gabriel Deziel (2) was born in 1776, at Three Rivers, married a Miss Champoux, and had born to him the following children: Gabriel, Godfrey, Joseph David, Joseph, Moses, Louis de Gonzague (the father of Mr. Deziel) and Sophie (the youngest).

Louis de Gonzague Deziel was born in 1821, at Maskinonge, and spent the greater part of his life at Joliette, where he was a notary public for many years, and where he died in 1891. He married Julie Landry, daughter of Francois Landry, and children as follows were born to them: J. D. Arthur; L. Anselme, who is a priest at Beauport, near Quebec; Elmezime, who married a Michand; St. David, sister of the Congre-

gation Notre Dame, of Quebec; Abelard and Gaspard, of Lowell, Massachusetts; and Elia, deceased. The mother of this family passed away at the age of sixty years.

J. D. Arthur Deziel was born April 12, 1844, at Joliette, in the Province of Quebec, and received excellent educational advantages at Levis, near Quebec. When he attained manhood, he began his business life as a merchant on Woodward avenue, Detroit, in 1870, and for fifteen years continued in that line, when failing health necessitated his retirement for a year of recuperation. In 1887 he purchased a fine farm in Rochester township, Lot 6, West River, Ruscom, which has been his home ever since. Mr. Deziel has always been interested in politics, and has been considered a very valuable adjunct of the Liberal party, being an effective campaign speaker and a successful party worker. He is vice-president of the Liberal party of the County of Essex, and has done effective work in this connection. During 1890-91-92 he was clerk of his township, and was reeve during 1893-94-95, and in 1896 he became county councillor. In 1900 he was elected warden of the County of Essex, and on Dec. 1, 1901, he was appointed clerk of the Seventh Division Court of the county, with office at Windsor. This brought to the city a man who is most highly regarded in social, religious and public life.

In 1877 Mr. Deziel was married to Miss Elmira, daughter of Henry and Mary E. (Campau) Lacroix, of Detroit, and to this union have been born six children, as follows: Louis, Marie, Eva, Lea, Leo and Julie. The religious connection of the family is with the Roman Catholic Church.

Mr. Deziel is not only a man of literary tastes and cultured inclinations, but he also desires to advance education in the community in which he finds a home. His own children have been given every advantage and have been thoroughly instructed in both the French and English languages, both at Chatham and at Quebec. They are also highly accomplished in music and in those graces which give a passport into the best society. Their home is one of culture and refinement, one of the ideal homes of Windsor.

ALBERT C. LANGLOIS, a prominent citizen of Windsor, is a representative of two of the earliest settled families of Windsor. The names of Langlois and Ouellette are identified with all the early history of this locality. Jean Baptiste



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Ouellette, the great-great-grandfather of our subject, on the maternal side of the family, was born in 1740, at Quebec, and at Sandwich he married a member of the Goyeau family, also an old one, and their three children were: Jean Baptiste, Francois and Charles.

Francois Ouellette settled in what is now the County of Kent, while his brothers settled in the County of Essex, all of them becoming successful farmers.

Charles Langlois was born in the County of Essex about 1772, and he married Margaret Dumouchelle, a native also of Essex, and they had these children born to them: Vital; Jean Baptiste, who married Leonora Lemay; Euphrasie, who married Cyrille Janisse; Madeleine, who married Charles Cloutier (first) and Daniel Goyeau (second); Agatha, who first married Jacques Reaume, and second, Edward Boismier; and Theresa, who married Basil Pepin.

Vital Ouellette married Emelie Cecil. She was born Oct. 10, 1802, daughter of Antoine and Julie (Campeau) Cecil. They had these children: (1) Artemisia F. is the mother of Albert C. Langlois. (2) Hercule married Zoe Boismier, and both are deceased. Their children were: Hedwige, wife of J. Marentette; Albert, who married Annie Menard; Rose, who married Charles Beuglet; Albina, unmarried; Albertine, who married Edward Horn; Alfred, unmarried; and Josephine, who married Allen McCrae. (3) Charles E. died unmarried. (4) Noe, and (5) Henri, twins, are both deceased. (6) Achille A. is deceased. (7) Virginia lives at Windsor. Vital Ouellette was a large farmer, his property extending from the Detroit river, south on both sides of what is now Ouellette avenue.

The Ouellette family was united to the Langlois family by the marriage of Artemisia to Noe Langlois, who was a direct descendant of Joseph Langlois, who settled in the County of Essex in early pioneer days. He owned the Mercer street farm, which is now covered by a part of Windsor. Of his children, Alexis settled in what is now Sandwich West; two sons settled in Malden; one in Sandwich East; one in the State of Missouri; and a daughter at South Bend, State of Indiana.

Alexis Langlois, son of Joseph, had children as follows: Alexis; Joseph; Jacques; Antoine; Pierre; Dominique; Fanny, wife of Jean Baptiste Janisse; and one who married Jacques Meloché.

Dominique Langlois, son of Alexis, had two children, Mary Louise, who married David Bissonette; and Noe, father of our subject.

To Noe and Artemisia (Ouellette) Langlois were born the following children: Albert C., who married (first) Anastasia Twomey, and (second) Sebry Cousineau, and had children—Myda, Eugene, Alban and Amanda (deceased); Rosalie, who married Dr. Langlois, and has two children—Beatrice and Wilfred; Albeny, who married Claire Montreuil, and has children—Leo, Ethel, Claire Marie and Cyrille; Samuel N., who married Fannie Myers.

This record gives the lineage of some of the well-known residents of this part of Ontario.

DUFF. The earliest records of the Duff family relate to Fife Macduff, who about A.D. 834, gave valuable assistance to Kenneth II., King of Scotland, in his warfare against the Picts. He is the recognized progenitor of the family, and Macduff, the Thane of Fife, celebrated in the drama of Macbeth, as well as the Duffs of Moldavid, were the descendants of the common ancestor.

David Duff, of Moldavid, received his charter under the Great Seal of Scotland, from King Robert III., which bears the date, Feb. 4, 1404.

The family in Canada trace their descent from the Rev. William Duff, a direct descendant from David Duff, of Moldavid. He was ordained in 1754, and was minister at Foveran, Aberdeenshire, from 1775 until his death, which occurred Feb. 23, 1815. His children were: Alexander, William, Robert, Isabella, Helen, Margaret and Jean. Isabella and Helen both died unmarried, the former at the age of seventy-two years (Nov. 16, 1847), and the latter on Sept. 24, 1848, at the age of seventy-six. Margaret married a Mr. Perry, and Jean married John Booth, of the *Aberdeen Chronicle*, in 1809, and left several children: Patrick, a clergyman at Inverloithern; William, a lawyer; John, an army surgeon; and Alexander, who went to Australia.

Of the sons of William Duff, one, Robert, went to India; the other two, Alexander and William, came to Upper Canada, about 1798. William settled in the township of Malden, in the County of Essex, and Alexander took up a large tract of land in the townships of Harwich and Colchester.

Alexander Duff was married Jan. 20, 1801, at Sandwich, to Phillis Grant, daughter of Alex-

ander Grant, and granddaughter of the eighth Laird of Clenmoriston, her father being the third son of the Laird. He was born in 1734; after three years of service in the Royal Navy he was commissioned ensign in the Montgomerie Highlanders, Jan. 4, 1757; sailed for America, arriving at Halifax, May 28, 1758; served in the expedition against Fort Duquesne; Lieutenant in 1759, and served under Amherst in expedition against Ticonderoga and Crown Point, having command of a sloop of war of sixteen guns on Lake Champlain. In 1764 the Montgomerie Highlanders were disbanded, and Lieutenant Grant was appointed commodore of the King's vessels on Lake Erie. In 1776 he obtained a grant of 5,000 acres in Charlotte County, between Crown Point and Ticonderoga. In 1805 he administered the government of Canada during the absence of the Lieutenant-Governor. He died May 18, 1813, in his eightieth year, at his residence, Grosse Pointe, Detroit, and was buried at Sandwich. He was married Sept. 30, 1774, to Theresa, daughter of Charles Barthe and Marie Theresa Campeau. She died Nov. 11, 1810. The marriage certificate, a time-worn document, is inserted here with a view to its preservation and to preserve the memory of the persons who officiated at the ceremony, names that were familiar in the early history of that part of the County of Essex, included in what was then called the Western District:
Upper Canada,
Western District.

WHEREAS Alexander Duff of Sandwich and Phillis Grant of the same place were desirous of intermarrying with each other and there being no parson or minister of the Church of England living within eighteen miles of them or either of them they have applied to me for that purpose: Now these are to certify that in pursuance of the powers granted by an Act of the Legislature of this Province passed in the thirty-third year of His Majesty's reign, I William Hands one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace having caused the previous notice by the statute required to be given have this day married the said Alexander Duff and Phillis Grant together and they are become legally contracted to each other in marriage.

Sandwich 20th January 1801.

"William Hands"

J. P. W.D.

"Alexander Duff"

"Phillis Duff"

Witnesses Present:

"Alexr Grant"

"M. Elliott"

"Wm Mills"

"Alexr McMullen"

"J. B. Barthe"

"Arch Lyons"

"Mary Hands"

"Archange Grant"

"Alice Askin"

"Isabella Grant"

"David Cowan"

Another document of historical interest is a commission in the North East Regiment of the County of Essex, granted to the said Alexander Duff. The commission reads as follows:

Alexander Grant Esquire, Lieutenant of and for the County of Essex, authorized and appointed by His Excellency Peter Hunter Esquire, Lieutenant-Governor of His Majesty's Province of Upper Canada, by virtue of and conformably to the Powers and Provisions in a certain Act of the Legislature of this Province contained and passed in the thirty third year of the reign of His Present Majesty.

To ALEXANDER DUFF, ESQUIRE.

Reposing especial trust and confidence in your loyalty, courage and conduct to do His Majesty's good and lawful service, by virtue of the said authority given unto me by said Peter Hunter Esquire, Lieutenant Governor of the Province aforesaid and in pursuance of the said Act of the Legislature, I have nominated, constituted, appointed and given commission, and by these presents do nominate, constitute, appoint and give commission to you, the said Alexander Duff Esquire to be a Captain of a company in the North East Regiment of the said County.

You are therefore to take the said Company into your care and charge as captain thereof and duly to train, exercise and discipline the inferior officers and other persons armed and arrayed or to be armed and arrayed in the same according to the Rules and Discipline of War, and the directions of the said Act of the Legislature. And I do hereby command them and every of them to Obey you as their Captain. And you are to observe and follow such orders and directions as you shall from time to time receive from the Governor, me, His Excellency's Lieutenants, or any other your superior Officers pursuant to the

trust hereby reposed in you and your duty to His Majesty.

Given under my hand and seal at Amherstburg this 20th day of May in the second year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third, by the grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith etc., and in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Two.

"Alexr Grant,"

L. of the County of Essex.

Alexander Duff died in June, 1809, at the age of thirty-nine years, and was buried in the Church of England cemetery at Amherstburg, his tombstone being the oldest one at present to be found there. He left surviving him his widow and three children, namely: Alexander Duff, William Duff and Theresa.

Captain Alexander Duff was born Feb. 23, 1802, and on March 29, 1824, was married to Delia Donovan, born June 4, 1804. He engaged in mercantile business in Amherstburg, which he carried on for many years. About 1840 he purchased Lot 4, Concession 1, township of Anderdon, known as Forest Grove, where he erected the residence on the Detroit river now occupied by his son, Henry G. Duff. He died May 15, 1877, leaving surviving him his widow, who died April 4, 1881.

The children of Alexander Duff were:

(1) Alexander, born April 16, 1825, died leaving one son, Walter.

(2) William, born March 7, 1827, died unmarried.

(3) Robert, born Feb. 25, 1830, died unmarried.

(4) Archibald Grant, born June 3, 1832, died unmarried.

(5) Eliza, born March 3, 1834, was lost on the steamer "Atlantic," Aug. 20, 1852, on the way from Buffalo to Detroit, in a collision with the steamer "Ogdensburg," off Long Pointe, Lake Erie. In this accident a great many of the passengers and crew of the passenger steamer "Atlantic" were lost.

(6) Delia, born May 31, 1836, married Henry Peto, of London, Ont., son of the Rev. James Peto, vicar of Preston, Faversham, Kent, England, June 13, 1855. Mrs. Peto died Sept. 6, 1898. The children of this marriage were: Henry James Thomas, born March 6, 1858, married Fannie Paine, Nov. 23, 1884, and has a son, Harold Frederick Leslie; Mary Ann Lawes mar-

ried John K. H. Pope, May 23, 1888, and their children are: Neville Peto, John Kernick and Mary Helen; Frederick George, born July 27, 1861, married Ethel Theodora Good, Aug. 25, 1894, and their children are: Oswald Koella, Muriel Evelyn Stuart and Rowena Duff; Charles Grant died in infancy; Delia Fielder, born June 7, 1870, married John H. A. Beattie, Nov. 8, 1894, and their children are: Russell Hilton and Frederick John; Arthur Bell died in infancy; and Percival Hilton was born May 1, 1876.

(7) John Colborne, born Dec. 6, 1838, resided on the homestead until 1861, when he took up sailing as an occupation and followed it until 1874, being then second officer of the steam tug "Champion," when, in the discharge of his duties, he met with a serious accident which incapacitated him from further following his chosen occupation. He is now postmaster at Gordon. In 1884 he married Georgina McIntosh (now deceased), by whom he had three children: Annie Theresa, born Aug. 2, 1886; John McIntosh, born July 4, 1888; and Harry Donovan, born June 25, 1891. Both John Colborne Duff and Henry G. Duff were members of the volunteer force and served during the Fenian Raid as special patrols between Windsor and Lake St. Clair.

(8) HENRY GEORGE DUFF, born Dec. 6, 1841, resided at the old homestead, Forest Grove, until 1861, when he chose sailing as an occupation, which he followed until 1865, his last sailing being as mate and sailing master of the "E. M. Peck." In 1865 he established, in company with W. H. Gatfield, the well-known marine reporting agency of Duff & Gatfield, at the Lime Kiln Crossing, on the Detroit river, which partnership still exists. On Jan. 24, 1883, he married Mary Archange Cunningham, daughter of the late Henry H. Cunningham, of Anderdon, and granddaughter of Capt. Cunningham. To this union have been born four children, namely: Mary Delia Donovan, born Nov. 19, 1883; Alexander Keone, born Jan. 9, 1888; Jessie Victoria Henrietta, born Jan. 8th, 1891; and Henry Grant, born Oct. 25, 1895.

(9) Annie Theresa, born Oct. 6, 1843, married Frederick E. Elliott, of Elliott's Point, Malden, Dec. 6, 1876, and died March 1, 1900.

(10) Maria Julia was born Oct. 17, 1845.

As already stated, the other two children of Capt. Alexander Duff were William Duff and Theresa.

William Duff, born April 30, 1804, married Angel Cawthorn, Feb. 25, 1831. Their children

were: Alexander George, born Jan. 21, 1832, married and had children: Sarah Harriett, born April 20, 1833, was drowned in Chippawa Creek April 23, 1837; Robert Gilkinson, born Oct. 7, 1842, married and had children: Phillis Ann, born Dec. 5, 1844, is residing in Michigan; Mary Elizabeth Woods, born Oct. 27, 1847, married Henry Rogers, and had children.

Theresa, the daughter of Capt. Alexander Duff, married Gilbert McMicken, well known in the County of Essex. He was commissioner of Crown Lands in the Dominion Government, and went to Manitoba, where he took a prominent part in the early development and history of Winnipeg, being a member of the First Legislative Council and Speaker of the First Legislature of the Province of Manitoba. His children are: Alexander, ex-mayor of Winnipeg; George, who died at Winnipeg, unmarried; Theresa, who died young; and Hamilton G., born July 10, 1846, who married Nellie Brown, Aug. 18, 1873. Hamilton G. McMicken was for many years agent for the Great Northern Railway at St. Paul and Toronto, and in 1898 was sent to London, England, as European Traffic Agent for the great Northern Railway, which position he still holds. His living children are: Grant, born June 6, 1876, residing at Seattle; George, born Sept. 13, 1878; Ann Theresa, born Sept. 15, 1880; Ellen Margaret, born Sept. 2, 1882—all of whom are unmarried and at present residing in London, England.

THE DESCENDANTS OF WILLIAM DUFF, SECOND SON OF THE REV. WILLIAM DUFF, OF FOVERAN.—William Duff, son of the Rev. William Duff, of Foveran, was married Jan. 25, 1810, to Susanna, daughter of Gregor McGregor, first sheriff of Detroit. Of this marriage there were born: William G., Margaret, Susan Ann, James, Robert, Alexander, Charles McIntosh, Isabella, Jane and Catherine, all of whom died unmarried, except William G. and Alexander.

William G. Duff married Ann Richardson, and had one child, Ann Theresa, who arrived at maturity. She married Raymond Lacroix, and they had the following children: Raymond, Minnie, Stella and Josephine, all unmarried.

Alexander Duff married Jessie Augusta, daughter of Alexander Hamilton, sheriff of Niagara District. Of this marriage were born: Jessie Augusta (unmarried) and William Alexander Hamilton Duff, who married Barbara Almira Brown, and had children: Almira Helen,

Jessie Owen, Catharine Hamilton, William Alexander, Walter Raymond, Hunter Charles, Ethel Maud and Miles O'Reilly.

Almira Helen married Peter Hunter Hamilton, a grandson of the late Peter Hunter Hamilton, after whom the city of Hamilton was named. The children of this marriage are Hunter Alexander and William Ferdinand Duff. Jessie Owen married James George Radenhurst Wainwright, and their children are Almira Margaret and James Hamilton.

William Duff, the grandfather of W. A. H. Duff, was for over forty years an officer of the Barracks and Ordnance Department in charge at Fort Malden, County of Essex, and among the valued relics in the possession of W. A. H. Duff are the sword and uniform of his grandfather.

PETER HETHERINGTON, a retired resident of Kingsville, Gosfield South, County of Essex, Ont., represents one of the first families to settle in Romney township, County of Kent, and in that township spent his active life.

Mr. Hetherington's father, also named Peter, was born in the County of Northumberland, England, and as a boy in his teens, came to America in the year 1817, with a party whose members included Robert Coatsworth, the Robinsons and the Dawsons. He took up a tract of land in Romney township, just west of the Capt. Coatsworth place, and began clearing. At first he lived with Robert Coatsworth, who was a relative by marriage, having wedded Jane Hetherington, but he finally erected a log house on the ridge and cleared the first foot of land on that lot. Later he was assisted in the work of clearing by his sons. His death occurred on that place, in September, 1877, when he was eighty-three years of age. His first marriage, which occurred in Gosfield, was to Julianna Fox, eldest child of Michael and Elizabeth Fox. She was born in 1806 and died in 1846. His second wife was a widow, Ann Fox, and to them was born one child, William, who is a retired farmer at Wheatley, Ont.; he married Eliza Malott, and they have had three children, Nettie, Manora (deceased) and Agatha. The children by the first marriage were as follows: John (deceased) married Jane Stewart, and they had four children, Colin, Mary, Oliver and Peter. Thomas (deceased) married Jane Robinson and lived in Romney township; they had one son, Howard. Michael, who lived at Leamington until his death, married Jane Lane, and had children,



Ann Hetherington Peter Hetherington

Vida L. Hetherington

Alwilda, Jason, Edith, Sarah, Winnifrede and Cecil. Elizabeth married Jonas Robinson and had two children, Henry and Mary J. Peter is mentioned below. William died young. Josiah died young. Julianna (deceased) married Joseph Little, and had two children, Mary and Elizabeth. Mary is the widow of William Sheldon, of Leamington. Miss Sarah Jane resides in Leamington. Charles, who resides in Romney township, married Mary Metcalf and has two children, Jessie and Harrison. Caroline (deceased) married Albert Getty, and had one child, Maud.

Peter Hetherington was born on the homestead in Romney township Oct. 10, 1831, and there grew to manhood, assisting in clearing the land, and bearing more than his part in the work. In time he came into possession of the east half of the homestead, and upon that property he erected all the buildings, converting it into a fine place. There he resided until 1886, when he sold to John Renwick, and on May 4th of that year came to Kingsville, where he purchased a nice home and has since resided, having retired from his labors after many years of hard work, earning the rest he is now taking.

Mr. Hetherington was first married, Sept. 14, 1856, in Gosfield, to Charlotte, daughter of Philip Fox. Their only child, Solomon, died in infancy. After the death of Mrs. Charlotte Hetherington Mr. Hetherington was married on Jan. 25, 1870, to Miss Ann Renwick, eldest daughter of T. C. Renwick, of Romney township, and to this union have come: Lucinda Charlotte, born Sept. 21, 1875, who died in February, 1886; Hulda Janet, born Oct. 6, 1879, who died May 2, 1889; and Vida Loretta, born July 9, 1886, at home. Mr. Hetherington and his family are members of the Kingsville Methodist Church, and when the beautiful new church edifice was erected Mr. Hetherington served very efficiently upon the building committee. In years past he served upon the school board as trustee, and has always been a Reformer in politics.

Mrs. Ann (Renwick) Hetherington was born March 24, 1851, in Romney township, County of Kent, daughter of Thomas C. and Mary (Robinson) Renwick, both of that township, where they have long been farming people. Her grandparents, Thomas and Ann (Robinson) Renwick, of England, were married in that country, and came to the County of Kent, Ont., in 1815, taking up 200 acres of land in Romney township, where they made a permanent home. Thomas

C. Renwick has been a prominent man, has been reeve of Romney township, township clerk and treasurer, school trustee for many years, and is secretary of the Kent and Essex Fire Insurance Co. He is a local preacher of the Methodist Church, of which he and his wife have been members for many years, and he has served many years as steward and superintendent of the Sunday-school. He and his wife have had the following named children: Jonathan, a farmer of Romney township, married Jane Malott, who is now deceased; they had seven children, Minnie, Harriet, Leslie, Forest, Ida, Jennie and Manson. Joseph, a farmer of Romney township, married Celina Fox, and they have had one son, Charles. Ann is the wife of Peter Hetherington. Catherine married Salem West, and both are deceased; they had two children, Frank and Helena. Thomas, who is engaged in farming in the United States, married Amelia Orton, and they have had one child, Grace. John, residing on the old homestead, married Elizabeth Chester, and they have had three children, Frederick, Alice and George. Hannah is the wife of Enoch Learn, a machinist, and has her home in Portland, Oregon.

WESLEY GILES MORSE, one of the prominent men of Leamington, comes of an old and honored family of the County of Essex. He was born in Jefferson County, New York, Jan. 18, 1836, son of Alpheus and Electa (Priest) Morse, and was reared at home, acquiring a fair education in the common schools, and in a private school at Windsor, Ont. As he grew older he was associated with his father in a lumber business, and at the time of the latter's death, when Wesley was nearly twenty years of age, the young man took a trip to Minnesota and Wisconsin, intending to take up land. But not being favorably impressed with the country he did not make a permanent location, engaging in several lines of business for two or three years, and then returning to Leamington. Soon after his return home he married Miss Isabella Robson, of Mersea township, daughter of Thomas Robson, who came to Ontario from Northumberlandshire, England, about 1834. Thomas Robson died at Sandwich about 1847; he was a veteran of the 1837 Rebellion.

After his marriage Mr. Morse purchased a farm in the 1st Concession, in Mersea township, and engaged in farming. However, after six years, he sold his property and bought another

farm, Lot 2, same Concession, which he still owns. Until 1886 this farm was his home, but at that date he left a son to manage the property, and located in Leamington. The year following his removal to town Mr. Morse was appointed township treasurer, and has served continuously in that office ever since. He has also served as treasurer and bookkeeper for the mercantile firm of W. O. Franklin & Co., of Leamington. At the time of the incorporation of Leamington, Mr. Morse was a member of the village council. For some time he has been a member of the town school board, as well as a member of the high school board, and he has always been very prominently identified with all measures tending toward an improvement in existing conditions. In politics he is a staunch Liberal, and supports the principles and candidates of his party.

Mr. and Mrs. Morse have children as follows: Judson A., who resides on the farm, married Jessie Wigle, and has one son, Arthur. Elmer H., a merchant of Wallaceburg, Ont., married Josephine Lowes, and they have four children, Edgerton, Claud, Clarence and Mally. Mary Ella married Thomas Fleming, a farmer of Mersea township, and they have two daughters, Jennie and Margery. Lulan S., a merchant of Dover Center, Ont., married Ada Willmore, and has one son, Clarence. There were two other children, now deceased, Clara B. and Electa J., the latter of whom married William Silkirk, and died leaving five children—John A., Catherine, Imogene, Lloyd and Elmer. Fraternally Mr. Morse is a member of the A.O.U.W. For the past thirty years he has been a consistent and active member of the Baptist Church, and he has served as deacon for a long period.

JOSEPH P. CASGRAIN, a well-known and much respected resident of Windsor, who has been connected with the railway mail service for more than twenty-five years, is descended from one of the old and prominent families of the County of Essex. His father, Senator C. E. Casgrain, has long been a distinguished citizen of Ontario, and extended mention of his family and ancestry will be found elsewhere.

Joseph P. Casgrain was born March 16, 1861, in Sandwich, County of Essex, and he was primarily educated in the public schools of his native place, and later he completed the collegiate course at Assumption College in Sandwich, entering then the employ of the Windsor Gas Company, with which concern he remained for a

period of six months. Realizing then that advancement would be slow in that capacity, he turned his attention to other fields and accepted a clerical position with the hardware firm of Neveux Brothers, of Windsor, and remained with this firm for three years.

On March 9, 1882, Mr. Casgrain received his appointment as railway mail clerk, on account of the interest shown in him by the late Hon. John O'Connor, who was then Postmaster General. Mr. Casgrain made his first run on the above-named date, this being between Ridgetown and St. Thomas. Since then he has been stationed between Windsor and London, and he had for his associate B. D. D. Rorison. He has the confidence and esteem of all with whom he comes in contact, he and his associate giving the utmost satisfaction.

On Nov. 7, 1900, Mr. Casgrain was married to Miss Alice Marcon, daughter of the late Frank E. Marcon. They are both faithful members of the Roman Catholic Church. In politics he is identified with the Conservative party, while fraternally he is connected with the C.O.F.

CAPT. JAMES W. STEINHOFF, of Wallaceburg, County of Kent, Ont., has long been identified with the best interests of that place, and is now president of the glass works, director of the Beet Sugar Co., and director of the Wallaceburg Cooperage Co., the latter being conducted under the style of Steinhoff & Gordon. He is also actively engaged in the lumber interests of the locality, and owns and operates a large mill at Ontonagon, Michigan, while he owns and operates an electric light plant and sawmill at Tweed, Ontario.

Capt. Steinhoff was born at St. Thomas, Ont., Oct. 1, 1834, son of John and Mary Ann (Ousterhout) Steinhoff, of Pennsylvania and Michigan, respectively, who came to the County of Kent at an early day. By calling the father was a farmer. In 1836 he located in Howard township, County of Kent, on the town line, and for some years rented land, later removing to Chatham, Ont., where he engaged in teaming until 1848, at which time he again took up farming, purchasing a small property at Wallaceburg. There his death occurred in 1863, when he was fifty-four years of age. His widow survived until 1887, dying at the age of eighty years. He was buried in Wallaceburg, and Mrs. Steinhoff in Goderich. They died in the faith of the Methodist Church. The

children born of their union, all now deceased but James W., were as follows: Matilda married Mr. Butler; Sarah Jane married (first) Andrew Craig, and (second) Aaron Gordon; Caroline married John Bachus; Capt. James W. is mentioned below; Andrew married Elizabeth, the daughter of Capt. Alexander McDonnell, and died in Wallaceburg; Hannah married Edward Parker. The paternal grandparents were of Holland birth, early settled in Pennsylvania, and died in Canada.

In 1860, in Chatham, Ont., Capt. Steinhoff married Anna Purser, and there were born to them five children, all of whom died in infancy. They adopted a daughter, Miss Eva K., who has lived with them from infancy. Mrs. Steinhoff was born in Kent, England, a daughter of James Purser, and sister of Cornelius Purser, of Dover township.

James W. Steinhoff came to Wallaceburg with his parents. When he began the battle of life for himself he lived in true pioneer style, cooking in a shanty. The next fall he drove a team in the lumber district. For some time prior to this, when only ten years of age, he had carried the mail between Chatham and Stony Point, a distance of twenty-five miles, driving that distance and back the same day. He also drove a stage for a year between London, Ont., and Chatham, and early learned to be self-reliant and capable. For one season he served as cook on a vessel plying between Chatham and Kingston, after which he became the cook for forty Frenchmen at Wallaceburg, for which work he received fourteen dollars per month. Later he drove a team for the sawmills at that point, and still later worked in the mills as a sawyer. The same winter he again engaged in teaming, and helped to draw the largest stock of timber ever hauled in Canada, driving four head of horses in front of seventeen yoke of oxen; the log (white oak) was 7x52 feet before squaring, and made a square stick 41x42 inches; it was hauled to within one and one-half miles of Wallaceburg.

When he was twenty years of age Capt. Steinhoff entered into the sailing business, purchasing a scow with his savings, and after that bought cordwood, which he took to Detroit and disposed of, continuing along these lines for thirty years. During this time he greatly enlarged his business, adding other scows, and building a number himself, among which may be named the "Oriental," "John Bruce" (barge) "Belknapp" (barge), "Mary Ann"

(barge) and "Brandywine" (barge), as well as the sailing vessel "Anna Steinhoff," in which he carried barley between Chatham and Toledo. Shortly before his marriage the Captain sailed the steamboat "Islander" between Chatham and Detroit. At Wallaceburg he built several steamers, the "Dominion" (which was launched on the first Dominion Day, and ran between Chatham and Detroit), "P. E. McKerrall," "W. S. Ireland" and "J. W. Steinhoff," on which latter he carried Lord and Lady Dufferin and their party from Detroit to Sarnia, and thence to Goderich. She ran regularly between Chatham and Detroit, and on excursions to various ports of Ontario, and is now in Toronto, and known as the "Garden City." The last boat he built was the steamer "Ariadne."

In 1887 the Captain retired from his sailing ventures, but did not dispose of his last boat until 1902. Upon retiring from what had practically been his life business Capt. Steinhoff began to look after his properties, now giving special attention to the glass works, which give employment to 400 people, and also to his realty holdings, which are very large. He has a number of fine farms in the Counties of Kent and Lambton, comprising in all 2,560 acres, and he owns also 2,520 acres in Alabama and Mississippi. It may be safely said that there is scarcely any local enterprise of merit in which Capt. Steinhoff is not interested or of which he has not been a promoter. As a member of the Steinhoff Hinnegan Co. he is a director of the flax mill at Wallaceburg, established in 1896. For fifteen years he was in the private banking business as a member of the firm of Steinhoff & Lillie, which was dissolved in 1894.

Capt. Steinhoff's political career has been marked, he having been honored by election to the office of mayor, and he enjoys the distinction of having been the first man to occupy that position in Wallaceburg. He served in the city council for three years, and during his term of service in that body, as well as during his administration as mayor, many of the notable improvements in the city were made, while the result of his foresight, wisdom and executive ability is to be found on every side. The success of his business ventures attests to his acumen, energy and capacity, while his genial manner and courteous treatment of all account for the fact that he is a man who makes and retains friends and sincere admirers.

B. D. D. RORISON, the oldest railway mail clerk in continuous service in America, is one of the much esteemed citizens of Windsor, and is a native of Kingston, Ont., born July 19, 1834. His father, B. D. D. Rorison, was born Dec. 25, 1800, at Kingston, and died at Westport, at the age of eighty-nine years. By occupation he was both a farmer and miller. He was a son of B. D. D. Rorison, who was born in Scotland, and was a captain of the "Scotch Grays." The mother of our subject was Mary Kilburn, also a native of Kingston, Ont., who died at the age of fifty-six years. She and Mr. Rorison had children as follows: Sarah, Jane, B. D. D., William Henry and Agnes (wife of John White).

B. D. D. Rorison was but fourteen years of age when he formed his first association with the post office department, under his uncle, John Kilburn, who was then postmaster at Brockville. With this uncle he remained three years, and then spent three years in study at Victoria College. On Nov. 11, 1856, he received the appointment as railway mail clerk, and gave faithful service for a period covering forty-five years, making his last trip Dec. 30, 1901. During all this long term he never received an injury, and it is a matter of comment that on this last day he came the nearest to it, the slipping of his horse on the icy pavement very nearly resulting in his being thrown into the Detroit river. His first trip was made between Windsor and Niagara Falls, and his last one between Windsor and London, and he was on the first mail car which was attached to the Grand Trunk between Toronto and Montreal. In the forty-five years of service he missed but one train which he was scheduled to join, and never came under the criticism of the Ottawa office, his efficiency and punctuality having elicited commendation. During this extended period he averaged about 700 miles a week, making a grand total of 1,638,000 miles that this veteran has traveled on a mail car. Mr. Rorison was given a vacation to extend from Dec. 30, 1901, until April 2, 1902, and then placed on the superannuated list. Thus the great road he has served so long treats its faithful employees. In March, 1902, the railway mail clerks, with whom he had been acquainted a good many years, gave him a surprise at his home in Windsor, and presented him with a leather upholstered chair. Probably no resident of the locality is more widely known than Mr. Rorison, and certainly none is more respected. He has ever had the most cordial relations with

the post office officials and with his associates, and all wish him a long enjoyment of the rest he has surely earned.

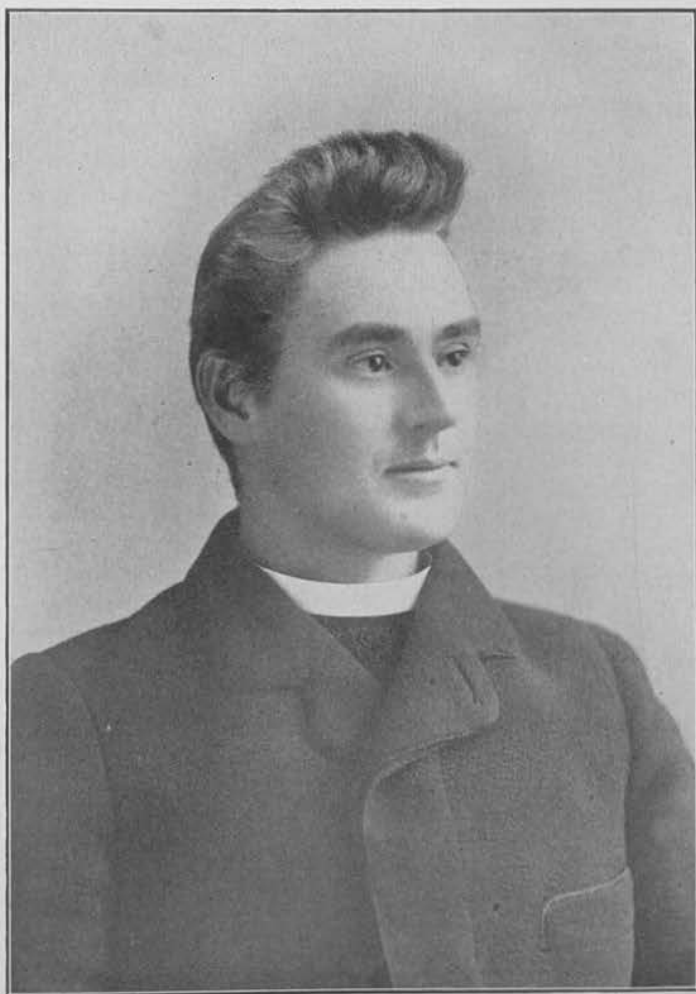
In 1860 Mr. Rorison was married to Helen M. Shipman, and to this union were born two children: B. D. D., who died at the age of nineteen years; and Nellie, the wife of E. B. O. Rogers, who has three children. The mother of these died, and the second marriage of Mr. Rorison was to Elizabeth B. Stokes, by whom he had six children, as follows: James, who is a resident of British Columbia; Clarence Kilburn, who served in the South African war in the First Canadian Regiment, and is still in South Africa, being now in the newspaper business; Grace, who married John Suckling, and has one daughter; Reginald H., who resides at Winnipeg; and B. D. D. and Helen F., who are at home.

Mr. Rorison became a member of Great Western Lodge, No. 47, A. F. & A. M., of Windsor, in 1858, and with the exception of Thomas McCoy, is the oldest member of the Masonic fraternity in that city; he is also a member of the I. O. O. F. and the K. O. P.

REV. E. J. HODGKINSON, son of Dr. E. J. Hodgkinson, and Margaret Carr, and Pastor of St. John the Evangelist's Roman Catholic Church, Woodslee, County of Essex, was born March 19, 1860, in Braidwood, Australia.

Dr. Hodgkinson was born in England, in 1825, and his wife in Ireland in 1830. They were married in Australia, returning to England in 1873, whence they came to Canada, settling first in Strathroy, Ont. Later they moved to Toronto, where he died Jan. 28, 1903, his wife having previously passed away Feb. 27, 1896. They were the parents of seven children, four of whom survive, viz., Edmund Joseph, the subject of this sketch; Charles, a resident physician of Toronto; Teresa; and Mary Ann.

Rev. E. J. Hodgkinson received his early education at Halifax, England, later attending the public and high schools of Strathroy, Ont., from which he passed to Assumption College, Sandwich, Ont., and finally finished his theological course in the Grand Seminary at Montreal. He was ordained to the holy priesthood at the age of twenty-two years and five months, in St. Mary's Church, Toronto, Aug. 13, 1882, and he said his first mass in St. Paul's Church, Toronto, the day following. His first charge was as assistant at St. Thomas, where he remained



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till 1884, and from there he came to Maidstone, County of Essex, spending six months. His next location was at St. Patrick's Church, Raleigh, County of Kent, where he was in charge for over three years, and in Nov., 1887, he came to Woodslee, and assumed charge of his present incumbency. During his stay here he has freed the parish from debt, renovated the presbytery, erected a separate school—one of the best in the Inspectorate—and built and equipped a church, conceded by competent critics to be one of the finest in the county, and second to none in the Diocese of London. There are libraries attached to both the church and the school. The church was begun in May, 1900, and completed Nov. 11, of the same year, and, through his wise administration and untiring energy, it was entirely paid for by Nov., 1904. Besides this he introduced the League of the Sacred Heart into the parish, and established the C. M. B. A. and the Catholic Order of Foresters, all of which are now in a flourishing condition. The work already accomplished by Father Hodgkinson is great, yet he is planning other improvements to benefit his parish. Not only has he raised his people spiritually, and improved the general tone of morality, but he has likewise increased the material prosperity of the place, where he is beloved by all who know him, irrespective of creed. The good accomplished by such men can never be fully appreciated, for so little of it is ever known. This much, however, is thoroughly understood by those who know him, that the poor, the afflicted, and the suffering find in him a friend as well as a priest, who can sympathize, advise and assist.

ARMSTRONG. The Armstrong family, which has well-known and prominent representatives in Mersea township, County of Essex, can lay claim to an ancestry which can be traced as far back as the days when William the Conqueror came in his might from Normandy and took possession of Britain. Many of the name have been distinguished, both in civil and in military life, while still more have quietly pursued the peaceful paths of agriculture. Scattered as they are all over England, many have also found happy homes and have prospered in the Dominion of Canada.

WILLIAM ARMSTRONG, a well-known farmer of Mersea township, now living retired, was born April 7, 1833, at Ormstown, Province of Quebec. John Armstrong, his grandfather,

was born in England, but removed to Ireland on account of religious persecution. He was a yeoman, and during the insurrection of 1798 became attached to the British service, and for his loyalty was given an estate in County Leitrim. There he married Isabella Talbot, and they subsequently came to Canada. John Armstrong died at the home of his son Irwin, at the age of eighty-eight years. In politics he was a Conservative. In religion he was a consistent member of the Church of England. Two of his uncles, residents of Ireland, were King's counsels, and his descendants still hold official position there.

Irwin Armstrong, the only son of John Armstrong, and the father of William Armstrong, was born in County Leitrim, where he was educated and remained to the age of twenty-four years. There he married, and with his wife and two children started for the Province of Quebec, and upon reaching his destination bought a tract of 300 acres of land in Ormstown. He built a comfortable log house and there remained, actively engaged in farming, until about three years prior to his death. He then came to spend the remainder of his days with his son William, at whose home he died, in 1884, at the age of eighty-one years. He was buried in Albuna cemetery, in Mersea township, County of Essex. In politics, like his father, he was a Conservative, and he was an active member of the Loyal Orange Association at Ormstown.

In Ireland Mr. Armstrong married Sarah Mullen, and they had a family of eleven children born to them, namely: Margaret and John, both born in Ireland, both of whom died young; Isabella, widow of David Reid, Sr., of Mersea township; Mary, wife of John Rankin, residing in the Province of Quebec; Margaret (2), who married David McMullin; William, mentioned below; James, who died in Belmont, New York; Thomas, mentioned below; Frances, who resides in the Province of Quebec; Irwin, who died in Colorado; and Sarah Jane, who died young. The mother of these children died in Ormstown and was interred there. Mr. Armstrong married for his second wife Betsey Cameron, who died without issue, and for his third wife he married Mrs. Margaret (Dowler) Whaley, widow of Thomas Whaley, and daughter of Jacob Dowler. She died in the Province of Quebec, without issue. Mr. Armstrong and his family all belonged to the Church of England.

William Armstrong passed his boyhood and youth, up to the time of his majority, under the

home roof, attending school when it was possible to do so. Those were not the days of the well-heated, well-ventilated schools of the present, with every opportunity and incentive to learning. He studied his spelling book seated on a rough slab, and wrote his first "pot-hooks" leaning on a desk of the same construction. However, by the time he was of age, he had acquired enough book learning to fit him for the pursuit of business, and was so capable and practical a farmer that he decided to set up a home of his own. Thus it happened that after his marriage, in 1855, with Ann Kennedy, he joined with his brother Thomas in pushing farther west. In Mersea township, County of Essex, the brothers found land suitable for their purpose, William securing 100 acres on Concession 8, east half of Lot 13. Here he erected a log cabin, and he and bride settled down to pioneer life, relying on their affection, strength and industry to enable them to endure the hardships incident to the making of a home in what was then but a wilderness. Mr. Armstrong followed the example of his neighbors, in converting his timber into potash, thus obtaining money with which to buy necessities, before his land became productive. He started here with a faith in his own efforts which compels admiration, for his sole money capital was fifty cents, and he was obliged to go into debt \$5.50. It is almost unnecessary to state that there were many months of the hardest kind of work before much improvement was seen, but gradually the fields were cleared, crops put in and plenteous yields harvested. He built here a house and barns and lived on this place until 1888, when he exchanged this farm for the Baird property, in Leamington, which was improved with a handsome brick residence. Mr. Armstrong also bought the Jackson farm, on Lot 13, Concession 1, all of which, with the exception of fifty acres, is cultivated by his sons. He also owns 200 acres on Concession 10, Lot 13. In 1864 Mr. Armstrong started into raising tobacco, with every prospect of success, but an unexpected frost killed his plants. In addition to his large farming operations he has been engaged in contract ditching and road making, his work extending all over the county, much of it being of a very important character. Probably his largest contract was work on the big creek in Tilbury North and West and Mersea, for which he was paid \$10,000. He has been engaged extensively in ditching throughout Gosfield and Colchester townships, his con-

tract work being valued at over \$15,000. Few men are better known and very few better qualified for this work in the County of Essex. Mr. Armstrong is a man of such energy and business foresight that he has also tried other lines with success. For some years he carried on a timber business, shipped oak to Liverpool, and sold a large amount of timber for railroad ties. Although he has reached the age when many men think their days of usefulness are over, it is not so with him. He still takes and fills contracts, not from any idea of increasing his possessions, for that necessity has long since gone by, but because of his still lively interest in affairs. His sons look after the farming.

While a strong Conservative, Mr. Armstrong has never desired public office, voting as he deems his duty, but willing to have others enjoy the prominence as well as the cares of political position. Like other members of his family his religious home is in the Church of England, and he finds a very safe guide in the teachings of the Golden Rule.

On March 29, 1855, Mr. Armstrong was married in the County of Huntingdon, by Rev. Mr. Barber, of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, to Ann Kennedy, who was born in Godman, Province of Quebec, June 6, 1839. The record of their children and grandchildren is as follows: (1) David, born Feb. 5, 1856, was married April 4, 1880, to Mary Whittall, and has one son, Francis. He is engaged in farming on Concession 11. (2) Irwin, born Nov. 10, 1857, is a carpenter and joiner in Leamington; he was married May 8, 1880, to Isabella Miller, and they had nine children, Arthur, Cora, Emma, Ernest, Harold, Douglas, Ina and Anna and Roy, both deceased. (3) Francis, born Jan. 8, 1859, is engaged in farming and stock raising on Concession 10. He was married Dec. 14, 1886, to Eliza Jane Reid, daughter of David Reid, Jr., of Mersea township, and they have three children, Almer Russell, Harvey Earl and Fred. (4) Alfred George, born April 9, 1861, now a resident of Detroit, was married Oct. 27, 1885, to Sarah Anne Hatton, and they have had four children, Florence, Stanley, Russell and Herman (deceased). (5) Sarah Anne, born June 15, 1863, was married Dec. 23, 1884, to Alexander Buchanan, a farmer of Mersea township, and they have two sons, Golden and Webster. (6) Isabella Jane, born May 7, 1865, was married Dec. 26, 1899, to Andrew Young, a farmer on Concession A, Mersea township, and they have

one son, Garnet. (7) James Talbot, born June 9, 1867, is a farmer on Concession A, in Mersea township; he was married May 21, 1895, to Maryvill Harris, and they have two children, Golden and Pearl. (8) William West, born Feb. 23, 1869, now a farmer on Concession A, in Mersea, was married May 15, 1893, to Elizabeth Young, and they have four children, Alex., Winnefred, Margaret and Beatrice. (9) John Henry, born March 26, 1871, was married Jan. 3, 1898, to Ann Elizabeth Noble and they have three children, Noble, May and Gladys. He is a farmer on Concession C, in Mersea. (10) Violet Adeline, born July 13, 1876, was married June 2, 1897, to Louis William Kennedy, and they reside on a ranch in Montana. (11) Etta Clara, born July 6, 1881, was married Jan. 13, 1898, to David George Kelly, and they have two children, Roy and Orlean; they reside in Montana. The mother of this family died in Mersea township, on the home farm, April 7, 1897, and was buried in Albuna cemetery. Mrs. Armstrong was a most admirable woman, and is recalled with respect and affection not only by her family, to whom she was singularly devoted, but by many who knew of her cheerfulness and her helpful neighborliness in the early days in Mersea. She was a consistent member of the Methodist Church, and trained her large family in the precepts of Christianity.

THOMAS ARMSTRONG, son of Irwin and Sarah (Mullen) Armstrong, and a brother of William Armstrong, was born May 31, 1837, in Ormstown, Quebec. He was reared on his father's farm and attended the district schools in his locality, remaining at home with his father, in the vicinity of Ormstown, until 1855, and then, coming to the County of Essex, Mersea township, he made his home for the two succeeding years with his brother William, finding plenty of employment in the timber, chopping wood and getting out ties. In 1857 he bought 100 acres of land on Lot 11, Concession 10, where he erected a log house. While clearing up his farm he made potash, as his brother had done previously, selling the same in Sandwich and Windsor, and in this way buying the necessary supplies. These details of the struggles of the brave, hardy and persevering pioneers make healthful reading for the young generations. It should inspire in them a greater respect for the courage which faced the hard conditions of those early days, by which the younger generation has come into such rich inheritances. After suc-

cessfully clearing off his first 100 acres Mr. Armstrong bought 100 acres more, and has added still another tract of fifty acres, making 250 acres in all. He continued to clear and to put his land under cultivation, and built, in 1874, one of the first and finest brick houses in that section, at a cost of \$2,000. He cultivated this place until 1902, following general farming, stock raising and tobacco growing, but since that time has lived retired from business activity, residing in a handsome home which he built in Leamington. Mr. Armstrong's success can be directly attributed to a life of industry and sobriety, and his example is one which may be advantageously considered by others who, in young manhood, find themselves entirely dependent upon their own resources.

On Feb. 16, 1863, Mr. Armstrong was married, in Mersea township, to Jane Hillier, who was born in Mersea township, June 13, 1844, a daughter of the late James Hillier, and a sister of James and Jonathan Hillier. A family of nine children was born to this union, namely: Adolphus, a farmer on a part of the homestead, married Laura Reid, a daughter of James Reid, and they have five children, Olive, Floyd, Loran, Elva and Martha. Howard, a farmer on Concession 8, married Sarah Jane Coulter, daughter of Charles Coulter, and they have four children, Ruby, Dora, Thomas and Eliza. Wilhelmina married James Selkirk, ex-reeve of Mersea township, and died in November, 1903; they had eight children, Earl, Ola, Ruby, Kittie, Laird, Thomas, Maggie and Velma. Ruby married Charles Dainty, a school teacher at Wheatley. Maggie married Henry Hutchinson, a railroad man on the Lake Erie & Detroit River Railroad, and has two children, Melville and Maggie. Melville is a barber at Leamington. Sarah Jane and Eva died young. One died in infancy.

Mr. Armstrong has always been a staunch Conservative in his political views. He has taken a very decided interest in the progressive movements which have made Mersea township notable in the county. He was one of the first members of the Blytheswood Methodist Church, and is now prominently identified with the same religious body at Leamington. He still retains his membership with the Blytheswood Lodge of the Loyal Orange Association.

Both William and Thomas Armstrong are influential men in their community, and both are esteemed for their many sterling traits of character.

W. W. HILBORN. Among the many changes which advanced civilization is making, one especially noticeable, is the recognition by the governments of various nations of the importance of agricultural and horticultural experiments and discoveries. Those in authority are beginning to realize that upon the prosperity and success of the farmer and fruit grower depends the general prosperity of the rural districts of the country. Thus it is that special departments have been created to encourage those thus engaged, and to stimulate others to follow their example. Within its grasp the land holds many treasures, and each year proves more conclusively that money spent in promoting the agricultural and horticultural interests of a country yields an excellent dividend. In 1886 the Dominion Government established the Central Experimental Farm at Ottawa, where all kinds of grains, fruits and vegetables could be brought together and the best selected. For this farm W. W. Hilborn was appointed horticulturist at its inception, and had charge of the fruit and vegetable department. After three years he resigned his position to engage in peach culture in the County of Essex, where he at one time had 100 acres planted to that fruit, comprising 150 varieties. He thus gave a great impetus to peach culture in the county.

Mr. Hilborn was born at Sparta, County of Elgin, Ont., April 8, 1849, son of Levi and Dorothy (Harvey) Hilborn, who had the following family: W. W., mentioned below; Pamela, who married T. Morgan, of Lucan, Ont.; Joseph L., a fruit and vegetable grower of Leamington; Amy, married to John Atkin, of Sarnia, a fruit grower; and Sarah J., who died at the age of thirty-eight.

Levi Hilborn was born at Uxbridge, Ont., in August, 1819, while his wife was born near Sparta, Dec. 8, 1817. The ancestors on both sides of the family emigrated to America with William Penn, settling in Pennsylvania, and were active in the colonization of that region. Nobly did they bear their part in the struggles against the Indians, which were many, notwithstanding the friendly relations inaugurated by William Penn, and they succeeded in founding a prosperous community. In 1804 Joseph Hilborn, grandfather of W. W., came to Canada and settled in the township of King, County of York, but he later resided in Uxbridge, and from there removed to Sparta, where his family engaged in farming. Still later the family re-

moved to what is now Arkona, Joseph naming the town, and becoming its first merchant and postmaster. He was a man well known. Being well educated and a man of great force of character, he naturally took a very prominent part in town affairs, and having been a school teacher in Pennsylvania, he was instrumental in having good schools established. Levi Hilborn always adhered to his Quaker faith and was instrumental in establishing a Quaker meeting house, in the township of Warwick, County of Lambton, which was built on a part of his farm.

Levi Hilborn had been married two years when he came in the family exodus to Arkona, bringing his son, W. W., who was then eight months of age. He took up land one mile west of Arkona, in the bush. His log house was in the woods, but he soon made a good clearing and many improvements.

Upon the property just mentioned W. W. Hilborn was reared and there he resided until he was thirty-four years of age, when he purchased an adjoining farm of fifty acres, and took up the culture of fruit, in which he was so successful as to attract the attention of the government, causing his appointment as horticulturist. His appointment was made by Sir John Carlin, in November, 1886, and immediately after his appointment he was made temporary manager of the Central Experimental Farm, located in Ottawa, during the absence of Prof. William Saunders. There he had sixty men under him. For three years he continued to hold his position as horticulturist, and then resigning his appointment, he came to Leamington and purchased the fruit farm before mentioned. His property has a splendid location, being one mile from Leamington on the Talbot road, and also one mile from the lake, and from his conservatory can be seen the town of Leamington, the lake and three islands. The farm comprises fifty-three acres.

Mr. Hilborn was one of the committee, the other members being Prof. Craig and Alexander McNeill, in 1891, who promoted the establishment of experiment stations for the Ontario government. He formulated the plan that was adopted by the government, and in 1894 these stations, ten in number, were established in connection with the Agricultural College of Guelph, with Mr. Hilborn as experimentalist for the Southwestern Station, located at Leamington. He continued a member of this same committee until the scheme was completed, and in 1894



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received his last appointment. Through his influence many thousand fruit trees have been introduced into the country, and much attention is being given to horticulture. Mr. Hilborn is not only an expert in his line, he is an enthusiast, and is never happier than when he has successfully demonstrated some new departure in his science. He is a natural horticulturist, having even as a boy experimented with new fruits and in the raising of new seedlings. He originated the Hilborn raspberry, a blackcap for many years more largely planted in Canada than any other sort, and holding first place in a number of the States of the Union. His own property is an exponent of all that is modern in appliances. He has recently added another branch of horticulture, and, erecting a number of greenhouses, has gone extensively into the growing of early vegetables which are sold in the cities, towns and villages from Quebec in the East, to Winnipeg in the West. His beautiful residence was erected in 1898-99, and is surrounded by over fifty varieties of ornamental trees and shrubs, many of them new and rare kinds. He is very proud of his home, as he has cause to be.

On May 10, 1883, Mr. Hilborn married Miss Johanna Hartweg of Capac, Michigan, daughter of William and Laura L. (Sonaman) Hartweg, and four children have been born of this union, three of whom survive: C. Harvey, W. Edward, and Dora Louise, all at home. The sons are students of horticulture, and very bright, promising young men.

In politics Mr. Hilborn is a Liberal, but he is not active in such matters and is no office-seeker. In religious matters he is a member of the Methodist Church, though his real belief is that of his forefathers, who were Quakers. He is one of the prominent men of the County of Essex. Among his other duties he has been chosen to collect specimens for the several fairs held since his appointment. He made special exhibits at the Colonial Exposition at London, England, the Chicago World's Fair, Pan-American Exposition, and the Louisiana Purchase Exposition in St. Louis, Mo., and has won several medals. He was one of the directors of the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association for a number of years prior to his appointment, when his duties necessitated his resigning that position.

In the capable and experienced hands of Mr. Hilborn the horticultural interests of Ontario are certain not to be neglected, and it may

safely be said that his experiments, intelligently and practically directed as they are, for the Canadian government, are certain to result very beneficially not only to it, but to the growers of fruit throughout the continent. Mr. Hilborn was on the Farmers' Institute Staff of Speakers for many years, and in that capacity addressed meetings in nearly every county in Ontario on the subject of horticulture.

JOSEPH HALL. A much esteemed citizen of Windsor and one who fills a very important position in the city's economy, is Joseph Hall, the chief engineer of the Windsor waterworks, and one of the oldest members of his profession in this city.

Mr. Hall comes of English parentage in both paternal and maternal lines. His father, Matthew Hall, was born in 1800, in England, and was also an engineer by profession. His wife, Ann Mitchison, was born in 1801, in England, and there they both spent their lives and reared a family of ten children, these bearing the following names: (1) John, who came in 1853 to Ontario, was the first engineer on the Great Western Railway, and ran the engine "Chatham, No. 12," between Hamilton and London, was later made conductor; he was killed in 1862, at Bothwell. (2) Thomas, deceased, was for forty years an engineer on the North Western Railroad in England. (3) Mathew, a contractor, died in Detroit. (4) Ann, deceased, was the wife of Robert Golden, of England. (5) Alice married Robson Hedley. (6) Mary, deceased, was the wife of William Reed, of Hamilton, Ont. (7) Ellen married Thomas Conway, of the State of Pennsylvania. (8) Elizabeth is Mrs. George Fail, of England. (9) Joseph, of Windsor, is the subject proper of this sketch. (10) Jane is Mrs. Smith, of Australia.

Joseph Hall was born Oct. 16, 1839, in England, and at the age of fourteen was, with high boyish hopes, permitted to accompany his brother John to Canada. Those were the days of long sailing voyages, but it was with every confidence in a happy ending of their trip that the brothers embarked in the little vessel, the "Isaac Wright," which entirely belied its name, for when but one week out from Liverpool, it became a wreck, and the passengers barely succeeded in saving their lives, and in getting back to Liverpool. Three weeks were spent there, but at last they took passage on the steamer "The City of Manchester" and in it made what was

then considered a remarkably quick trip of nineteen days, Mr. Hall's fourteenth birthday being passed on the Atlantic ocean. This was in 1853, three years prior to the opening of the Grand Trunk Railroad to Toronto. At London, Ont., the youth began to learn the trade of machinist, at which he worked six years, later spent seven years in the locomotive shops of the Great Western R. R. at Hamilton, and in 1867 came to Windsor and accepted a position of a similar kind, remaining in these shops for eight years. In 1875 he was offered his present responsible position as chief engineer of the Windsor waterworks, and has ever since most capably filled the same. These works were first established in July, 1872, and were under the control of the fire, water and gas committee of the city council until 1889, when commissioners were appointed. The supply of water is obtained from the Detroit River, and is supplied to the city by direct pressure without stand pipes. The first plant was destroyed by fire Sept. 13, 1888, but was immediately rebuilt in brick and stone. The city owns it, and has supplied three pumps, with a capacity of 7,500,000 gallons per day of twenty-four hours. The three boilers have a total capacity of 220 horse-power. On Dec. 31, 1900, the city owned 29.73 miles of water pipes and 258 hydrants. It is to this most necessary department of the city which Mr. Hall devotes his attention.

In 1863 Mr. Hall was married to Miss Eliza Jane Irving, born March 4, 1844, a daughter of Thomas Irving, and the following children have been born to this union: John Thomas, who is chief engineer of the "City of Cleveland," with headquarters at Detroit, married Belle Waters, and they have one daughter, Lila; James, who is city salesman for Burnham, Stople & Co., of Detroit, married Minnie Melott; Ann, who married William Gatfield, of Sandwich, has one son, Harold; Ralph is bookkeeper for the Page Wire Fence Co., of Walkerville; and William Wright, is at home. Mr. and Mrs. Hall are consistent members of the Methodist Church of Windsor. Politically he is a Conservative, while fraternally he belongs to the Great Western Lodge, No. 47, A. F. & A. M., of Windsor, and to the Royal Arcanum. Mr. Hall is one of the thoroughly competent men of his profession, and enjoys the confidence of the residents of Windsor.

SAMUEL VOLLANS, who represents an old and honorable family of the County of Essex,

that has had much to do with the development of the agricultural resources of this section, is the owner of a highly productive farm on Lot 2, Concession 6, in Sandwich West. He was born July 26, 1846, in Sandwich South, son of George and Mirian (Page) Vollans, who came to Sandwich from Yorkshire, England, as early as 1835.

George Vollans and wife were both born in Yorkshire, where they married. Together they emigrated to America, spending fourteen long weeks on a sailing vessel. They landed at last at New York, going from there to Sandusky, Ohio, and a short time afterward, to Sandwich. In the latter township they selected a home in the wilderness, and settled down to pioneer life. Both died on this property, the mother in 1890, and the father in 1894. They were pious, virtuous people, and were among the founders of the first English church in Sandwich. Mr. Vollans was not only a great student of the Bible, but he acted up to its precepts, and could quote fluently from the Scripture. In politics he was always an active Conservative. None of the other members of his family came to America, but he and wife were soon surrounded by a family of their own, eleven children blessing their union, all growing to maturity, as follows: Thomas, a miller of Windsor; William, deceased, a farmer of Sandwich; Edward, deceased, a farmer of Sandwich; Mary A., wife of John Gunn, deceased, of Sandwich West; Isaac, a farmer of Sandwich West; Hannah, wife of George Gray, of Sandwich; Barbara, wife of Alexander O'Neil, who resides in Sandwich South, with a family of ten children; Jane, who married James Holden, of Sandwich South, and has six children; Elizabeth, wife of John O'Neil of Sandwich South; Robert, unmarried, residing on the old homestead; and Samuel, of this sketch.

Samuel Vollans received his early education in Sandwich while growing to manhood. He was united in marriage to Mary A. Herdman, who was born in March, 1849, daughter of Robert and Emma Herdman, pioneer people who came to Sandwich from Scotland and England, respectively.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Vollans settled for ten years on the old Vollans homestead, and then bought the present home of Thomas Vollans. Here our subject has successfully carried on general farming in an extensive way, having 200 acres, all in one body, and also

owning a fine farm in Anderdon township. All of the land is well improved and under profitable cultivation.

The eight children born to Samuel Vollans and wife were: (1) Bell, born Jan. 1, 1869, in Sandwich, is the wife of William Shaw, of Colchester township, and they have two daughters, Hazel and Margerie. (2) Charles, born July 25, 1871, resides on his farm in Anderdon township; he married Maud Shuel, of Sandwich South, and they have two children, Harold and Allen. (3) Robert, born July 15, 1873, is book-keeper in the Curry Bank at Windsor. (4) Frank, born July 4, 1876, resides at home. (5) Rose, born in Sandwich July 29, 1879, was well educated in literature and music, and follows the profession of music teacher. (6) George, born April 20, 1883, (7) Miriam, born April 6, 1886, and (8) Herbert, born Oct. 13, 1892, are all at home. Religiously the family all belong to the Church of England, in which Mr. Vollans is warden. Politically he has always supported the old Government party, while fraternally he is a Forester, belonging to Court Clover, No. 1701, Sandwich, where he has filled all of the offices. He is a member of the Agricultural Society of Sandwich East and Maidstone. Mr. Vollans is an honest, upright, benevolent, Christian man, and in such a light is regarded by all who know him.

CAPT. ALFRED P. CLINTON. There are few citizens of either Windsor or Detroit who are more familiar characters, or more popular individuals with the traveling public, than is Capt. Alfred P. Clinton, the able superintendent of the Detroit, Belle Isle & Windsor Ferries, with headquarters in Detroit, but home in Windsor.

The name of Clinton represents one of the early families of Western Ontario, its founder here being Richard Clinton, the Captain's grandfather, who was born in 1776, in Ireland, and became a resident of Ontario in young manhood. He followed farming near Dumfries, married in the same locality, and there died, in 1859, leaving these children: John; James; Henry, a farmer; William and Adam, carpenters; and Phoebe, the wife of John Hopkins.

James Clinton, of the above family and the father of Captain Clinton, was born at the old homestead, and in 1842 came to the County of Essex, locating in Windsor, employed by Mr. Davenport on the old horse ferry. Later he

became captain. In 1851 he left the water and purchased a farm where he died in 1871, his widow dying in Windsor. Capt. James Clinton married Ann Brown, daughter of Col. Brown, of Simcoe, where she was born. These children were born to this marriage: Mary Jane, the wife of Jerome Emery; Margaret, the wife of William B. Hiron, of Windsor; John, deceased; Emily, the wife of C. L. Potter, of Windsor; Harriet, the wife of Dr. G. S. Shaddock, of Detroit; Capt. Alfred P.; Lewis, born on Belle Isle, deceased; and Nelson, deceased.

The birth of the genial Captain took place July 19, 1843, in Windsor, and he was but a lad when his parents moved to the farm. There he assisted his father until the age of eighteen years, but at that time succumbed to his strong inclination for the water, a natural bent which has made all his subsequent life connected in some way with marine affairs. For four years he continued under his first captain, and in 1866 he took out his papers as shipmaster, a position he filled on various vessels until 1891, at which time he was given his present responsible position. Capt. Clinton is a trained and experienced mariner, and there are few matters connected with the sometimes perilous navigating of these inland seas which are unfamiliar to him. Well qualified in every way, Capt. Clinton enjoys the fullest confidence of the public, and handles the great traffic with efficiency born of study and experience.

In 1873 Capt. Clinton was married to Miss Lydia, daughter of William Vansike. An adopted daughter, Nellie Clinton, has brought young life and charm into the pleasant home. The religious connection of the family is with the Methodist Church. Capt. Clinton is a pronounced Liberal, and a well-informed and progressive man.

WILLIAM DOBIE McRAE, member of the McRae & Roberts Company, manufacturers of brass goods, of which he is president and general manager, is one of the leading business citizens of Wallaceburg, Ont. The company was established in 1887, was incorporated in 1894, and it now gives employment to 400 people. In addition to his interest in this great business, Mr. McRae owns the largest stock farm in Canada for the breeding of light harness horses, the Sydenham Stock Farm comprising 500 acres, located within half a mile of Wallaceburg. Here Mr. McRae has 300 horses, five of which are in

training for the coming races. He owns Hal Patron, by Prince Dillard, dam by Patron, 2:16, which was reduced to 2:15 $\frac{1}{4}$ in 1903; this fine stallion is well known all through Canada. He also owns Prince Dillard, with a record of 2:28, and Princess, a full sister of the above. Mr. McRae has several other farms, and has also been largely interested in boat and barge building. The "W. F. McRae," named after his son, is one of the handsomest tug boats afloat on fresh water.

Mr. McRae came to Wallaceburg with his parents when six years of age, and this has been his chosen home ever since, although his business demands that a great part of his time be spent in Detroit. At the age of fifteen years he began clerking in a dry-goods store, and after two years he accepted a like position in Detroit, where he remained four years. He then returned to Wallaceburg, and for three years operated here a general store and gristmill, and then embarked in the lumber business and the building of boats and barges. This he continued until 1897, when he gave it up in order to devote his attention to other expanding lines. His foundry is situated in Detroit, and he now gives the greater part of his time to this great enterprise. His output includes all kinds of brass goods for use with steam machinery, and his firm name is known all over the world where such goods are in demand.

Mr. McRae was born Dec. 25, 1849, in Ontario, a son of Farquhar and Jane (Dobie) McRae, the former of Scotland and the latter of Ontario. After their marriage they came to the County of Kent in 1854, and settled at Wallaceburg. Mr. McRae had been a school teacher and merchant at Stratford, and was also engaged in the cattle business, but after locating at Wallaceburg, he devoted his attention mainly to the lumber business. He was prominently identified with the fishing interests and for fifteen years served as fish inspector of both Lake and River St. Clair and the Detroit River at Port Lambton. His death occurred April 21, 1879, at the age of sixty-two years, and that of his widow in 1887, at the age of fifty-five years. Both were interred in the Catholic cemetery at Wallaceburg. They had this family born to them: Alexander, who died aged forty-nine years, was chief of police of Wallaceburg, and captain of a lake boat; Margaret married Dennis Duggan of Detroit, a contractor and superintendent of a railroad company; William D.; David F. owns a

number of racing horses and looks after his brother's racing interests; and Francis J. is in the coal business at Detroit.

Mr. McRae was married (first) in Wallaceburg to Margaret Tobin, who was born in Toronto and died in Wallaceburg in 1887, aged forty years, her burial being in the Catholic cemetery at Wallaceburg. She left a daughter and a son, Anna I. and William F. The second marriage was to Frances E. Dobie, born near Lansing, Michigan, daughter of Alexander Dobie, who is a wealthy retired farmer of eighty-six years, living at Lansing, Michigan. The two sons of this marriage are Roy and Milton A.

Wallaceburg has few more popular or public-spirited residents than Mr. McRae, while Detroit numbers him among her millionaire captains of industry. Personally he is popular on account of his genial, pleasant manner, and he is fortunate in having the well-deserved esteem of two cities.

SIDNEY ARTHUR KING, M. D., late president of the Lake Erie & Detroit River Railroad Co., and vice-president and manager of the United Gas Co., with headquarters at Windsor, is one of the leading business men of western Ontario.

Dr. King is a native of the County of Essex, and a son of one of the pioneers of the southern part of that county. The King family is of English extraction; the Doctor's great-grandfather, James King, having been born in England, where he lived and died. Among his children was a son, also named James, the grandfather of Dr. King, who was born in England, and died in that country. He married Elizabeth Horton, also of English birth, by whom he had the following children: James, Frederick, Henry and Elizabeth. Of this family James and Henry came to Ontario, the former locating in Montreal in 1826. In 1836 he settled in Gosfield township, County of Essex, on a tract of wild land, and there he lived until 1843, when he moved to the present site of Kingsville, and that same year erected the first house in that now thriving town. At one time he owned about 600 acres of land in Michigan, but as the climate did not agree with him he made Kingsville his home. He was not only the owner of considerable real estate in that vicinity, but was also a very prominent man, taking an active part in public affairs, and serving as collector of customs, clerk of the court and in other equally



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responsible positions, discharging the duties of each with honor and ability. In 1828 James King was married to Sarah Perry, and the following children were born to them: James, of Kingsville; Alfred, of Kingsville; Helena, who married Dr. Allworth, of Kingsville; and Sidney Arthur.

Sidney Arthur King was born in Kingsville Jan. 23, 1844, and received his literary education in the public schools of that place and at Port Clinton, Ohio. In 1864 he entered upon the study of medicine with Dr. Drake, now of Windsor, and in 1864 he entered Victoria College, Toronto, from which he was graduated with the degree of M. D. Immediately after graduation Dr. King located in his native town, where he ably met the demands made upon his medical skill and experience until 1893, when he withdrew from his profession in order to give his undivided attention to his increasing business interests. In 1900 Dr. King was elected president of the Lake Erie & Detroit River Railroad Co., in which corporation he was a large stockholder, filling the position for one year. He is president of the Frontier Paint Co., of Detroit; of the McCloskey Fence Co., of Detroit, and of the Walker Oil Co., of Bothwell; vice-president of the Wheeler Steamship Co.; president of the Windsor Artificial Gas Co.; director in the Western Peat Fuel Co.; president of the Manitoulin Lumber Co. and Stratford Gas Co., and vice-president and manager of the United Gas Co. Few men have so many and varied interests as Dr. King, and the prosperous condition of all the companies with which he is connected is largely due to his energy and executive ability, which is able to devise and carry out schemes of considerable importance, involving large amounts of money, in such a manner as to bring in satisfactory results.

In 1872 Dr. King was married to Miss Esther Wigle, daughter of Solomon Wigle, ex-Member of Parliament. Four children have been born to Dr. and Mrs. King: Arthur Hamilton, who served on Gen. Alderson's staff in South Africa, and is now colonel of the First Hussars, was born in 1873. George C., born in 1874, is with the McClay Stove Co., London. Laura, born in 1876, married Frank A. Reid, of London, and has a son, John King. Charles Stanley is with the Windsor Gas Co., of Windsor, in which he is also a stockholder.

Dr. King is a consistent member of the Church of England, in which faith Mrs. King

died in 1881. Politically he is a Conservative and takes an interest in local affairs, was eight years reeve of Kingsville, and in 1896 contested unsuccessfully the South Riding of Essex. Fraternally he is a member of the I. O. F., the I. O. O. F. and the A. O. U. W.

GEORGE FOSTER ROBSON is a prominent citizen and successful farmer of Mersea township, living at Sturgeon creek. He is a native of the township, where his father and grandfather before him were well-known and honored citizens.

Grandfather Joseph Robson was born on the Scottish border, near Northumberland, England, and there grew up and married Anne Trimel. They had a family of six children, as follows: Thomas, who was a soldier in the British army, and was killed in the Rebellion of 1837-38, while stationed at Sandwich; James, who became the father of George Foster; Mary, who married Joseph Mickle; Margaret, who married Thomas Hairsine, of Talbot street; Edward, who was drowned in Robson creek, Mersea township; and Isabella, who married Francis Wilkinson, of Mersea township. The father and mother came to Canada in the early days of its settlement, and located in London, Ontario, where Mr. Robson followed the occupation of teacher. Later they moved to Mersea township, and Mr. Robson became one of the first teachers in that part of the country. He also became an extensive land owner and farmer, and spent the rest of his life on his 300-acre farm in Mersea. He died at the age of eighty, and is buried in the family lot on the farm. He was a Presbyterian in religious faith, and in politics a Conservative. His wife, who belonged to the Church of England, died at the age of seventy-five.

James Robson, son of Joseph and father of George Foster, was born in Northumberland, England, where he grew up and received a good education. When he was twenty-one he came to Canada with the rest of the family, and settled first in Brantford, where he found employment in the home of a clergyman. After a time he came to Mersea township, where his father had located, and began farming on a tract of 100 acres, 70 acres in Concession No. 1, and 30 acres in Concession A. He made many improvements on this farm, which he cultivated successfully, and where he passed the remainder of his life, dying at the age of eighty, and being buried in Lake View cemetery. He was a staunch Conser-

vative, and served as a private in the Rebellion of 1837-38. He was a well-read man, and active in all public matters in the township and county, serving as school trustee, and for three terms as a member of the township council. He married Anne Foster, of Prince Edward Island, daughter of the late Ralph Foster, Sr. Mrs. Robson died in Leamington, and is buried in Lake View cemetery. She and her husband were members of the Church of England. Their children were as follows: (1) Ralph, died when three years of age. (2) Joseph, born Jan. 27, 1836, married in 1861, Theresa De Laurier, daughter of Charles De Laurier, and had nine children, of whom four are living, namely: Ralph William, who was drowned in Lake Erie, Nov. 7, 1899; Charles, who died young; Henry Colon, who married Emma Peas; Willis; Florence, who married Frederick Wilkinson; Jeannette, who died young; Joseph, at home; James, also at home; and Irwin, who was drowned with his brother Nov. 7, 1899. (3) Matilda, married Peter I. Hookworth. (4) Mary, married George Lettrington. (5) George Foster, is mentioned below. (6) Ellen married William Coulson. (7) Jeannette married Charles Coultis. (8) Margerite married William D. Hanson, of Leamington. (9) John Franklin died young.

George Foster Robson was born in Mersea township, Oct. 12, 1851, grew up on the home farm, and was educated in the district schools. He remained at home until 1891, caring for his father in his old age, but in that year sold the homestead and bought his present farm, a tract of forty-one acres, on Bevel Line, near Sturgeon creek. There he has built a home, and made extensive improvements, and carries on his farming operations with great success. In 1884 he invested over \$1,000 in threshing machinery, and has done a good business in that line ever since, his sons, for the past two years, having had charge of that branch of his business.

Mr. Robson married, May 9, 1877, in Mersea township, Lorinda, daughter of Ethel and Sarah (McDonald) Wilkinson, and they have six children. These children are as follows: (1) Gordon, who is a sailor on the steamer "Lincoln," and distinguished himself by his bravery during a storm in 1901, swimming to shore and securing help for his comrade who was clinging to an overturned boat; (2) Ruby, who married Louis Roach, a farmer of Mersea township; (3) Oswell Thomas, who is also a sailor on the steamer "Lincoln"; (4) Collingwood and (5) Milton,

who are at home; and (6) J. D., who died at the age of twelve. Mr. and Mrs. Robson are both members of the Methodist Church, and in politics the former is a Conservative. Fraternally he belongs to the Odd Fellows. The family is widely known and respected, both for its agreeable and substantial qualities, and moves in the best society of the place.

EDWARD KENDRICK (deceased), who was a prosperous farmer of Maidstone township, County Essex, Ont., residing at the time of his death on Lot 24, Concession 6th, was born at Yelvertoft, Northamptonshire, England, Nov. 29, 1841, son of William and Sarah Kendrick, who lived and died in England, leaving one son, and seven daughters, the daughters all remaining in England.

Edward Kendrick was reared in England, and in October, 1861, he married Miss Hannah Lee, a native of Northamptonshire, where she was born in July, 1842, daughter of Edward and Hannah (Warren) Lee, of the same county. Mrs. Lee died in England, leaving her husband with four children: John, of Maidstone; Edward, of England; Hannah, Mrs. Kendrick; and William, of Gosfield. Edward Lee, Sr., came to Canada after the death of his wife in 1872, and settled in Maidstone with his children, and there he died in 1889.

Edward Kendrick came to Canada in 1872, leaving his wife and family, who followed later in the year with Mr. Lee. After reaching Canada, he rented a farm for two or three years, and then bought the property which continued his home. The land was then in a wild condition, but as the years passed, he grew prosperous, and eventually purchased 150 acres in addition to his homestead, upon which his son, James, now resides. The death of this good and successful man occurred in December, 1902, at his home. In his religious belief he was a Methodist. In politics he was a Conservative.

Of the eight children born to the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Kendrick, (1) James, born in England in 1865, was reared at Maidstone, where he married Miss Jane Fairbairn, of County Essex, where she was born, a daughter of George Fairbairn, one of the pioneer farmers of County Essex. They reside on the Malden road, where he owns 100 acres, and is one of the prosperous farmers of his locality. Five sons have been born to them: George E., James, Wesley, John W. and Archie L. (2) Sarah H., born in England, in

1868, married William Linton, of Colchester North, and has two children, James R. and John C. (3) Elizabeth, born in England in 1870, married Albert Wisner, of Maidstone, and they have six children, Lulu M., May, Earl, Nellie, Albert and Elizabeth. (4) Mary A., born in Canada, in 1873, married John Purvis, and resides in Maidstone where he is engaged in farming; they have five children, Mary A., Jane, Dolway, Ruth and John. (5) Edward, born in Maidstone, in 1876, is unmarried, and a resident farmer of Maidstone. He has a fertile farm of 50 acres. (6) Nellie, born on the present homestead, in 1879, received her early education in the home schools; later she became a student in the high school, where she remained two years. On June 22, 1904, she married Bethel T. Croft, son of Richard and Annie Croft, of Maidstone, but natives of Yorkshire, England. (7) William E., born in February, 1881, was reared on the homestead and became its manager, after the death of his father. He is a very promising and energetic young man, who stands well in the community as a good farmer and steady, industrious man, prominent alike both in a business way and socially. (8) Annie C., the youngest, was born in 1886, and is a charming young lady at home.

The late Edward Kendrick was a member of the Order of Chosen Friends, and in it, as well as in the community, was a great favorite. His death was lamented not only in his home circle, but by many true friends who knew and appreciated his many excellent traits of character, and who had benefited by his kindness of heart and charitable disposition. The family are all active members of and workers in the Methodist Church, and good, Christian people. Mr. Kendrick came to Canada a poor man, but by habits of industry and thrift became one of the successful men of his community, and one who was looked up to and called upon to give advice and settle disputes, as his keen judgment and high sense of honor were generally recognized.

A. F. R. DEWSON, who occupies an important position in Windsor in connection with the Grand Trunk Railroad Co., descends from English ancestors who have been conspicuous in military life and most highly esteemed citizens.

Major Jeremiah Dewson, the grandfather of A. F. R. Dewson, of Windsor, was born in England, and for many years was a member of the Seventy-fifth Regiment in the regular army,

winning commendation and rank. In his native land he married Elizabeth Kenzie, also of English birth, and after his retirement from the service with his wife he decided to make his permanent home in Ontario, the surroundings being familiar to him on account of the army movements prior to that time. He located near Bradford, and turning his sword into a pruning hook engaged in farming during the rest of his life. His children were: Alfred K. was the father of A. F. R.; Ann was the wife of Col. Dennison, of Toronto, where she died in 1900; George located in Fernandina, Florida, in the practice of law, and during the Civil war, in the States, served in the Confederate army (he later died at Fernandina); Charles served in the Rebellion of 1837, later went to the States, and died in New Orleans; Julius was a farmer on the old Ontario homestead; Thomas was long the manager of the Standard Bank and died in Toronto; Marcella is the widow of Rev. Mr. Gibson, of Toronto; Adelaide, who was born on the Plains of Abraham, Quebec, married John Wilson, of Barry.

Dr. Alfred K. Dewson was born in England and accompanied his parents to Ontario. His medical education was acquired at McGill University, Montreal, and in the city of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. During the Rebellion of 1837, for a time, he had charge of the regiment at Toronto, and later settled down to practice in that city. In Windsor he met and married Miss Emily Elizabeth Baby, the daughter of Francois Baby, M.P. After a short practice at Chatham he settled at Amherstburg, where he remained until 1852, in that year coming to Windsor where he remained until his death, in 1866. He possessed a very warm friend in Major Sparks, who fought the battle of Windsor, and the following account of these two distinguished military men may be interesting. Together, it is related, they went to Detroit, and upon their return to the ferry, to transfer them to Windsor, they were attacked by a band of the enemy (this being during the rebellion) and treated to a fusillade of unsavory eggs, from which they escaped with difficulty. It was always a matter of deep regret to Dr. Dewson that he never learned the final fate of his old friend. After the close of hostilities the Major and his command were ordered to England, setting out in a sailing-vessel which was wrecked, and although the vessel was later found it was only a derelict, with not a man on board. Mystery still surrounds the fate of brave

Major Sparks. The battle of Windsor, where he won honor, was watched from the porch of the Baby home, on the corner of Pitt street, the site being now occupied by the Gold Cure establishment, by Mrs. Dr. Dewson and Mrs. John Curry, Sr., the mother of John Curry, of the Cameron & Curry Bank. The following children were born to Dr. and Mrs. Dewson: Adelaide, deceased; Emily, deceased; A. F. R.; Miss Fanny, of Windsor; and William, of Windsor.

A. F. R. Dewson was born in 1844, at Windsor, and here secured his education, Windsor always having had an enviable reputation for her excellent schools. His first commercial position was as cashier for James Dougall, and in 1870 he accepted a position with the Great Western Railroad Co., now the Grand Trunk, with which he still remains.

In 1874 Mr. Dewson was married to Miss Mary Mitchell, daughter of the late John Mitchell, of Simcoe, and to this union were born three daughters, Florence, Edith (deceased), and Bessie, (who is still a student). The family belongs to the Church of England. In fraternal affiliation Mr. Dewson is an Odd Fellow, while in politics he is a Conservative. He is a member of the Public Library board, and in every way is regarded as one of Windsor's useful and representative citizens, esteemed by his employers and highly respected in the community.

JAMES S. LAIRD, surveyor and engineer, a self-made man, is one of the prominent and influential citizens of Essex and of Essex County. Although of Scotch parentage he is a native of Canada, and combines the sturdy and sterling qualities assimilated through Scotch heredity and pioneer environment.

Grandfather James Laird came from Scotland to Canada in 1842, bringing with him his family, consisting of the following children: John, Alex, James, Jeannette, Elizabeth and Mary. His son, Joseph Laird, father of James S., who had married in Scotland, came to Canada at the same time with his wife and little daughter. Of the children of James Laird, John and James have passed away; also Elizabeth, who married Robert Stevenson, of Harwich, Mary, who married James Baird, of Harwich, and Jeannette, the wife of George Barclay of Ridgetown. The only survivor is Alex, who resides in Harwich township, County of Kent.

Joseph Laird and his wife, Jeannette Stewart, were both born near Glasgow, Scotland, and there grew up and were married. In 1842 they came to Canada, taking passage in a sailing-vessel, which was nine weeks on the voyage. They settled in Harwich township, near Blenheim, County of Kent, living in a little log cabin in the woods, while Mr. Laird began clearing the land in order to put up a permanent home. He was very successful as a farmer, becoming one of the most prosperous residents of the township. He died at his home near Blenheim in 1892, his wife having passed away the previous year, both leaving a wide circle of friends to mourn their loss. They were earnest members of the Presbyterian Church, and the founders of the church of that denomination in Blenheim. In politics Mr. Laird was a Reformer, but he was never an office-seeker. He and his wife were the parents of five children, the eldest of whom, Jane, was born in Scotland, and is now the wife of Robert Campbell, living in Marshall, Missouri. The second child, James S., was born in Blenheim, Kent County, Ont., Oct. 1, 1842, and is the subject of this sketch. Archie, the third child, was born in Kent County in 1844; he is a prosperous farmer, and has spent all his life near the old homestead, where he now resides with his wife and four children. Thomas was born in Harwich township, and died at the home farm when a young man. The youngest child, John, was born in 1848, married May Haggart, of the County of Kent, and has one son, Joseph. This family resides on the homestead.

James S. Laird was born at the present site of Blenheim, amidst pioneer surroundings, in the little log cabin. A few years later the family removed to a wild farm one and a half miles from Blenheim, which was developed by his father into a fine farm. He attended the district school, and for three years was a pupil in the grammar school of Chatham. His first work as a young man was as a school teacher, and he spent four years in that capacity in schools in the vicinity of Chatham. He then studied surveying, and made that his profession, having now spent more than thirty-five successful years in that occupation. In 1867 he came to Essex County and settled at Maidstone Cross, where he followed his profession until 1873. In that year he moved to Essex, buying land, and in 1877, erecting a fine brick house and barn,



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his residence being considered one of the finest in the town.

Mr. Laird has been twice married, the first time to Adeline Arnold, of Kent County, and the second time to Mary Beattie, of Maidstone. His first wife left one daughter, and of the second union there are nine children, four girls and five boys.

Politically Mr. Laird has always been identified with the Reform party, and he always takes an interest in town affairs. For ten years he has been a member of the county council, and was for ten years reeve of the town of Essex. In 1892 he was warden of the county, and for four years was one of the high school board. He is also prominent in fraternal circles, being a member of the Masons and of the Odd Fellows. He is also a member of the Order of United Workmen, in the work of which he takes part. His religious faith is that of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Laird is preeminently a self-made man, one who has won his success by hard work and persevering energy. He is a man of position and influence in his town, one of the leading citizens, and prominent in all public affairs, always taking an interest in furthering the welfare of the community.

WILLIAM R. HALL, M. D., physician and surgeon, president of the Chatham Hedge Fence Co., president of the Chatham Mineral Water Co., and vice-president of the Chatham Oil Co., is a native of Richmond Hill, County of York, Ont., born Feb. 10, 1852, son of Henry Hall.

Henry Hall was born in February, 1819, and married Miss Elizabeth Lennon, a native of Ireland, born in 1825, by whom he had the following children: Hannah, Henry C., Ellen A., George John, Mary, William R. (M.D.), James L. (M.D.), Thomas B. (M.D.), Maria, Elizabeth, Norman and Frank W. (M.D.). The father was a manufacturer of agricultural implements, and very successful in his business affairs. During all of his life he was an enthusiastic church, Sunday-school and temperance worker, accomplishing much good, and gained the respect and affection of a large circle of friends. He died in Blenheim, Ont., in 1877. His widow lived in Toronto, where she died Dec. 2, 1903.

William R. Hall gained his literary training in the public and high schools of Richmond Hill, and in 1874 began the study of medicine, receiving his degree of M. D. in 1878, from the

Detroit Medical College, now the Detroit College of Medicine. After five years of practice Dr. Hall took a post-graduate course in the New York Post-Graduate School and also attended Trinity College, Toronto, for two terms, receiving the degree of M. C. P. S. O. in 1884. Dr. Hall has been medical health officer of Chatham for many years, filling that position with ability, and under his careful supervision the sanitary conditions of the city have been materially improved. He is connected with several fraternal associations, viz.: The Masonic fraternity, I. O. O. F. (in which he has passed all the chairs) and Encampment, A. O. U. W., P. S. O. E., K. P., W. O. W., and Chosen Friends. The Doctor has always been interested in all measures tending toward the advancement of the best interests of the city, and is a public-spirited and charitable man. On the formation of the Chatham Hedge Fence Co., in 1900, he was chosen president, and on the organization of the Chatham Mineral Water Co., in 1901, he was also made president of that institution; both firms are in excellent financial condition, owing to his able and progressive management. The Chatham Oil Co., of which he is vice-president, is the most successful company in its line in the County of Kent.

Like his father, who went out as a volunteer in the Rebellion of 1837-38, Dr. Hall is an ardent Conservative in politics, and in 1898 he was the candidate of his party for Parliamentary honors, Mr. Pardo being the successful candidate in that contest.

In 1881 Dr. Hall was united in marriage to Miss Eleanor L. Minturn, daughter of A. Minturn, of Detroit, and one son and one daughter have been born to this union: Fred W., a student at Toronto University, 1905, M. D., is color-sergeant of the Twenty-fourth Regiment, in which his father holds the position of honorary captain and paymaster. Edith, the daughter, read the address of welcome to the Earl of Minto, Governor-General of Canada, on his visit to Chatham in August, 1903.

Dr. Hall is a member of the Chatham Medical Society, the Canadian Medical Society, the Pan-American Health Officers Association and the Canadian Health Officers Association, of which latter he is ex-president. Aside from his popularity as a physician, Dr. Hall has many friends in the city where he has made his home for so many years, and none enjoy in higher degree the full confidence of the community.

WILLIAM HENRY MITCHELL, one of the prominent citizens of Mersea township, where he is largely interested in general and fruit farming and the real estate business, was born Aug. 4, 1861, in the city of Hamilton, Ont. His ancestral line reaches back to old England.

Thomas Mitchell, the grandfather, was born in the parish of Wardle, County Durham, England, son of John Mitchell, who owned land and operated lead mines in that locality. Thomas Mitchell also worked in the lead mines and engaged in farming, but he died at the age of forty-seven years, and was laid to rest in his native parish. His father had been a member of the Church of England, but he was a Methodist. His marriage was to Sarah Martindale, a native of the parish of Wardle. After the death of her husband, she came to Canada, and settled in County Haldimand, Ontario, where her last days were spent, her death occurring at the age of sixty-five years. Her remains were buried in the York cemetery at York, Ont., near the Methodist Church, of which she had been a consistent member. Her children were: Ann, who married Bernard O'Rourke, died in Haldimand County; Mary, deceased, was the wife of Henry Pollard; twins died in babyhood; John, Thomas; and Sarah, the widow of Thomas Wright, now resides at Leamington.

John Mitchell, son of Thomas and father of William H., was born March 28, 1829, in the parish of Wardle, County Durham, England, and was eleven years of age when he accompanied his mother and four other children, to Canada. The little party set out from Liverpool in 1840, taking passage on a sailing vessel, which took them safely to New York. A long journey still awaited them. They sailed up the beautiful Hudson as far as the city of Albany, and then via the Erie Canal, which had not long been completed, to Buffalo, and thence by water to Hamilton. Here the family located, and John was sent to school. While still in his teens, he became an apprentice in the iron foundry of Fisher & McQueston, with whom he remained, following the trade for twelve years.

John Mitchell desired, however, to take advantage of the farming possibilities of this great country, and spent four years in Dunwich township, County Elgin, where he bought 100 acres of land. In 1869 he removed to County Essex, and located on 100 acres in Rochester township, which he operated until 1874, when he sold that property and removed to Mersea township, set-

ting on the Talbot Road, on what is known as the Ridge. There he purchased a tract of fifty acres, on which he became the pioneer peach grower of County Essex, being the first to make practical proof of the successful growing of this valuable fruit in this section. In addition, he engaged in general farming, and in successful tobacco growing. While he succeeded admirably, he also had his discouragements, one of these being the unexpected and unusual blighting frost of 1898, during which his loss aggregated \$8,000. He had, nevertheless, demonstrated the possibility, as well as the desirability, of growing the choicest kinds of fruit, an industry which his son, our subject, still continues. John Mitchell has reached his seventy-fifth milestone, and now lives retired. He is in the enjoyment of physical and mental health, is an omnivorous reader and a close student of local and national affairs. In politics he is a staunch Liberal, and has always actively supported the principles of the Reform party. He is the kind of Christian whose life has been filled with charity for others, and kind and helpful deeds toward all, finding in the "Golden Rule" a sufficient creed.

Mr. Mitchell was married, in Hamilton, to Mrs. Hannah Maria (Smith) Hull, widow of Robert Hull. She was a woman of exalted Christian character, a worthy member of the Methodist Church, and her death, June 27, 1890, left many, beside her own family, to mourn her loss. Her burial was in Ruthven cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell had two children, viz.: William Henry; and Sarah Sabina, who married Pringle Shaw, formerly of Mersea township, and has two children, John Pringle and Annie Laurie. By her former marriage, Mrs. Mitchell was the mother of three children, namely: Charles G. Hull, in the ice business at Detroit, who married Jane Mercer, of Hagersville, and has six children, Frederick (who married Leila Gritman, of Detroit), Robert, Hannah May, Henrietta, Jennie (deceased) and Ella (at home); Frederick Hull, who was killed in Rochester township, at the age of seventeen years; and Hannah Hull, who died at the age of ten years.

William Henry Mitchell removed with his parents to Dunwich township, County Elgin, in 1869, and later to Rochester township. He attended school both on the Middle Road, and in Mersea township, and remained at home with his father until he was twenty-two years of age. He then started out for himself with little capi-

tal except his health and energy. Renting a farm near the homestead, he engaged extensively in bean growing, and, later, he rented various farms through Mersea and Gosfield townships, but in 1893, he returned to take charge of the homestead, at present owning fifty acres and operating one-half of it. For a quarter of a century he has grown peaches with success, and has also raised much other fruit, finding a good market through both Kent and Essex Counties. Since 1904, Mr. Mitchell has been engaged in the real-estate business, and has met with gratifying success in this new venture.

On April 3, 1884, Mr. Mitchell married Julia Clark, born in St. George, a daughter of James and Mary Jane (Moxley) Clark, a most estimable lady, who is beloved by her family, and admired by all who know her. The four children of this union are: Frederick Carl, who completed the common and High School course at Leamington, and is now telegraph operator at Leamington for the Lake Erie & Detroit Railroad; William Herbert, a student at the Leamington High School; and Edwin Ray and Edith Gertrude, both at school. This is a family noted for its intellectual superiority and one which reflects credit upon parents, home training and the community. Mr. Mitchell is not identified with any religious body, although he is generous in support of all, but his family attend the Methodist Church. Fraternally he is an Odd Fellow, and a member of the Masonic Blue Lodge, No. 290, of Leamington.

CLARK. No family in Mersea township, County Essex, is more highly respected or better known than that of Clark. John Clark, the grandfather of Mrs. Mitchell, was born near Belfast, Ireland, and in young manhood, in 1821, left his home, on a sailing vessel, bound for Canada. In those days his passage of six weeks on the water was not regarded as unusual, that being long before the "greyhounds of the deep" steamed over the shining waves between England and Canada. He located in Ontario, securing work with Nathaniel Dodge, in Waterloo township, County Waterloo, later buying a hotel at Galt. This he conducted during four years, and then sold and bought a farm of 200 acres, north of Galt. After several years here he removed to County Brant, and became one of the early settlers, in 1833, near St. George. After farming there until 1870, he removed to Caledonia, Michigan, near Grand Rapids, and there spent the remainder of his life, dying in 1875, the

last three years being passed with his son Edwin. His burial was in Caledonia. He was a member of the Methodist Church in that locality. Always a staunch Conservative, he took much interest in the success of that party.

In Waterloo township, County Waterloo, John Clark married Harriet Dodge, who was born there, daughter of Nathaniel and Sarah (Hlover) Dodge, the former of whom was born in the State of New York, and the latter in Pennsylvania, but who had settled as pioneers in County Waterloo. Mrs. Clark died at Harrow, in Colchester township, Nov. 7, 1893, aged eighty-three years, and was buried in the cemetery at Harrow, after a life filled with good deeds. She was a worthy member of the Methodist Church. Their children were: James; Mary married John Rosebrook, and both died at St. George, Ont.; Nancy married James Courtney, and they live at Grand Rapids, Michigan; Sarah married Hiram Rosebrook, and they live at Harrow, Ont.; Abigail died young; Henry lives near Grand Rapids, Michigan; John also lives in the vicinity of Grand Rapids; Margaret married George Pierce, and they live at Walkerville, Ont.; Edwin resides at Caledonia, Michigan; William is a resident of Cleveland, Ohio, and one died young.

James Clark, father of Mrs. Mitchell, was born July 17, 1826, in Galt township, County Waterloo, and was educated in the district schools. He was reared on the farm until he reached his majority, and then started out for himself on a farm of 200 acres, in County Waterloo, one hundred of which had already been cleared. This farm he operated from 1850 to 1869, when he sold and moved to Beverly, near Harrisburg, in County Wentworth, on the border of Waterloo and Brant Counties. There he engaged in agricultural pursuits for several years, improved the farm, and sold it in 1875, when he came to County Essex. Mr. Clark secured one hundred acres on Talbot Road, Mersea township, near the Hairsine homestead. Four years later he removed to Concession 1, Lot 1, and there he has been operating a tract of fifty acres, paying special attention to fruit growing. Mr. Clark has reached his seventy-ninth year, but in spite of this fact, he is still active in body and mind, and enjoys the passing events as do others not half his age. In politics he has always been a Conservative. He has taken much interest in the school question, and has served

as school trustee. As class leader, Sunday-school teacher, trustee and leader of the choir, in his earlier days, his services to the Methodist Church have been numerous and valuable. Having led a most exemplary life, abstemious to the last degree, the peace and comfort of his old age are lessons enough with which to impress a younger generation.

On Sept. 18, 1856, Mr. Clark married Mary Jane Moxley, at Plattsville, County Oxford. She was born in Berlin, County Waterloo, daughter of Samuel and Laura (Kilburn) Moxley, who were natives of the State of Virginia, who moved to Canada during the troubles incident to the Revolutionary War. Laura Kilburn was a daughter of Whitney Kilburn who was born in Vermont, but was a sympathizer with the mother country, in 1775, and removed to Kingston, Ont., at that time. Mr. and Mrs. Clark had four children, namely: Laura, who is engaged in business in Oklahoma; Julia, wife of William H. Mitchell; William Lund, a merchant at Leamington, married Maude, daughter of William Eakins; and James Herbert. Mrs. Clark, the mother of this family, survives, and is not only a valued member of the Methodist Church, but a most highly esteemed member of society.

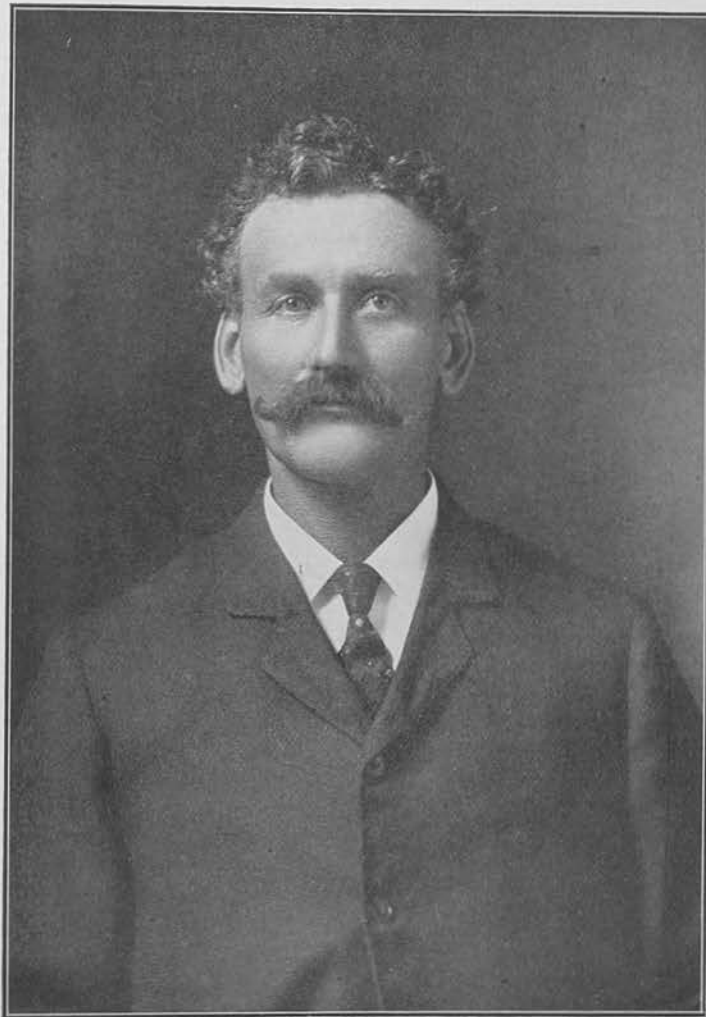
James Herbert Clark, son of James, was a traveling salesman for the Helena Costume Company, of London. He was born at Harrisburg, Ont., and was educated in the schools of Mersea township, after which he learned the harness-making trade at Caledonia. For the last ten years he had been traveling, principally through Canada, making a success of his line of business. He died at Grand Rapids, Oct. 4, 1904, and his body was brought back to the home of his parents, in Mersea township, and thence to Lake View cemetery, Leamington, where it was interred Oct. 6th. He was a young man well known and very highly respected, possessed a genial disposition, was honorable in all his dealings, and was beloved by all who knew him. At Grand Rapids, Michigan, he married Lucy Maude Young, a daughter of Roscoe Young, a prominent retired business man of Hastings, Michigan.

ROBERT F. HURST, General Superintendent of the Essex County Industrial Farm and House of Industry and Refuge, located at Leamington, Ont., is a man of high standing and entirely self-made. He was born Sept. 12, 1853,

in what is known as the Hurst settlement, Sandwich South, County of Essex, Ontario.

Robert Hurst, grandfather of Robert F. Hurst, was born in County Kildare, Ireland. He was a man of reliable character and was engaged by one of the large land owners as keeper of his game preserves. He was married in his native land, and eight sons and two daughters were born to him. In 1841 the family emigrated to America, locating in Syracuse, New York, where they remained for some years, thence coming to Ontario. They made their home in Sandwich, County of Essex, where the grandfather became the possessor of 300 acres of land in what is now termed the Hurst settlement. Here the balance of his life was spent, in farming and making improvements, and here he died in 1855, aged seventy-four years; he was buried in Sandwich town cemetery. Religiously he was a member of the Church of England. His wife's death occurred on this farm about six months previous to that of her husband, at the same age. Nicholas Hurst, the youngest son of Robert and father of Robert F., was born in County Kildare, Ireland, in 1832, and was eight years old when he accompanied his parents to America. He was mainly reared in the township of Sandwich and attended the school there, assisting his father on the home farm until he reached manhood. Upon a farm of 100 acres presented to him by his father he then settled down, and built a home and made many improvements. About this time he joined the Methodist Church, became much interested in religious work, and officiated for several years as local preacher of that religious body. In 1865 he sold the farm and removed to the State of New York, locating at Brewerton, Onondaga County, at which place he bought a farm, and was ordained in the New York Conference a minister in the Methodist Episcopal Church. He followed the ministerial calling four years with great encouragement and success, until he was taken ill at a town some twenty miles from home, while holding a series of meetings, and died among strangers, in 1869, aged thirty-six years. The family still resided at Brewerton. Mr. Hurst was a man of strong religious convictions and was zealous in his religious work, laboring far beyond his strength.

In Sandwich Mr. Hurst married Christina Fairbairn, daughter of the late Robert Fairbairn, Esq. Four years after the early death of her husband Mrs. Hurst returned to Sand-



Robert T. Hurst

wich, and there spent the balance of her life, dying in 1897. A woman of lovely Christian character, she attended faithfully to her children's education and devoted her best years to their interests, and was repaid in seeing them grow into respected men and women. Of these children we have the following record: Robert F. is the subject proper of this sketch. Ellen married Henry Watson, of Sandwich South, and had three children. Mary married John Copeland, and resides in Michigan; they had seven children. Thomas, who is deceased, married Margaret O'Neil. George resides in Michigan; he married (first) Emma Hephry, and (second) Maud Sanford, and is the father of eight children. Margaret, a resident of Sandwich, married John Shuttleworth, and became the mother of ten children. Christina, deceased, married James Quick, and was the mother of two children.

Robert Fairbairn Hurst had only the educational opportunities afforded by the local schools and from an early age worked on the farm. When he was twelve years old the family removed to New York, and when his father died he took charge of the farm, which he successfully operated during the four years the family remained there. After its sale and the return to Sandwich he bought a tract of fifty acres of wild land, upon which he built a small log house and went to work to clear the land and transform it into a cultivated farm. Mr. Hurst continued his work here until 1900, in the meantime being also interested in bridge contracting and ditching through many sections of the County of Kent. He is a man of the greatest activity and business energy, and attributes much of his success to untiring industry. His reputation being that of an honest and upright man, who pursued the path of duty without swerving, he was found to be just the man wanted when the county council met, after the completion of the House of Refuge, to select a superintendent. This honorable and responsible position Mr. Hurst accepted when it was tendered to him, and for the past three years he has filled the office with ability and efficiency. Many of the improvements which he has made on the fifty-acre tract connected with the institution have been after ideas of his own, all of them reflecting the greatest credit upon him. The planting of orchards and groves, and the careful attention given to the grounds, make this a very attractive public institution. His heart is in his work, and he is appreciated by the officials, who

regard him personally with the highest degree of respect and esteem. At the present writing there are thirty-five inmates, of both sexes, all of whom are cared for as their condition requires. In this work Mr. Hurst is ably assisted by his wife, who is matron. Mr. Hurst still retains his farm in Sandwich, which is now occupied by a tenant. He is a member of the Church of England. In politics he is a Conservative, but not actively engaged in politics, centering his interest in his present occupation.

In 1879 Mr. Hurst was married (first), in the County of Oxford, Ont., to Miss Jennetta Wylie, daughter of John Wylie, of Paisley, Scotland, and two children were born to their union, Homer and Lucy; the former was killed in an accident on the Michigan Central railroad in August, 1903, and was interred in the Lakeview cemetery at Leamington, Ont. The latter is the wife of Samuel Day, of Tillsonburg, Ont. Mrs. Hurst died July 12, 1882, being struck by lightning. She, too, was buried in the Lakeview cemetery.

In 1884 Mr. Hurst was married (second) to Miss Cornelia Tinlin, who was born in St. Catharines, Ont., a daughter of James Tinlin. Four children have been born to this union, namely: Irene; Eli, who is attending college; Nettie, now attending the Collegiate Institute; and Roy, who died in infancy. Mrs. Hurst and the other members of the family belong to the Methodist Church, where all are held in the highest esteem. Fraternally Mr. Hurst is a Mason. County Essex is to be congratulated on securing the assistance of a family so eminently fitted for the superintendency of this important public institution, for with practical ideas they combine the virtues of sympathy and kindness.

HENRY J. LANGLOIS, one of the prosperous farmers of Sandwich East, and a leading man in his locality, is a conspicuous example of the results to be attained by determined industry directed by a quick intelligence. Mr. Langlois was greatly hampered in his youth, but out of his straitened circumstances has, in the course of time, evolved a fine estate and ample fortune.

Mr. Langlois' parents were Julian and Rose (Parent) Langlois, who were both born in Sandwich East, and belonged to prominent families of the county. The paternal grandparents were also natives of the County of Essex, but were of French extraction. Julian Langlois settled

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on a farm on the River Front at the beginning of the nineteenth century, and there the family lived until the father's death by drowning, at the head of Bull Island, when his son, Henry, was only three years old. Mrs. Langlois afterward married Mr. Jacob Belpeche, of Sandwich, now deceased. Julian Langlois left two sons and one daughter, as follows: Jerome, the eldest, settled and died on the old place on the river front, leaving a family; Mastile, the only daughter, died unmarried; and Henry J.

Henry J. Langlois was born Nov. 25, 1829, and grew up on the old farm, assisting his mother in its management as soon as he was old enough to be of any help. When Jerome was of age, the estate was divided, and Henry settled on the part lying on the Tecumseh road. There he cleared up a fine farm, and has built two good houses on it.

Mr. Langlois has been twice married, his first wife having been Miss Josie St. Louis, of Sandwich, who died in 1896. She was the mother of six children, namely: (1) Adeline, deceased, married Frank Moran, and had one son, Albert. (2) Philomene died while young. (3) Elizabeth married Frank St. Louis, of Sandwich East, and is the mother of Minnie, Alexander, Cecile, Rosanna, James, Isadore, Ferdinand and Edwin. (4) Alexandrine is the wife of Francis St. Louis; they have no children. (5) Adolphus married Miss Annie Langlois, and resides on his father's homestead, with his five children—Jeremiah, Rosie, Remie, Louise and Corinne. (6) Philouise died when a young lady.

In February, 1899, Mr. Langlois married Mrs. Cecilia (Campeau) Reaume, daughter of Edward and Cecilia (Boyer) Campeau, prominent pioneer people of Detroit. She was born Aug. 25, 1841, and in 1872 married Robert Reaume, a leading business man of Detroit, who died in 1889. By this union there were three children: Miss Adele C., now of Detroit, Michigan; and Mamie and Robert, who died young.

The year of his second marriage Mr. Langlois purchased a fine farm in Tecumseh, where he has since resided. He is a large property owner, holding over 400 acres of land, besides having purchased farms for each of his children. All this has been achieved by his own efforts, for his father's death left the family with very slender means, and Mr. Langlois earned the money to make his start in life by working by the day. His present success represents perseverance, honesty and indefatigable labor.

The religious belief of Mr. Langlois and his family is that of the Catholic Church, and they helped to form the first church of that denomination of Sandwich. Politically he has always voted with the Conservatives. Mr. Langlois is both a practical and theoretical farmer, for not only has he kept himself fully informed as to the latest and best agricultural methods, but he has introduced them on his own farm with a success that is self-evident. In all his dealings he has been invariably upright, and has won the unreserved respect of all with whom he has come in contact.

LEWIS T. FERRISS, an energetic farmer of the township of Colchester South, County of Essex, has one of the best farms in the county. He was born on Lot 58, Concession 5, Feb. 25, 1858, son of Philip and Eleanor (Little) Ferriss, of that township, where the former is now a retired farmer and prominent citizen. The mother died in 1897, aged seventy-two, in the faith of the Established Church. The father is a member of the Methodist Church. Besides Lewis T., their children were: Herbert, a farmer of Colchester South; Esther, deceased; and Abner, on the old homestead with the father.

Lewis T. Ferriss received a common school education, and remained home until his marriage, when he bought part of the Abner Bidwell farm in the Gore, adding to it from time to time until he now has fifty acres in his home farm, and fifty acres south of it. The property he located upon was only partly cleared, but he completed the work, erected a handsome brick residence and large barns and other outbuildings. He devotes his land to general farming, making a specialty, however, of raising stock and tobacco, during 1903 planting eight acres in tobacco. His farming operations are very successful, and his fields and premises are in an excellent condition, denoting that a master-hand controls every detail. Mr. Ferriss devotes considerable time and attention to buying and selling live stock.

In politics Mr. Ferriss is a Conservative, although he has never aspired to office. In religion he is a supporter of the Methodist Church. Fraternally he affiliates with the Workmen of Harrow, and is popular in the organization.

In 1884, in the town of Amherstburg, Mr. Ferriss was married to Nettie Davey, a native of Colchester South, daughter of David and Mary (Norgate) Davey, born in England, who resided

in that township for many years. He died Dec. 12, 1903, aged seventy-three, and she in 1881. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Ferriss are: Pearl, Orville, David, Arnold (who died at the age of fourteen months) and Hugh.

THOMAS SQUIRE, a prosperous retired farmer of Leamington, was born April 1, 1843, in the town of Gosfield South, and the family were among the early settlers of that portion of the County of Essex.

The Squire family is of English origin, and the father of our subject, Thomas, Sr., was the first of the family to settle in Canada. His birth occurred in Yorkshire, England, in 1805, and at the age of twenty-five years he sailed from Liverpool to Long Island, where he married Elizabeth Pratton, of Huddersfield, England. Some years later they removed to Detroit, where they lived for a year, and then removed to Canada, settling in the County of Essex, where they passed the remainder of their lives. In his native land the father had learned the trade of blacksmith, at which he worked until he came to Canada, where he took up the occupation of farming, and was thus engaged very profitably until his death, which occurred in the town of Leamington, April 17, 1891, when he was aged eighty-six years, three months and eighteen days. His wife had died in Mersea township Aug. 31, 1875, aged sixty-two years, seven months and six days. Eleven children were born to the parents of our subject, six of whom survive: William, John, Thomas, Elizabeth, Louisa and Drusilla. Benjamin, born July 21, 1834, died April 28, 1902; he married Jane Underwood (who is also deceased). Lydia Ann, born Aug. 25, 1836, married James Hilliard. William, born Aug. 21, 1838, married Lucy Wilcox, and they now live retired in Windsor. John, born Oct. 1, 1841, was married to Marie M. Thornton. Thomas was born April 1, 1843. Elizabeth, born March 15, 1845, married Joseph Fox. Mary Ann was born March 5, 1847. Louisa, born Jan. 6, 1849, married Joseph Robinson. Naomi was born Oct. 19, 1850. Melvina, born Dec. 20, 1852, died March 1, 1853. Drusilla, born April 9, 1854, married Alfred Dowler.

Thomas Squire, whose name introduces this sketch, was reared to manhood on the homestead farm, and attended school during the winter months. His entire life has been spent in farming, and when he was twenty-seven years old he purchased the home farm from his father,

which he continued to conduct successfully until January, 1903, when, having erected a very handsome and comfortable home in the town of Leamington, he relinquished active business life, and now lives retired.

Mr. Squire has been married three times. In Gosfield township he married Rebecca D. Cumiford, who died May 23, 1879, aged thirty-one years, five months and three days, leaving two children: Minnie Alzore, born Feb. 12, 1871, died, March 17, 1894, at the age of twenty-three years, one month and five days; and Cecilia May, born Jan. 16, 1874, married Arthur H. Wood, formerly of London, England, now of Gosfield, and has one son, Vere. For his second wife Mr. Squire was married in Mersea township, to Mary Jones, who died Jan. 23, 1897, aged forty-one years, six months and four days. To this union two children were born: Ernest Wilford, born May 19, 1882; and Howard Earl, born Aug. 31, 1883. On Feb. 2, 1898, Mr. Squire married in Gosfield North township, Phoebe Smith, who was born in Rochester township May 3, 1848, daughter of Edwin and Emily (Sawyer) Smith. There are no children by this marriage. Mr. Squire is a consistent member of the Methodist Church. Socially, he holds membership in Beaver Lodge No. 82, I.O.O.F., Ruthven, in which he has filled several offices creditably. He is a great lover of sports, especially in the horse line, and as he is possessed of unlimited means, he is able to gratify his desires by possessing the best in the market regardless of cost. By nature he is social, and his genial disposition and hearty enjoyment of good company make him immensely popular, and he has hosts of friends wherever he is known.

EDWARD BARRON, one of the prosperous farmers of Malden township, is a representative of one of the first French families to come to the County of Essex.

Early data of the family are not at hand, beyond the generation of the grandfather of our subject, who was born at Montreal and came in young manhood to Sandwich, where he embarked in farming. There he purchased a tract of 160 acres in Malden township, on the river front, and made it his home until shortly prior to his death, which occurred on the farm just south of his home place. The four of his sons who grew to maturity were: Pierre, who occupied the farm in Malden township; Hyacinthe, who occupied the homestead farm; Charles, who

lived in Amherstburg; and Joseph, the youngest of the family, and the father of our subject.

Joseph Barron was born in 1816, in Malden township, and grew up on the river front farm. To us of the present day, it seems as if it must have been a lonely life, with few and scattered neighbors, and only the most primitive educational opportunities. At the time of his marriage, his father gave him a 100-acre tract of land in Lot 63, Concession 6, upon which he settled after clearing a space upon which to erect a log house. He passed the remainder of his life engaged in clearing and cultivating this farm, where he died in 1856, aged forty years. Joseph Barron was married in Colchester to Archangel Bondy, born in Colchester, and still surviving at the age of seventy-eight years. Their children were as follows: Joseph D., who owns and occupies the home farm, married Mrs. Martha (Wilds) Delmore; Edward; Charles, who has a fine farm adjoining that of our subject, married Susan Amlyn.

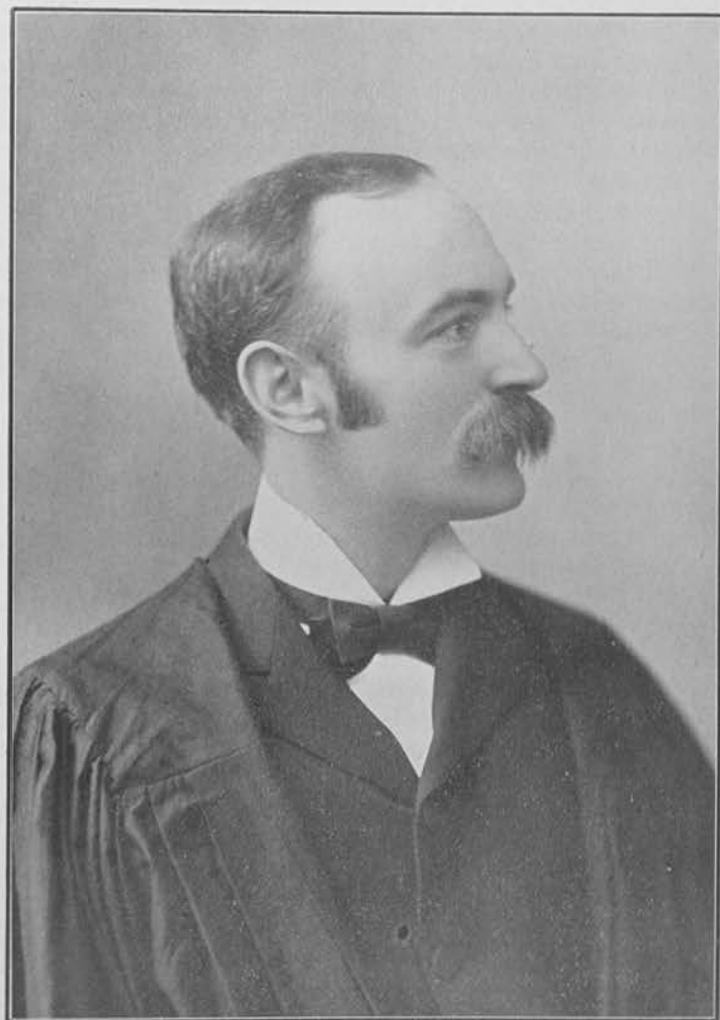
Edward Barron was born Sept. 7, 1850, on the home place in Malden township, and obtained his education in the common schools of the locality, the schoolhouse standing at that time on the farm of Mr. Mickle. Later the building was purchased by Charles Barron, and is used by him as one of his farm buildings. In association with his brother Charles, Edward Barron bought the 400-acre farm of J. H. Lockhart, the property always known as Lockhart's Island. It was land that had been cleared and cultivated, but had been much neglected. The brothers divided the farm, Edward taking the south 200 acres, in Lot 57, and he may well be pleased at what he has accomplished here, the splendid condition of his land, and his fine large house and commodious farm buildings, showing the results of his industry. The land is well adapted to stock raising, to which Mr. Barron has devoted much intelligent attention.

Mr. Barron was married, in Anderdon township, to Matilda Walsh, and three daughters have been born to them, viz.: Tessie, Gertrude and Angel, all of whom have had convent training, the youngest still being at her studies in the convent at Sarnia. The family belongs to the Roman Catholic Church, and Mr. Barron affiliates with the C.M.B.A. He is a Conservative in politics, and during 1885 and 1886 he served as a member of the Malden township council. He is a man highly esteemed in his locality.

JAMES S. LABELLE, M.D.C.M., of Windsor, is descended from one of the pioneer French families of the County of Two Mountains, Quebec. The great-grandfather of James S. LaBelle came from France and settled in Two Mountains at an early day. In his family was a son who became the grandfather of our subject, and who was a farmer in the above-mentioned county. There he became the father of Oliver LaBelle, the father of our subject.

Oliver LaBelle was born in the parish of St. Augustin, Montreal, Aug. 6, 1837. He studied for the ministry in Knox College, Toronto, employing his vacations as a missionary to the French-Canadians on the borders of the Detroit River. On finishing his college course, Mr. LaBelle's earnest desire was to labor among the French-Canadians; but no door seemed to be open, and he accepted the call of a Canadian Presbyterian congregation in Canada West. In 1866 a way was opened for the gratification of his constant and earnest wish, namely, to devote himself wholly to the work of the Lord among his own people. His health, which was very precarious before he left Upper Canada, seemed to improve, and he entered upon his duties as pastor of the French Evangelical Church at Montreal, to which he had received a unanimous call, with a zeal and devotedness which were his chief characteristics, and which soon rallied round him a loving people. He was induced, however, by the urgent order of the ablest physicians, to seek a warmer climate in the beginning of winter as the only chance of even prolonging his life for a while. But this remedy came too late. Mr. LaBelle went to Nassau, but there felt his life was ebbing so fast that he must return home, in order, if possible, to see his wife and children ere he passed away; and on the voyage back he did indeed get home, but it was not to his home on earth. He died in 1867. His labors in the missionary cause were so highly appreciated by the students of Knox College that on April 4, 1861, they presented him with a handsome family Bible, which is now in the possession of his son, James LaBelle.

In 1861, Oliver LaBelle married Jane MacDonald, who was born in Toronto, in 1843, daughter of James MacDonald, who was a soldier in the British army. He came to Toronto in that capacity about the year 1840, and there died. To Oliver LaBelle and wife were born three children: John, deceased; Esther, of Windsor; and Dr. James S. After the death of Rev.



J. A. LaBelle

Mr. LaBelle, Mrs. LaBelle married William Kay, M.A., late librarian of the public library of Windsor, their marriage taking place in Toronto, Ont., in 1874. Mr. Kay died in 1902.

Dr. James S. LaBelle was born in Columbus, Ont., in 1865. His early education was received in Toronto, where he resided with his mother and grandparents. In 1874, with his mother and stepfather, the late Rev. William Kay, M.A., he moved to "The Soo," where the Rev. Mr. Kay was pastor of the Presbyterian Church. Here our subject attended school for one year, after which he spent some time in the schools of Toronto and Galt. In 1877 Rev. Mr. Kay was appointed classical teacher in the high school of Windsor, and the family went to that city, where James S. LaBelle completed his literary studies. On Oct. 3, 1881, he entered the drug store of Simons & Cooper, Detroit, as clerk, remaining there until August, 1883, when he went into the wholesale drug house of Hinchman & Sons, of Detroit. There he continued until 1885, going then to Toronto, and with J. R. Lee, of that city, he completed his apprenticeship to the drug business. In December, 1887, he passed his examination in pharmacy, and in March, 1888, he entered a wholesale drug house in Detroit, where he remained until the following September. On Nov. 1, 1888, James S. LaBelle opened a drug store in Windsor, known as the West End Pharmacy. This he later sold, and in March, 1890, in partnership with two other parties, he purchased the Central Drug Store, of which he was manager until 1899, when he sold out the business to W. A. Pond.

In 1894 James S. LaBelle entered the Detroit College of Medicine, from which he graduated with the degree of M.D. in 1897. In 1898 he received from Trinity University the degree of M.D.C.M. He spent some time as interne in Harper Hospital, Detroit, and in 1899 began the practice of his profession in Windsor, where he has met with success from the start. In 1902 Dr. LaBelle was appointed a coroner for County Essex, taking the place made vacant by the resignation of Dr. J. O. Reaume. In municipal politics he was elected as public school trustee for Ward 2.

In 1890 Dr. LaBelle and Miss Flora T. Butterworth were united in marriage. Mrs. LaBelle is a daughter of Robert Butterworth, for many years a resident of Windsor. The Doctor adheres to the Presbyterian faith. Politically he is a Liberal.

THOMAS IRWIN, a well-known, retired farmer of Leamington, who for many years was a successful tiller of the soil of Mersea township, was born in County Armagh, Ireland, a son of William Irwin, also born in the same place, and grandson of William Irwin, who was born and spent his entire life in that locality.

William Irwin, father of Thomas, grew to manhood on a farm, and engaged in that line of work in his native place. There he married Eliza Cowan, daughter of William Cowan, and they had eight children, three of whom were born in Ireland: Mary married Joseph Sloane, is now a widow and resides at Tilbury; Margaret, deceased, married Uriah Philips; Thomas; George is a farmer on the 3d Concession; Jane, deceased, married George Copeland; James lives in Mersea township; Maria is the widow of John Orton, and they reside on the 5th Concession, Mersea township; Eliza married Joel Windsor, of Mersea township. William Irwin, with his wife and three children, left his native land, in 1838, on a sailing vessel, bound for the New World. Reaching New York they made their way by the Hudson river and canal to Buffalo, and from thence by boat to Detroit. From Detroit the little party went to Olinda, County Essex, Ont., where a short time was spent, when they journeyed to Mersea township, and a tract of 100 acres was obtained from the government from the Talbot tract, on the 7th Concession. Upon this land a log house and set-to were soon erected, and the energetic young father began to clear up the land. The remainder of his life was spent in putting his land under cultivation, and making numerous improvements. He was a hard-working man, and he saw much of pioneer life in Mersea township, which was nothing but a wilderness when he settled there. During all of his work, he was ably assisted by his wife and children as they grew up. Mrs. Irwin was one of the noble, strong and capable women of history, who brought up a large family, did her housework under difficulties we of to-day can not realize, and still did the weaving, spinning, made clothing for all the family, besides helping in the field, and attending to the milking of the stock. In spite of her hard work, she lived to be eighty-four years of age, dying on the farm she had done so much to secure. Her remains were tenderly interred in Albuna cemetery, and for many years she was a devout member of the Methodist Church. Wil-

liam Irwin was eighty-three when he died, and his remains lie in the same cemetery. He, too, was a member of the Methodist Church, and both were active in church work. Mr. Irwin was a supporter of the Reform party. Fraternally he was a Mason, having joined before leaving Ireland, and he was made an honorary member of the lodge at Leamington. During his long and useful life, he ever endeavored to do his duty as he believed it, and had many warm personal friends in his neighborhood.

Thomas Irwin was only three or four years old when he came with his parents to the County of Essex. At that time there were no schools or churches, but although he had no educational advantages, he was brought up by a good, Christian mother and father, and was well fitted to fight his battles with the world. While he never learned much from books, he possessed always an excellent judgment, a keen sense of right and wrong, and being industrious and thrifty, he has made himself one of the leading men of his community. When a mere child he was taught to work, and as his years increased, his usefulness kept apace. Remaining at home until he was twenty-three years of age, he was well fitted when he started out for himself on 100 acres, and was able to clear it up, and make upon it many improvements. Including these were house, barn, buildings, fences, etc., and he became very successful in his work. Later he began raising stock, and carried on general farming. In 1902 he retired from farming, and building a handsome residence on Clark street, Leamington, he settled down to enjoy the fruit of his labors. He is a staunch Liberal, and supports the candidates of his party. In religious matters he is a member of the Methodist Church, and for many years was trustee of the Mt. Carmel Church, and for eighteen years a member of the church at Leamington. Fraternally Mr. Irwin is a member of the A.O.U.W. of Leamington, in which order he holds the office of doorkeeper. For some years he was a member of the Loyal Orange Association of Blytheswood, being one of its charter members.

In 1862 Mr. Irwin married Agnes Gardner, born in Lower Canada, a daughter of William Gardner. She died in October, 1898, aged fifty-eight years, and is buried in the cemetery at Albuna. She, too, was a faithful member of the Methodist Church. The following children were born of this union: William Thomas and John

James, twins; the former is deceased, the latter is a resident of Merlin, Ont.; Eliza Jane married Christopher Stevenson; Agnes married Adam Fenner, of Rochester township; Margaret died at the age of twenty-one years; Walter is a farmer of Mersea township; Mary married Albert Lyman, of Rochester township; Almyra married Prideau J. Sloane, of Mersea township; LaRoy is on the old homestead; Annie is housekeeper for her father; and two children died in infancy.

Since the death of Mrs. Irwin, Annie has kept house for her father. She is a most excellent young lady, with musical genius, and for five years was a member of the choir of Mt. Carmel, and is now a member of the choir of the Methodist Church of Leamington. This father and daughter, so closely united by bonds of love, as well as those of relationship, set a most excellent example to others of a united household, where a devoted daughter cares for the father who took care of her in her helpless childhood. They are most highly esteemed in the neighborhood. In church work they can always be depended upon, and both are liberal contributors toward the support of the church of their faith.

JOHN KEANE, a prominent farmer of Colchester North, Malden Road, Lot 28, County of Essex, was born June 5, 1843, in County Waterford, Ireland, son of Michael and Bridget (Welch) Keane, the former of whom was a native of the same county, while the latter was born in the County of Kilkenny.

In 1851 Michael Keane, with his wife and family, came to Quebec, Canada, reaching that port after a five weeks' voyage on the Atlantic Ocean in a sailing vessel. They settled in the County of Northumberland, where both he and his wife continued to live until their death. He survived his wife, who died at the age of sixty years, and after a number of years married again, dying himself at the ripe age of seventy-eight years; and being in turn survived by his second wife. The result of the first union was five children, four sons—John, William, Mark and Thomas; and a daughter—Mary; and of the second union three sons—James, Francis and Ambrose, and a daughter. Of the family, only two sons, John and Ambrose, survive, the latter of whom still resides in the County of Northumberland.

Of the children of the first marriage (1) John, the eldest, is mentioned below. (2) Wil-

liam, born in Ireland, engaged in a mercantile business at Stratford, and died in the town of Peterboro' in 1895. He married a Miss Willson, of Stratford, and at his death left two sons, William H. and John Albert, of Detroit. (3) Thomas married and settled in Hamilton, where he died in 1896, leaving a widow and two daughters. (4) Mary, the only daughter, died at Hamilton in young womanhood. (5) Mark, the youngest, was born after the family came to Canada, and on reaching manhood he engaged in business at Hamilton; he married there, and at his death in April, 1896, he left a widow and two daughters.

John Keane attended school some years prior to coming to Canada, and he completed his education here. At the age of nineteen years he apprenticed himself to learn the blacksmith's trade, a business he has followed with much success. In 1865 in the capacity of blacksmith, he went to the oil district of Pennsylvania, and worked one year at Titusville. From there he went to Erie City, Pennsylvania, thence to Cincinnati, Ohio, and Richmond, Kentucky, working for a time in all these cities, and gaining a very fair knowledge of the country. Nothing that he saw or learned caused him to feel that he could do better outside of Canada, and in 1869 he returned to the County of Northumberland, and opened a shop at Harwood, where he remained in business for seventeen years. Being a skilled workman he was always kept busily employed, and became well known in that locality.

In 1870 Mr. Keane married, at Harwood, Miss Keturah Humber, born in 1850, in the Isle of Wight, daughter of David and Leah Humber, who came from the Isle of Wight to Bowmanville, County of Durham, in 1856. Mr. Humber is still living there. His family of nine children were as follows: Charles, a prominent citizen of Goderich, County of Huron, serving as one of the aldermen; Angeline, wife of John Fife, of the County of Peterborough; Lorenzo, of the County of Peterborough; Cephas, who died in childhood in England; Paracetus, wife of J. A. Mix, a hardware merchant of Warkworth, County of Northumberland; Herschel, who died in young manhood in Belleville, Canada; Frank, residing at Portage la Prairie, Manitoba; Oliver, a hardware merchant at Portage la Prairie; and Mrs. Keane.

After marriage our subject and wife resided at Harwood until 1884, when they came to the County of Essex, and purchased 200 acres of

bush land, accepting pioneer hardships. It took a great deal of industry to clear up this large body of land, but Mr. Keane was determined to secure a good home for his family, and to provide substantially for the future. In years it is but a short time, but counting by work and by what has been accomplished, many years seem to have passed. The farm is now one of the best, most attractive and productive in this locality, and was improved in 1897 by the erection of a handsome modern brick residence, and two large barns. It is a home of which any one might feel proud.

Mr. and Mrs. Keane have been signally blessed in their children, all bright, intelligent and enterprising. (1) William J., the eldest, born in November, 1869, at Harwood, grew up on the home farm, and as a young man entered the employ of the American Express Company, then settled at Watertown, South Dakota, as agent of the same company, and is now stationed at Aberdeen, South Dakota. He married Della Tessier, of Rockford, Illinois, who died at Watertown, leaving two sons, Maurice J. and William C., the latter now deceased. Mr. Keane has since married again. (2) A. W., born in 1872, attended the local and high schools, and then became a student in the Toronto University, preparing for the medical profession, having been prior to this a successful teacher in the County of Essex. (3) David A., born in May, 1874, completed a course in the common and high schools in County Essex, and then entered the University at Ada, Ohio, where he was graduated in 1900, with a degree of B.A.; he is now stationed in Nebraska, a minister of the Methodist Church. He married Mabel Hildebrand, of Ada, and has one son, Frank. (4) Francis H., born in December, 1875, is engaged with the American Express Company at Detroit, Michigan. (5) Mary Leah V., born in November, 1877, married George Blight, of the County of Essex, and they reside on their farm in Colchester. (6) Laura L., born Sept. 23, 1879, is the wife of John Campbell, and they reside on his farm in Colchester. (7) Helena B., born in April, 1882, is a graduate of a County Essex High School. (8) Louisa was born in January, 1889.

For many years Mr. Keane has been one of the leading members of the Presbyterian Church in this locality, and has been most liberal in his support. Politically he has always been identified with the Reform party, and has been an official on the school board of Colchester, serving

for some time as trustee. Fraternally he is a Mason, belonging to North Star Lodge, No. 365, of the County of Northumberland.

Mr. Keane is so well and favorably known throughout Colchester that additional comment seems unnecessary. His life has been one of industry intelligently directed, and he is, in his declining years, reaping what he has sown. He has attained prominence in his locality through the exercise of good judgment, has accumulated wealth through frugality and industry, and has gained the esteem of his fellow-citizens by his charity, neighborliness and readiness to further all movements for the benefit of his community. After a life of earnest effort it must be comforting to know that it has not been in vain, and as Mr. Keane looks about him over his broad acres, counts his flocks and herds, takes pleasure in the children who have brought credit on his name, and meets the friendly hand-grasp of his associates, he surely must feel a glow of justifiable pride.

THOMAS MCCREERY, a wealthy farmer and prominent citizen of Gosfield North, residing on Talbot Road South, has been a lifelong resident of the County of Essex, for he was born on his present homestead, June 5, 1839, and has always made it his home. His parents, Thomas and Margaret (Robinson) McCreery, were among the leading pioneers of the county.

John McCreery, the paternal grandfather, came to America about 1796, and settled in New York State, where his son, Thomas (2), was born shortly after, on May 13, 1796. He was the only one of the children to leave the United States. Having enlisted while still young for service in the war of 1812, in the American army, he was stationed at Fort Malden, at the time peace was declared, and he decided to stay in that region. Taking up a grant of land on the Talbot Road, he became permanently a Canadian citizen. He built a log house, opened up his farm, and in time grew wealthy. When the war of 1837 broke out, Mr. McCreery enlisted again, this time in the Canadian Rifles, under Capt. Fox, and was in the battle of Windsor, when the Americans were driven out.

In 1822 Thomas McCreery married Margaret Robinson, who was born in Montreal, July 9, 1798, the granddaughter of a French colonel of that city. Her father, John Robinson, was born in Dublin, Ireland, and, coming to America, was

among the pioneers at Detroit, Michigan. He was one of the Loyalists who emigrated to Canada, and settled in Gosfield township, where he lived and died on his farm. This family of Robinsons have now died out. Mrs. Margaret R. McCreery survived her husband five years, as his death occurred March 31, 1869, and hers July 14, 1874. They were consistent members of the Methodist Church.

Thomas McCreery and his wife were the parents of ten children: (1) Mary, born in Gosfield, May 15, 1823, died in January, 1892. She was married (first) to George Pratten, who moved to Wisconsin, and there died, and later she became the wife of Oscar Williams, and lived in Minnesota, where her death occurred. She left ten children. (2) Eliza, born Jan. 16, 1825, died Sept. 10, 1825. (3) John, born June 25, 1826, went to California during the early gold excitement there, and was never afterward heard from. (4) Jane, born in March, 1828, is the deceased wife of James Haggerty, for many years a wealthy custom officer for the County of Essex, who died at his home in Maidstone. (5) David, born May 27, 1830, married and settled in Gosfield, but later removed to the American side, and there died, leaving two children—Thomas D., who lives on his father's old farm in Gosfield, and Rosanna, who resides in the United States. (6) George, born June 26, 1832, married, while quite young, Miss Susanna LaMarsh, of Essex. They settled in Gosfield, where he died in 1892, leaving three children—George, of New Brunswick; Caroline, who married Alex. Taylor; and Louise, of Gosfield. (7) Margaret, born Sept. 19, 1834, died March 9, 1836. (8) Nancy, born Nov. 27, 1836, married Samuel Cloutier, of Windsor, and died leaving three children, Edward, Alexander and Ruby. (9) Thomas (2) was the ninth child. (10) Minerva, born Aug. 26, 1841, was married three times, first, to James Stewart, second, to Timothy Jones, and third, to William Trethewey. She lives in Windsor, and has two daughters.

Thomas McCreery grew up on the old homestead, receiving only the limited education which was available then. He was hardly more than a boy when his father turned the management of the farm over to him, and farming has been his main occupation since that time. Under his control many general improvements have been made on the place, and all of the present buildings have been erected by him. Mr. McCreery has become wealthy, and now owns several other



Thomas McGreey

farms in Gosfield, on which he has settled his sons.

On April 17, 1860, occurred the marriage of Mr. McCreery to Miss Isabella Wilson, who was born in Scotland, June 23, 1844, daughter of Hugh and Agnes (McNaughton) Wilson. Hugh Wilson came from Glasgow to Canada in 1848, and settled in Maidstone, where he died June 13, 1883, aged sixty-seven years. He was a farmer all his days. His wife died Feb. 29, 1904, aged ninety-three years. They were members of the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. and Mrs. McCreery have had eight children: (1) David O., born Jan. 15, 1861, married Miss Emily Cumeford, of Gosfield, and resides on a part of his father's homestead. They have one son, Glenn. (2) Martha, born in March, 1863, is the wife of Nelson Jones, and resides in Chelsea, Michigan, with her three children, Edna, Jennie and Florence. (3) Leonard W., born Dec. 19, 1865, married Miss Maggie Trimble, of Gosfield, and they reside on a ranch in North Dakota. They have four daughters, Mabel, Lydia, Agnes and Ruby. (4) John F., born March 6, 1869, married Miss Florence Arnold, of Maidstone; they now live on part of the old homestead. (5) Hugh, born Nov. 21, 1871, married Miss Esther Queen, of Gosfield, and their three children are Wilfred, Edison and Edna. They live in Seattle, Washington, where he is a traveling machinist. (6) Colin, born Aug. 30, 1876, was graduated from the high school at Essex, and now lives in Edmonton, Canada, where he is a machine agent. He is unmarried. (7) Annie, born Dec. 23, 1883, and (8) Minerva, born Aug. 26, 1887, are students in the Essex high school.

Thomas McCreery has always been a strong Liberal in his political views, and has been elected to various offices. In 1886 and for many years after, he was a school trustee. Chosen deputy reeve of old Gosfield in 1883, in 1888 he became reeve of Gosfield North, and served three years. Since 1884 he has served continuously as justice of the peace. Thoroughly honest, and possessing great native ability, he discharged the various duties of these positions to the greatest satisfaction of those who had put him in office, and has at all times commanded the fullest confidence of the community. Mr. McCreery and his wife are both members of the Methodist Church, in which he has been steward for over thirty years, and for much of the time superintendent of the Sunday School. Mr. McCreery is

a man of the most exemplary character, broad-minded and charitable, honorable in all his dealings and sincerely devoted to the welfare of the community.

HUGH LINDSAY, a prosperous general farmer and stock raiser of Tilbury West township, is one of the best-known agriculturists of that section of County Essex. He is a native of Scotland, a country which has furnished to Canada a large majority of her best, most loyal and successful men.

Mr. Lindsay comes of one of the very old families of his native land, its beginning being lost in the mists of the past. His birth took place Aug. 17, 1842, in Kirkintilloch, Stirlingshire. His great-grandfather, also Hugh Lindsay, was born at Kilbride, Lanarkshire, near Glasgow, and he married Marian Struthers. In 1763 their son William was born at Kilbride. He became a farmer in Renfrew, in Renfrewshire, near the Clyde, and there lived to a good old age, dying in 1843. His wife was Ellen Lackey, born at Glasgow, who lived to be more than eighty years of age. They belonged to the Established Church of Scotland. They had eight children, as follows: William, father of Hugh Lindsay; Hugh, who died at the age of twenty-two years; Marian, deceased wife of William Lindsay; Margaret, who married David Sproul, of Duncannon, County Huron, Ont.; Janet, who died at home; Mary, who married James Forest, of Scotland; Ellen, who married Alexander Young, of Clarkston, Michigan, and died in July, 1903; and Christina, who married James Drummond, of Glasgow, Scotland, and is now deceased.

William Lindsay, eldest son of the above family, was born on the Clyde, in Renfrew, Scotland, and was reared on a farm. His father provided him with means to obtain a collegiate education, and he then embarked in a mercantile business in Kirkintilloch, Stirlingshire. His life was brought to a close at the age of thirty-six years, during the great cholera plague which swept over Europe in 1848. He was a member of the Established Church of Scotland, but in 1842, with many others, joined in the movement which resulted in the Free Church of Scotland, and he was one of the organizers of that body in his locality. He was a man of settled convictions, and followed the line of his conscience.

William Lindsay married Margaret Law, a daughter of John Law. She contracted a second marriage with James Gray, and died in advanced

age, in 1860, at Glasgow, where she lies buried. She was a good, Christian woman, a faithful member of the Free Church. The children of William Lindsay and wife were: William, who was shot and killed, while in the performance of his official duty, at Comber, Ont., May 4, 1894, by Joseph Truskey (who was later hung for the crime) and was interred in Knox cemetery; John, who was a coppersmith in London, England, later located in Chili, South America, and during the revolution of 1891, all trace of him was lost, his family still residing in England; Hugh; Elizabeth, who married James Graham, and died in her native place; Margaret, who married Archibald Hunter, and lives at Glasgow, Scotland, as also does the youngest member of the family, Alexander.

Hugh Lindsay had the misfortune to lose his father when he was only six years of age. He attended the subscription schools until old enough to enter the cotton mills in his locality, in which he kept employed for two years; and at farming until 1865. Seeking to better his condition, his aspirations led him to seek a home across the ocean, and on Oct. 4, 1865, he sailed from Glasgow, on the Allan Line steamer, "St. George." It will be recalled that this steamer was later lost off the stormy coast of Newfoundland, but it safely carried its passengers to Quebec on the occasion in which we are most interested.

Mr. Lindsay's objective point was Comber, and he arrived by rail at Stony Point, and thence to Comber, where he obtained farm work with Adam Hartness for \$12 per month. After two years of practical experience, he decided to begin farming on his own account, and he purchased a tract of 100 acres of bush land. Upon this he built a small log house for his family, then consisting of his wife and two children. The bush was so close around the little dwelling in the wilderness that he was obliged to carry one babe on his back and his wife the other on hers, through the unbroken forest and swamps. The first night spent in the cabin by these courageous pioneers was one of thankfulness, although they could see the stars through the unfinished ceiling. A thick, protecting covering of moss served to shut out the cold. Here Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay began a brave struggle with wild Nature, and to look about these cultivated fields and to see the fine improvements, and prevailing air of general thrift and comfort, it seems impossible that so many changes could have been wrought in thirty-

three years. Mr. Lindsay has worked hard and has attained much success, and has done well with his cattle and stock.

Not only has Mr. Lindsay been successful in his agricultural operations, but he has become prominent and esteemed in business and public affairs. He served as one of the directors and was president as well as a stockholder of the cheese factory of Tilbury West, and he is a stockholder in and a director of the Tilbury West Agricultural Society, which he has also served as vice-president. In politics he is an ardent Liberal. For the past six years he has been a justice of the peace, having been appointed by the Ontario Government, and that he is a man of judicial mind may be inferred when it is known that but one of his decisions has ever been reversed, and it was finally sustained by a higher court. In 1879 Mr. Lindsay joined the A.O.U.W. as one of the first members, is a master workman, and has been sent as delegate to the lodge at Toronto. When the Presbyterian Church was first organized at Comber, he assisted in its establishment, and has served as a member of its official body almost ever since. In 1901, after so many years filled with experiences, Mr. Lindsay visited his old home in Glasgow, at the same time enjoying the Exhibition then in progress.

On July 27, 1867, in Tilbury West, Mr. Lindsay married Christina Drummond, born in Glasgow, daughter of James Drummond. She was a friend of his young manhood, and came to Canada to marry him when he was ready to receive her. She is a most estimable lady, one who has cheerfully endured the hardships of pioneer life, has reared a devoted family of children, and has exerted a kind, Christian influence on all around her. A family of nine children was born to this union, namely: William died at the age of thirty-two years, leaving his widow, Martha (Graham) Lindsay, and two children, Nina and Mabel; James, who married Alma Malott, and has one son, Ross, is a farmer in Mersea township; Christina married Alexander Sova, of Mersea township, and has five children, Elizabeth, Hugh and Alexander (twins), George and Walter; Hugh died in 1888, aged thirteen years; George died in 1899, aged twenty-two years; Margaret is the wife of James Graham, and has one son, Arthur; Elizabeth; Alexander; and John, all the younger members of the family still remaining at home.

Mr. Lindsay has held a number of responsible local offices. For the past twenty-five years

he has been trustee of school section No. 8, and for twenty-three years he has been the secretary and treasurer of the same. He has always taken a deep interest in educational matters, giving his own children every possible advantage, and endeavoring to make conditions favorable for all in the district.

It is thus not difficult to see why Mr. Lindsay is a prominent, successful and highly esteemed citizen. He has always advocated temperance, and he shows by his actions the value he places on industry, and by correct living he exerts a wide-spread influence wherever he is known. Surely his life possesses many lessons worthy of close attention, and his example may be safely emulated.

ALEXANDER BURNS McQUEEN, a prosperous farmer of Gosfield South, County of Essex, represents the fourth generation of the family of that name who have resided in the Dominion. The great-grandfather McQueen was a native of Scotland, and as a young man he emigrated to Canada, and was one of the first settlers of Long Point, County of Norfolk, Ont.

Among his children was Jacob McQueen, who was born at Long Point, and there married Dorothy Mitchell. Later he moved to Fingal, County of Elgin, and still later to the County of Essex, where he settled on the Stokes farm, now owned by J. D. McDonald, Lot 252, and there died, aged seventy-seven years. His wife died at Grand Rapids, Michigan. The children born to Jacob McQueen and wife were: Elizabeth, who married Nelson Tetzl, and died at Sparta, County of Elgin; Alexander, who married Barbara Bartner, and died at Detroit; Phoebe, who married Francis C. Fulmer, of Windsor, and there died; William, the father of our subject; Sarah, who married W. K. Fulmer, and died at Grand Rapids, Michigan; Daniel, deceased; James, who married Olive Stewart, and lived at Ruthven, but later moved to Arkansas, where he died; John, a resident of Grand Rapids, who married Ann Hammond; Nancy, widow of Alvin Orton, who now lives at Detroit; and Dorothy, who married John D. McDonald, of Gosfield South.

William McQueen was born at Fingal, County of Elgin, and was twenty years of age when his parents moved to the County of Essex. He married Mary, daughter of John W. Wigle. At the time of his marriage he first settled on the Cyrus Wigle farm near Ruthven, but at the end of the second year moved to the farm on Lot 259,

occupied by our subject, but which was then a perfect jungle. Upon it he built a log house, hewed inside and rough outside, and at once began the work of clearing. In 1868 a comfortable frame dwelling succeeded the original log house. He died on this place in 1869, aged thirty-five years. The children born to William McQueen and wife were: Alexander Burns; Rosella, who married John McKinney, of Amherstburg; Capt. John married Ida McCormick, and resides at Amherstburg; Saloma married James Scratch, of Kingsville; Elizabeth is the widow of Charles Whittle of Detroit, and has one son, John; William died young; James William, D.D.S., of Detroit, married Nell McCormick, and has one daughter, Irene.

Alexander Burns McQueen was born Aug. 13, 1855, at Ruthven, and was two years of age when the family settled on Lot 259, T.R.S., and upon this property he grew to manhood. At the age of sixteen years, the death of his father forced him to take charge of affairs, and he completed the clearing of the property, doing about fifty acres himself. Later, he rented the farm, and, removing to the Pike in Malden, he engaged in hotel keeping. This business he continued for about fourteen years, and he was also engaged in the same line of business at Harrow, Ont. In 1888 he returned to his farm, a property which has been in the family since it was drawn from the government by his grandfather, John W. Wigle, who took out the patent. Since returning to it Mr. McQueen has carried on general farming, and in 1899 he built a handsome brick house. In addition to carrying on his farming operations he runs a threshing machine.

In 1877 Mr. McQueen married Miss Mary Grondin, who was born on Grosse Ile, daughter of Edward and Madeline (Allean) Grondin. Mr. Grondin was a native of Montreal, and came with his parents to Amherstburg many years ago. His wife died May 14, 1885. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. McQueen were: Laura Belle, born Oct. 11, 1877, died Jan. 16, 1878, aged three months; William Edward, born March 27, 1879, died Dec. 17, 1880, aged twenty-one months; Ada May, born Oct. 16, 1882; Mary Madeline, born Nov. 9, 1884; Stella, born March 6, 1887; Myrtle Eva, born Sept. 27, 1889; Nora Louisa, born Nov. 6, 1891; Wilfred Balfour, born Aug. 27, 1894; Ella Gertrude, born Dec. 25, 1897.

Mr. McQueen is one of the most highly respected and enterprising farmers and business men of this locality, and has won the full confi-

dence of those who have had relations with him by his upright manner of dealing. His family is one of which any man may well feel proud, and his young people are prominent socially.

Although occupied by his private affairs, Mr. McQueen supports the candidates of the Liberal party with his vote, and has always been in favor of good government, and the development of the country. Such men as Mr. McQueen have made Ontario what it is to-day, and the sons of such men will continue the work of development and advancement, until this portion of the Dominion will become the garden spot of the country.

ALFRED A. BRATT, an energetic farmer of Malden township, is a member of a family that has been identified with the County of Essex for over sixty years. His father, John Bratt, now deceased, is fully mentioned elsewhere.

Alfred A. Bratt, the eldest of his father's family, was born in Colchester South, Dec. 10, 1854. He received an excellent education and was instructed in agriculture by his father. In 1892 he began farming the home place in Malden, since which time he has resided there as the head of that fine property, engaging extensively and successfully in general farming.

In 1892 Mr. Bratt was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth H. Topping, of Woodstock, and two children have come to them, Ethel W., born June, 1896; and John Edward, born in August, 1899. Politically Mr. Bratt is a Liberal. He keeps informed regarding home affairs, but otherwise takes no active part in public matters. He and his family are all members of the Methodist Church.

The father of Mrs. Bratt, Edward Topping, was born in Woodstock, and there died aged eighty-seven years. For some years he taught school, while preparing himself for the ministry, becoming in time a Baptist clergyman. He was first located at Woodstock, but always owned and at times operated a farm in the County of Oxford. He married Helen Matilda Elliott, a daughter of Rev. Isaac Elliott, and the family born to them was as follows: Catherine married Daniel Botsford; Helen Jane married a Mr. Warren, of Chatham; John E. resides at Pueblo, Colorado; Henry, Mary and Isaac died young; Elizabeth H. became Mrs. Bratt. The last-named was but an infant when the mother died, and the father afterward married Eliza Bland, by whom he had children as follows: Emma, who married William Anderson, a contractor, of Woodstock,

Ont.; Miss Mary, of Woodstock; Luke, who died aged twenty-four years; and Ethel, who died aged twenty-four.

WILLIAM NEWMAN, C.E., a prominent resident of Windsor, and native of the County of Essex, belongs to an English family which settled in Ontario in 1845. In that year his grandfather, Thomas Newman, and his wife Mary (Hillier) Newman, and two children, became residents of the County of Essex, having secured land from Col. Talbot, on the north half of Lot 14, Middle Road, North. On this property Thomas Newman and his wife died, leaving as heirs a son and a daughter: James, who became the father of William Newman, of Windsor; and Anne, who became the wife of John Campbell, and is now deceased.

James Newman was born Dec. 11, 1828, in England, and was seventeen years of age when the family exodus was made to Ontario. On reaching his majority he located on the north half of Lot 13, Middle Road, North, and there remained until 1868, when he sold this tract and purchased the west half of Lot 11, Concession 6, township of Mersea. Prosperity attended his efforts, and he became one of the substantial and much respected residents of his locality, and a leading member of the Conservative party. Throughout his life his religious connection was with the Church of England. In 1856 Mr. Newman was united in marriage with Mary Ann Elliott, who was born in 1838, in Ireland, a daughter of William Elliott, who came to the County of Essex in 1845, and settled in Rochester township, where he died. The following-named children were born to James Newman and wife: Sarah, who resides on the old homestead with her mother; Catherine Elizabeth, who is the wife of Adam A. Miles, of Gosfield North; Thomas, who is deceased; William, who resides at Windsor; George, principal of the Brighton high school, who married a Miss Campbell; Hannah, who is deceased; John, who is a civil engineer in the office of his brother William; Arthur and Adilla, who are at home; and Walter, who was a soldier in South Africa. Mr. Newman died in 1901, but his widow still survives.

William Newman, the fourth member of the above family, was born Jan. 22, 1866, in Tilbury West, and was given most excellent educational advantages. After honorably and creditably finishing his course in the Galt high school, he entered the School of Practical Science of Toronto



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University, from which institution he was graduated in 1891, with his degree of civil engineer. After spending one year in engineering work with Alexander Baird, on Jan. 1, 1893, he opened an office in Windsor, and from that time he has enjoyed the cordial support of the public, and does more business in his line than any other in this locality. His ability has been so recognized that in 1895 he was appointed city engineer, an office he most capably fills.

In 1892 Mr. Newman was married to Miss Laura Wilkinson, daughter of J. J. Wilkinson, of Mersea township, and two children have been born to this union, namely: Clinton, in 1893; and Clare, in 1896. Politically, Mr. Newman is identified with the Conservative party, and fraternally he belongs to both the Masonic and I.O. O.F. orders. He is an associate member of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers, and in his profession is regarded as an authority; he is considered one of the progressive and useful citizens of Windsor.

DAVID HOPGOOD, who is well located on Lot 277, Talbot Road South, Gosfield North, County of Essex, is a prosperous farmer and a true son of Canada, having been born on his present farm, March 22, 1855, son of James and Eliza (Jones) Hopgood.

James Hopgood was born in England in 1809, and the mother in 1811. She was a daughter of James Jones, who came to Canada and settled on the Talbot Road in the County of Essex. The same sailing vessel which brought the Jones family to the Dominion, brought also young James Hopgood, and the acquaintance then begun resulted in marriage after landing in Canada. The young couple settled in Huron County for two years, and then came to Talbot street, where Mr. Hopgood bought 100 acres of land of a Mr. Cumiford. A few words suffice to tell that this wild land was cleared and later cultivated, but they give little idea of the toil and perseverance necessary to transform the wilderness into the good farm which Mr. Hopgood later possessed, and lived long enough to enjoy. His death took place Oct. 9, 1877, and that of his widow in October, 1889. They were most worthy, pious people, founders of the Methodist Church, and were both respected and beloved. Politically Mr. Hopgood favored the principles of the Reform party, but never aspired to office, contenting himself with his private business and the care of his family. The children born to James Hopgood and his

wife were as follows: Nancy, born in the County of Huron, married John Gilboe, who removed to Pontiac, Michigan, where she died, leaving five children, Demarias, Sylvester, Theodore, Aywida and Elmer. John, born at Port Huron, married Miss Jane Williams, and now resides in the County and town of Essex. They had three children: Evelyn, who died in infancy; Horatio, deceased; and Ida, who married Dr. Arthur Scott, and moved to Owosso, Michigan, where their only child, Flossy, was born, and where Mrs. Scott died when her child was but two years old. James, born in the County of Essex, married Adelia Williams, a sister of Thomas Williams, and he resides in Essex, engaged in a butchering business; his wife died leaving two children, Darius and Delmar. Henry, born in the County of Essex, married Susan Robinson, and they settled on a farm in Maidstone township, where he died in 1893, leaving his widow with four children, Arthur, Alexander, Elizabeth and Adeline, the last named since deceased. Jane, born at the present homestead, married Robert Fish, who resides on a farm in Mersea township, and they have had children, Carrie, Edith, Minnie, Jessie, Maud and Forest, the last named now deceased. Grove, born in 1848, married Miss Isadore Gilboe, who died leaving one daughter, Effa D., now the wife of Harry Jerry, of Gosfield; he married for his second wife Theresa Gardiner, and for his third, Georgianna Coleman, and they reside on a part of the old Hopgood homestead. Ellen, born in 1851, is the wife of John Kay, of Gosfield North, and they have two children, Nora and Alvin. Matilda, born in 1858, is the youngest member of the family, and the wife of Arthur Lane, who fills a government position in British Columbia. They had children, Ajie, Clarence, Mina and Grace. David, whose name introduces this sketch, was the youngest son.

David Hopgood obtained his early education in the district schools of his native place. In November, 1876, he was united in marriage with Miss Hannah A. Baltzer, born Jan. 20, 1853, in Gosfield, near Kingsville, daughter of Jacob and Mary (Iler) Baltzer, and a member of one of the prominent old pioneer families of the County of Essex. Mr. Baltzer was born in Germany in 1803, and married Mary Iler in Canada, who was born in 1815, in Colchester South. They settled on a farm in Gosfield, where he died in 1858, survived by his widow until 1898. She was left with six children to rear, as follows: Jacob, who died at the old family homestead in 1897, mar-

ried (first) Nancy Wigle, who died leaving one daughter, Mary J., wife of Peter Malott; he married for his second wife, Louisa Wigle, and they had five children, Elizabeth, Melton, Solomon, Roy and Hannah. Elizabeth has been married twice, first to Leonard Wigle, and is now the wife of George Bedell, of Talbot Road; they have an adopted son, Frank Jones. Samuel married Sarah Johnston, of Gosfield, and they now reside in Kingsville; they have an adopted daughter, Jennie, wife of Alfred Baltzer, of Kingsville. Catherine resides with her sister Mrs. Hopgood. Solomon married Lucy Iler, of Gosfield, and they reside in Colchester South; they have three children, William L., Delmar and Harper. The sixth member of the family is Mrs. Hopgood.

After their marriage Mr. Hopgood and his wife settled on the old Hopgood homestead where he was born. Since taking charge of the place he has made many improvements, remodeling the residence, erecting substantial barns and out-buildings, and giving that air of neatness and thrift to the farm which betokens the capable and careful farmer. Among his neighbors Mr. Hopgood is considered one of the best farmers of his section, and also one of the upright and honest citizens, a man who deserves the esteem in which he is universally held.

Mr. and Mrs. Hopgood have one son, Ernest L., born March 29, 1879, a fine young man who has been liberally educated in the local schools, and the Essex Collegiate Institute. Mr. Hopgood is in sympathy with the Reform party, but the only office he has ever consented to hold is that of school trustee. He and his wife are among the leading members of the Baptist Church in their locality.

ALEXANDER D. FORSYTH, one of the prominent citizens of Colchester South, County of Essex, descends from Scottish stock that have long been distinguished in military affairs. For many generations, or as long ago as the battle of Bannockburn, those of the name have been residents of Stirling, several members of the family fighting under Bruce and Wallace in the early Scottish wars.

John Forsyth, the grandfather of Alexander D., was a soldier by profession, and served under Wellington in his Belgian campaign, which resulted in the downfall of Napoleon at Waterloo.

John Forsyth (2), son of John and father of Alexander D., was born in Stirlingshire, Scotland, in 1815. He entered the military service

in the corps of Sappers and Miners, and for efficiency in his work was promoted, at the time he gave up his commission having some 600 men employed under him. He was married in Edinburgh to Euphemia Trupe, and with his family set sail, in 1850, for America. For two years after his arrival on this side of the Atlantic Mr. Forsyth resided at Lockport, New York, and then removed to the County of Kent, Ont., making the trip from Buffalo to Detroit by steamer, and by the "Plow Boy" to Chatham. He located on Lot 12, Concession 8, in Chatham township, where he purchased 100 acres of thickly wooded land, and there he began preparation to properly provide for his family. With the assistance of his sons the land was soon put under cultivation and the family added to their holdings until they owned 600 acres of land in that immediate neighborhood, the same still being in their possession. Politically Mr. Forsyth was a Reformer, and while a resident of Scotland took a lively interest in local public affairs. He died in 1878, aged sixty-three years, after a life of much arduous toil.

The children of John Forsyth and his wife were as follows: John, who is a farmer in Chatham township, County of Kent; James, also of Chatham township; Alexander D.; Lillie, wife of Andrew Quinn, of Ohio; Margaret, wife of David Nesbett, of the County of Lambton; Robert, the owner of the homestead farm; David, owner of a farm of 230 acres south of the homestead; and Mary, wife of George Shaw, of Chatham township. All are well fixed in life and prominent and representative citizens.

Alexander D. Forsyth was born at Toarwood, in Stirling, almost under the walls of Stirling Castle, a most historic spot, and he was but six years of age when the family crossed the ocean. That was in the days of the slow sailing vessel, and six weeks and three days were consumed on the voyage. When he was eight years old the family located in the County of Kent, where he grew to manhood and obtained the best education afforded by the schools of Chatham township at that time. Until he was thirty years old Mr. Forsyth engaged in farming in Chatham township, and then removed to the State of Kansas. One year there satisfied him that Chatham township afforded more agricultural opportunities, so he returned and bought there a farm of 100 acres on which he resided for ten years. He then sold this property and removed to South Lyon, Michigan, where he organized a stock company which

engaged largely in the manufacture of furniture. Subsequently he severed his connection with this company and embarked in a dairy business which he followed for some years. After ten years' residence in Michigan he came back to Ontario, and as a speculation bought a farm of 265 acres in Colchester township South, in 1899. The possibilities of this farm induced him to resume agricultural pursuits and he has since successfully engaged in general farming.

Politically Mr. Forsyth is a staunch Reformer, and while a resident of the County of Kent he took considerable interest in municipal and provincial affairs, and served for a period in the Chatham council. The members of the Forsyth family have always been zealous Presbyterians.

In Chatham township Mr. Forsyth married Margaret Jean McVicar, a native of Argyll, Scotland, and to this union have been born children as follows: Miss Elizabeth Duncan, at home; James Douglas, who married Miss Edna Blanchard and has one daughter, Margaret B.; John Stewart, at home; Duncan, a farmer in Colchester township, who married Helen Craig, and has one child, Jean; George and Jessie Gordon, who are both at home. Mr. Forsyth is a man of comfortable means, intelligence and prominence, and he and family are held in the highest esteem in Colchester South.

The McVicar family, to which Mrs. Forsyth belongs, was one of the pioneer families in Chatham township. John McVicar, her grandfather, was a native of Argyllshire, Scotland, where he married Janet McTavish. In 1837, with his wife and twelve children, he came to Canada and settled on Lot 11, Concession 4, in Chatham township. These children are mentioned: Duncan, father of Mrs. Forsyth; Jesse; Helen, a resident of Fergus; Barbara; John; Hugh; Neil; Mary; Malcolm, for many years in charge of a college at Atlanta, Georgia, a man of superior mental attainments; and D. H., also a polished scholar, a professor in the Presbyterian College at Montreal.

Duncan McVicar was born in Argyll, Scotland, and there married Elizabeth Duncan. To them were born children as follows: John, a resident of Winnipeg; George, who served in the Riel Rebellion, was taken prisoner, and died in consequence of the hardships then endured; Margaret Jean, Mrs. Forsyth; Jessie, who died at Spokane, Washington; Hugh, who died in the County of Kent; and Duncan and James M., engineers on the Great Lakes.

MARTIN STIEFVATER, a prominent farmer and stock raiser of Pelee Island, County of Essex, was born Aug. 23, 1856, in Baden, Germany, a son of Stephen Stiefvater, who was also a native of Baden, where he was a farmer and wine maker. There he lived and died, a consistent member of the Catholic Church. He married Francesca Wisler, who also died at Baden, a member of the Catholic Church. Eight children were born to these parents.

Martin Stiefvater was educated in his native land, and remained with his father until in his young manhood he emigrated to America, landing at New York City in 1882. From that city he went to Sandusky, Ohio, and was engaged at farm labor until 1883, at which time he removed to Pelee Island, and rented a tract of land from M. L. S. Brown. This he operated until 1893, when he bought twenty acres and set it out with grape vines and other fruits, and also devoted a portion of the land to general farming. Although his property is a small one, it is so highly cultivated that it yields more than many much larger tracts, and as Mr. Stiefvater is a very industrious man, thrifty in his habits, he is already accounted one of the substantial men of Pelee Island. In politics Mr. Stiefvater is a Liberal, and fraternally he is a member of the order of Foresters.

While residing at Sandusky, Mr. Stiefvater was married in 1884 to Mary Beck, born at Wurttemberg, Germany. Five children have been born of this happy marriage: Frank, at home; Annie; Charles, who died young; Emma, at home; and Louise. In religious belief Mr. Stiefvater is a Catholic, while his wife is a Lutheran, and both are most excellent, Christian people, who stand very high in the estimation of their neighbors.

VANCE A. STATIA, business manager of the *Leamington News*, and of the firm of Mackay & Statia, formerly editor and proprietor of the *Bothwell Times*, which paper he successfully conducted for nearly four years, has been engaged in that line all his life.

Mr. Statia was born in 1869, in Montreal, son of W. E. and Elizabeth Virginia Statia, the former of whom was a native of Champlain, New York, and is now a resident of Port Said, Egypt. The mother, who was raised in Virginia, died at Bothwell, Ont., in December, 1903. When four years old Vance A. Statia moved with his parents to Strathroy, County of Middlesex, and

there received all his schooling. He was but eleven years old when he began his apprenticeship at the business which has proved to be his life work, in the *Strathroy Age* office at Strathroy, and after learning the trade he followed it for many years as a journeyman in various cities in the United States and Canada. Nine years ago he embarked in the newspaper business on his own account, buying the *Streetsville* (Peel County) *Review*, which he conducted for five years, also having a branch office at Port Credit, in the same county, from which was issued the *Port Credit Herald*. About five years ago he bought the *Highgate Monitor*, which he conducted for some four years, toward the latter half of that time purchasing the *Bothwell Times*, both of which he managed and edited. On March 15, 1904, he entered into partnership with Mr. E. Mackay, B.A., in the firm of Mackay & Statia, to publish the *Leamington News*, one of the leading journals of Essex County. Mr. Statia has shown ability and aptitude in his chosen line, and the industry which insures good results. His paper, wherever it has been his lot to carry on business, has had a high standing in the community.

On Feb. 6, 1892, in Milton, Ont., Mr. Statia married Miss Mary S. Church, of Streetsville, Ont., daughter of Edward and Annie Church, both of whom are deceased. They were natives of England. Six children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Statia, viz.: Cecil, Bessie, Harold, Kenneth, Margery and Ernest. Mr. Statia is the only member of the original family resident in Canada.

JOHN PARKS, one of the leading farmers of Malden township, County of Essex, is a son of Jonathan Parks, who was born in Staffordshire, England.

In his native shire Jonathan Parks learned the mason's trade, following same until 1841, in which year he came to Canada. In Staffordshire, on June 11, 1832, he married Susanna Hartshorn. They were six weeks on the voyage to Canada, and the family landed in Quebec, weary but not discouraged. From that city they made their way by water to Toronto, and soon afterward settled some twenty-five miles from the city, on a small ten-acre bush farm in Markham township, County of York, which was wild land, and on which they built a log cabin, making their home there for eight years. They then came west to the County of Essex. Prior to this, however, they had gone to Baraboo, Wisconsin,

but only remained a few months. Returning to Ontario, Mr. Parks purchased a farm of 100 acres in Lot 83, 7th Concession, Malden township, on which he resided until his death, in 1873. He added twenty-five acres to the original property. To him and his wife were born the following children: Mary, born in 1833, died March 30, 1834; Sarah, born Feb. 20, 1835, married George Bratt, and died Jan. 27, 1860; John was born Jan. 11, 1837; Joseph, born Feb. 4, 1839, died in 1892; Elizabeth, born Jan. 2, 1841, married George Bratt, a farmer of Malden township, and died June 19, 1890; Mary, born June 22, 1843, married Charles Bratt, of Malden township; Eliza, born Dec. 3, 1846, married Robert Sellars, and died in May, 1879.

John Parks was born in Staffordshire, England, Jan. 11, 1837, and at the age of eight years was thrown upon his own resources. He has succeeded by his own efforts in building up a fine fortune, and establishing himself in the full confidence of the community. At the time of his marriage he rented a farm on Lockart's Island, and remained there for eight years, after which he purchased eighty acres of wild land. He then bought a 100-acre farm in the 7th Concession, where he remained nine years, at the end of that time trading it for a 325-acre property in the clergy reserve, upon which he made his home for ten years. Nineteen years ago he bought of Perry Leighton his present farm of 219 acres, later selling a portion of the 325-acre farm. He still owns over 300 acres in the township, and is recognized as being one of the most prosperous farmers of his section, his property being one of the most attractive on the River Road. In politics Mr. Parks is a Reformer, and for several years served on the township council.

When he was twenty-two years of age, Mr. Parks married Miss Hannah A. Shepley, a native of Raleigh township, County of Kent, and a daughter of Solomon Shepley. To this union came children as follows: Elmer, born Jan. 4, 1863, married Miss Jeanette Benton, and they have had six children, Ethel C., born Sept. 10, 1892; Hannah M., Jan. 9, 1894; Allen Elmer, Nov. 27, 1896; Willie J., Oct. 17, 1898; Ann Clara, April 18, 1901; and Janet, April 28, 1903. Minnie, born July 6, 1866, married Fred Mickle, of Malden township, and they have three children: Bessie, born Aug. 26, 1884; and Ella H. and Frederick H., twins, born June 2, 1891. Mary, born May 18, 1868, married Curtis Mickle, and



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has had one child, Earl Parks, born Oct. 13, 1901. Susanna, born Oct. 22, 1871, married Frank Shepley, and has one child, Hannah L., born Sept. 19, 1902. John, Jr., born Aug. 14, 1874, married Miss Lenora Dorsey, and they have had one son, John Glenn, born Aug. 14, 1899, who died March 20, 1902; they reside with his parents, John Parks carrying on the farming, and he is kept very busy looking after so large a property.

Solomon Shepley was born in Harwich township, County of Kent, Nov. 17, 1797, and during his young manhood lived for a time in Gosfield township, County of Essex, where he married Sarah Wigle, who was born Aug. 26, 1798, and died Jan. 10, 1868. Mr. Shepley died May 17, 1868. After marriage Mrs. and Mrs. Solomon Shepley lived in Raleigh township, near Cedar Springs, and there engaged in farming all of their lives. The children born to this worthy couple were as follows: John W., born Jan. 22, 1820, died at Chatham, Ont., in 1892; Michael A., born April 4, 1822, died at Bothwell in 1896; Joseph W., born Dec. 22, 1825, lived in Colchester South, where he died March 28, 1878; James D. G., born June 9, 1828, resides in Colchester; Hannah A., wife of John Parks, the subject of this biography, was born April 22, 1833; Solomon R., born in April, 1835, resides at Essex; Jacob C., born Sept. 22, 1843, resides at Kingsville; Charles W., twin brother of Jacob C., born Sept. 22, 1843, also resides at Kingsville, where both are prominent men. The Parks and Shepley families are justly numbered among the most representative of the locality, and their members have well borne their part in the upbuilding and development of the several sections in which they have made their homes.

PATRICK L. DARRAGH, a farmer of the 2nd Concession in Anderdon township, County of Essex, is one of the successful and highly esteemed citizens of the locality, where he has been known from childhood, and with each passing year has strengthened his claim on the respect of his friends and neighbors. He was born in Amherstburg, Aug. 20, 1854, son of William and Catherine (Lindsy) Darragh, pioneers of the county. The grandparents were Patrick and Jane (McGalliard) Darragh, of Ireland, where he died; she died in Anderdon township, County of Essex, Ont., while living with her son, William Darragh.

With two exceptions their children came also

to this country. William is mentioned below. Daniel died in Philadelphia, while en route to Canada from Ireland. Neil, a younger brother, came to Canada with his brother William, and died in Detroit in 1900. Sarah is the widow of William Morrow, of Anderdon. Catherine, born in Ireland, became the wife of a Mr. Cloates, of Michigan. Ellen, born in Ireland, died in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; she married John Lilly. Mattie, born in Ireland, now of Chester County, Pennsylvania, married John Curry, a dairyman. Rose and Andrew died in Ireland; the former married Edward Glass, who operated a hotel. Patrick, a half-brother of William, died in Amherstburg in 1855. Jane, a sister to Patrick, married P. Delmore, and died in Anderdon in 1897.

William Darragh was born in County Antrim, Ireland, in 1824, and his wife Catherine, was born in Dublin, in 1827. Her parents, Richard and Catherine (Fondley) Lindsy, were also of Ireland, where they died when Mrs. Darragh was an infant. Mr. and Mrs. Darragh came to America in 1850, landing at Philadelphia, and located first in New York State, where they lived three or four years before going to Amherstburg, in 1854. There Mr. Darragh worked at shipbuilding until 1866, when he became foreman in the stone quarry for the late Alexander Borrowman, working for him a number of years. He later engaged in farming, and was so occupied until his death in 1890. He was a consistent member of the Catholic Church, and before leaving Ireland was an active church worker there. Mr. Darragh left children as follows: Patrick L.; Mary, born in New York in 1850, now the widow of Frank Gamble; Frances, born in New York, in 1853, the wife of Eugene Maguire, who resides in Amherstburg, and has one daughter, Evelyn; William, born in Amherstburg in 1856, unmarried, at home; Andrew, born in 1858, unmarried, now manager of the waterworks at Amherstburg, formerly an engineer on the Michigan Central railroad; Richard J., born in 1866, now residing on the 6th Concession in Malden, who married Miss Mary Allen of Malden township, and has two daughters and one son, Margaret, Catherine N. and Ledson P. (Mrs. Mary Darragh died March 29, 1904); one daughter, Sarah K., died when eight years old.

Patrick L. Darragh grew up in Anderdon, where he worked at farming from boyhood. At the time of his marriage he bought the farm in the 4th Concession which has since been the

family home. On June 29, 1892, he married Miss Maggie Pettipiece, who was born in October, 1858, in Anderdon, daughter of Thomas and Mary (O'Raferty) Pettipiece, prominent pioneer people of the County of Essex. Mrs. Darragh was sent to the Convent of Amherstburg and was a lady of culture and education. She died leaving no family. She was a consistent member of the Catholic Church, with which Mr. Darragh is also connected. Politically he has been usually identified with the Reform party, and filled the office of assessor in 1897; he was also appointed the enumerator for the census taken in 1900. He is capable and energetic, and is steadily making his way in the world, and is regarded with great esteem by all.

JOSEPH GRAVELINE, one of the substantial citizens of Walkerville, County of Essex, has been a resident of the city since 1848, but he is a native of Montreal, where he was born in 1827. His grandfather, Hurban Graveline, was born in France, and established the family in Canada, leaving behind him two sons, Joseph and Proudon, the latter being the father of our subject.

Proudon Graveline was born in Montreal in 1775, and came to Walkerville at an early day, there dying in 1871. His wife, Margaret Rose, also a native of Montreal, died in 1853. The following children were born to this union; Edward Proudon, Heloise, Joseph, Simon, Marion, Margette, Ester, Virgnie, Emily and Mathilda.

Joseph Graveline has been engaged in the pursuance of his trade of carpenter ever since locating in Walkerville, and was one of the leading builders for Hiram Walker & Sons. On May 24, 1849, Mr. Graveline and Miss Felice Nautais were united in marriage, she being descended from one of the pioneers of the County of Essex. Her grandfather moved from Quebec to this county about 1785, with a team and wagon, there being no railroads at that early day, and here engaged in farming. Among his children was a son John, who became the father of Mrs. Graveline, and he was born in Essex in 1801. John Nautais married Margaret Beech, who was born in 1802. They became the parents of the following children; Mrs. Graveline, Margette, John, Jacob, Celinie and Catherine.

To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Graveline a family was born as follows: Henry, who married Pauline Dubois, and resides in Michigan; Matilda, Amelia and Edward, deceased; Joseph,

who married Sarah Mathews, resides in Windsor, and has had children, Roy, Dora, Sarah, Agnes (deceased), Gordon and Andrew; Eugene, who married Josephine Sancier; Josephine, who married Victor Bassett, and has had children, George (deceased), Edward, Albert and Eugene (deceased); Mary, at home; Eliza, who married Frank Denis, and had a son Ramond, now deceased; Frank, deceased; and Emma, deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Graveline, as well as their family, are members of the Roman Catholic Church. Politically Mr. Graveline is a Conservative, and is a staunch supporter of the principles of his party, although he has never aspired to office. Although now seventy-eight years of age he enjoys excellent health, and still follows his trade during the summer months. He is a pleasant talker, genial in manner, and his reminiscences of the days when Walkerville was founded are very entertaining. Throughout a long and useful life he has upheld a high standard, and numbers among his friends the very best people of the County of Essex.

WILLIAM E. ATKIN, one of the prosperous farmers of Malden township, was born May 22, 1861, on the farm which he now occupies. In 1839, his father, Richard Atkin, came to the County of Essex from Illinois, and began farming for himself on Lot 90, 8th Concession, Malden, which was then but a wild tract, covered with brush and timber. This he bravely attempted to clear, but was shortly attacked by disease and died at the early age of forty-three years.

Richard Atkin married Sarah Huffman, a member of one of the prominent families of Colchester, and these children were born to this marriage: Mary Ann, wife of Robert Countiss, of Malden; Olive Eve, wife of David Quick, of Colchester South; Jacob Abner, who married Ida E. Judd, and died in Malden, aged thirty-eight years; Miss Jemima Jane; and William Edmund, of this sketch.

William E. Atkin was but a youth when the heaviest duties of farming fell to his share, owing to his father's failing health. His success has been remarkable, the farm not only being cleared, but well-cultivated and improved with commodious, substantial and attractive buildings. Through his enterprise this has been

accomplished, and he is now the owner of one of the best farms in the township.

In politics Mr. Atkin supports the Government party. He has always been interested in educational matters, and has ably served as secretary and treasurer of the school board.

In Colchester South, Oct. 14, 1885, Mr. Atkin married Alice Quick, daughter of Absalom Quick, and two children have been born to them, namely: Sarah Deborah and Scott Marwood. The family attend the Methodist Church, of which Mr. Atkin is a leading member, at present serving as steward. Mrs. Atkin was born in March, 1860, in Colchester South, daughter of Absalom and Deborah (Thompson) Quick, farming people of the County of Essex, where the Quick family were among the early settlers.

On the maternal side Mr. Atkin is connected with a prominent old family of the State of Pennsylvania. Rudolph Huffman, his great-grandfather, married Rebecca Wise, also of Pennsylvania, and they came at an early date and settled in Colchester South, where he died in advanced age. After the death of his first wife he married the widow of Jeremiah Brush, and his children, all of whom were born in Colchester South, were the following: Henry, David, Rudolph, Solomon, Absalom, Sophia (wife of George McGregor), Rebecca (wife of Alman Able), Catherine (wife of Curtis Brush), and Susan (wife of Samuel Atkin).

Absalom Huffman, grandfather of Mr. Atkin, was born Nov. 30, 1804, and died in 1895, aged ninety-one years. His whole life was passed in Colchester South, where he married Rachel Jemima Brush, who died aged eighty-three years. Their family consisted of these children: Sarah, the mother of Mr. Atkin; Mary (deceased), who married Amos Lane; Harriet (deceased), who married John Le Marsh; Rachel, who married Theodore Huffman, of Raleigh township, County of Kent; Jacob, of Colchester South; Henry, late of Pontiac, Michigan, who married Catherine Lamarsh, and died in February, 1904; Sophia, who married Albert Wright, of Anderdon township; Hannah, who died at the age of four years, and Absalom, who died when eighteen months old.

WILLIAM H. BRUNDAGE, the genial proprietor of the "Drummond House" at Harrow, County of Essex, is a descendant of a pioneer Kent County family.

Samuel Brundage, his great-grandfather, was a resident of New York State, where his family was born. Like many true subjects of England he would not take up arms against the mother country, and in consequence was forced to leave. Accompanied by his family, he came to Canada and settled near Dundas, where he resided until his death. Of his sons, Samuel and Benjamin came to the County of Kent, but the latter went to California in 1850, at the time of the great gold excitement.

Samuel Brundage, the grandfather, after locating in the County of Kent had his first home on the Talbot road, in Orford township, and later removed to Raleigh township, where he settled on a tract of land in Concession 8, near the Gravel road, and at one time owned some 800 acres in one block. He followed the life of a pioneer farmer, clearing the land and undergoing the hardships common to the early settler. To take the grain to mill was in itself a big undertaking. It was first carried to the river Thames and there loaded in a canoe in which it was conveyed to the mill at Windsor, and the grist was brought home in the same way. After a time Mr. Brundage abandoned farming, sold his land, and moved to Chatham, then a new village, and there made his home, living to see the town grow into a thrifty city. He reached the great age of ninety-one years, six months, dying in 1898. His faculties continued unimpaired up to the time of his death, his memory being remarkably good, and he delighted to tell the experiences of his boyhood days. His vitality was wonderful. In his yard at Chatham stood a poplar tree which he had set out upon first coming to the town. It grew to a good size, and when he was ninety years of age he cut it down, had it converted into lumber, and himself built a summer house of this lumber. His children were: Samuel Lewis; Thomas, deceased, who married Sarah Green; Elizabeth, who married E. Backus, and they reside at Leamington; and Mary Jane, who married William Gone, of Chatham.

Samuel Lewis Brundage, the father of William H., was born in Raleigh township, where he grew to manhood. In Chatham he married Louise Staley, a daughter of Dr. Staley, who was for many years a prominent physician of Hamilton. About the time of his marriage Mr. Brundage took up his residence at Chatham and embarked in lumbering, at which he continued until early in the sixties, when he moved

to Ohio and located in the Maumee river district. After two years, however, he moved to Bay City, Michigan, where he lived some ten or twelve years, during which time he was engaged as a millwright, and did the building and rebuilding of some of the largest sawmills in Michigan. Returning to his native county, he started a mill in Chatham township, but this not proving a paying venture, he discontinued it and went north, where he embarked in an extensive lumber business. He is now settled in Manitoulin Island, where he conducts a thriving business.

To Mr. and Mrs. Brundage were born children as follows: Mary married John S. Bell, of Windsor; William H. is mentioned below; Samuel is in the lumber business with his father; Elizabeth is deceased; Josephine is at home; John and Charley are also in the lumber business on Manitoulin Island.

William H. Brundage was born in Chatham on January 21, 1862, but was reared in the States, where he enjoyed the advantages of the public schools. When he began his business career it was as a lumber scaler and inspector, an occupation he followed for some time in northern Michigan. He next became the Canadian representative of a Detroit lumbering concern, buying lumber and timber through western Ontario for a period of five years, after which he embarked in the business for himself. He continued along this line until 1901, when he leased the "Drummond House" at Harrow and launched out as a hotel man. Being particularly well fitted for this line of work, Mr. Brundage has made a great success of his hotel, and is very well known to the traveling public as an ideal host.

On December 18, 1889, Mr. Brundage was married, at Leamington, Ontario, to Miss Malla Pastorius, and one son has been born of this union, Samuel Walter, the fifth of the name and generation of Samuel Brundage in Ontario. Mrs. Brundage was born Nov. 4, 1871, in Leamington, daughter of Walter and Charlotte (Quick) Pastorius, of Leamington, Ont. Mr. Pastorius died in Kingsville, Ont., Oct. 19, 1895, aged forty-five years. He conducted the "King's Hotel," of Kingsville, which he built in 1884, and carried on until his death, after which his widow continued it until Sept. 1901. She now resides with Mr. and Mrs. Brundage. She is a member of the Methodist Church, as was also Mr. Pastorius. Their children were

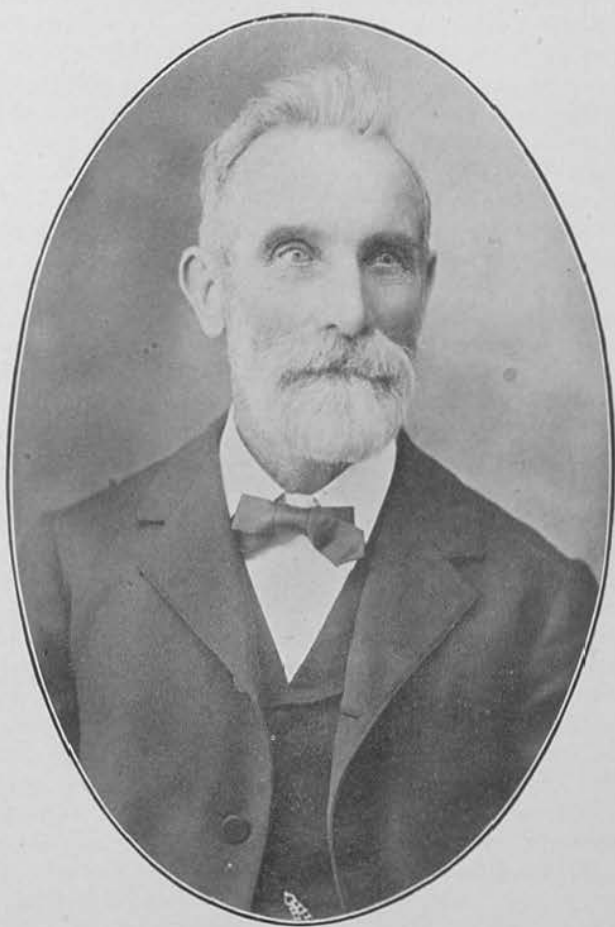
as follows: Malla, Mrs. Brundage; James, of Kingsville, Ont.; Thomas, of Kingsville; Douglas, who died young; and Josie, deceased. Mrs. Brundage's paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pastorius, of Pennsylvania, were early settlers in the County of Essex. He was a farmer.

WALTER JAMES, one of the pioneer lumbermen of the County of Essex, now living retired in the town of Windsor, Ont., is a well-known citizen of the county. He has won his way to his present position of prominence and influence by his own efforts, his inborn force of character enabling him to achieve success in spite of obstacles.

Mr. James was born in the County of Kent, England, Nov. 9, 1838, son of Joseph and Mary James, both of whom were of English birth. His mother died when he was only a child, and his father in 1861. Walter James grew up in his native land, and was given a fair education. When nineteen years old he started for Quebec on the "Martin Luther," a sailing vessel which was totally wrecked during a storm, and was towed to the port of Plymouth by the mail steamer "Tagus." Several lives were lost in the storm, and many more died from exposure, but Mr. James was fortunately among the survivors.

In 1862 Mr. James made his first trip back to England, where he remained a short time on a visit, in 1863 crossing the ocean again, this time on the "Great Eastern," which reached New York in July, 1863. Striking for new scenes, he went west to Illinois and Nebraska. While in Nebraska he entered the employ of the Union Pacific Railroad Company, in the building of the first stations and houses along their lines, and he built the first frame houses at the present site of the cities of Grand Island and North Platte, Nebraska, both now thriving cities. After being thus employed for about ten months, he returned to Canada, and located in Bowmanville, where he engaged in the cattle business, dealing in live stock and in butchering. After a few years of success in that line he again visited England, in 1870, going from Quebec on the steamship "Scandinavian" of the Allan Line.

After a short stay in England, Mr. James returned once more to Canada, and in 1871 settled in the County of Essex, with which he has since been identified. He purchased a mill property at Cottam, engaged in grist and sawmill work, and as he was very successful, speedily



Walter James

became one of the leading business men of the place. Becoming firmly established in Cottam, he in 1893 essayed another branch of the lumber business, purchasing timber lands in Missouri, which occupied much of his attention for several years. Mr. James has also invested largely in farm land in Gosfield, and owns 350 acres there, most of it under cultivation. His former home in Cottam was secured in 1871, when it was only bush land, but he had it cleared, erected good buildings, and has developed it into one of the finest places of the village, in which he remained until September, 1903, when he retired and moved to Windsor, Ont., his present home.

On Sept. 26, 1877, near Hamilton, Ont., in the village of Woodburn, Mr. James was united in marriage with Miss Amanda F. Cooper, of that place. They have a family of three children, all daughters.

Mr. James belongs to the Liberal party, and in January, 1900, was elected reeve of Gosfield North, a position he held until December, 1903, when he retired from office. He became a Mason in 1876, and has ever since been an active and enthusiastic supporter of the fraternity, belonging to Kingsville Lodge, No. 41, A.F. & A.M. The religious affiliations of the family are with the Methodist Church, in which Mr. James has long been prominent, and is at present recording steward. He is a man of good education and wide knowledge of the world, for he has traveled extensively over Canada and the United States, and has made seven trips across the ocean, his last visit abroad being in 1885. He has remarkable financial ability, and has been uniformly successful in all his ventures, while the positions of trust which have been urged upon him, and his popularity with all classes of men, bespeak his admirable character. His every minute is occupied now, as he is of a nature that cannot be idle, and if he has finished all his own work, he is found cheerfully assisting some less fortunate friend.

CLEMENT REAUME, bailiff of the Seventh Division Court of Windsor, and one of the prominent men of the city, is a member of one of the old families of the County of Essex. The Reaume family is of French extraction, and is traced back to Judge Reaume, who was born in Montreal, and settled in the County of Essex about 1770.

Antoine Reaume, son of Judge Reaume, became the grandfather of our subject. He was

born in the County of Essex in 1795, and followed farming in Sandwich, where he died when about eighty years of age. He married Charlotte St. Louis, also a native of the County of Essex, and the following children were born to their marriage: Lawrence, Antoine, Hubert, Thomas, Norbert and Sophie, all now deceased.

Norbert Reaume, son of Antoine, was born in Sandwich East, in 1835, and there followed agricultural pursuits. He took a prominent part in public matters, and for years served as deputy reeve of the township, tax collector and assessor, and always supported the principles of the Conservative party. His religious convictions made him a Roman Catholic. In 1842 he married Louise Parent, who was born on the river front, township of Sandwich, in 1834, daughter of Francois Parent; she died in 1899, her husband having passed away in 1876. The children born of this union were as follows: Nellie married John Cada, of Pike Creek, and has children, Maggie, Thomas, Frank, Constant, Actor, Victor and Clara; Agnes married Emory St. Louis, of West Bay City; Alexander is unmarried, and resides at Sandwich East, where he is a farmer and justice of the peace, as well as member of the county council; Louise married Jacob Bondy, of Sandwich West, and has children, Ida, Corine, Minnie and Lottie; Sarah married Edmond Janisse, of Windsor, and has children, Oscar, Lottie, Bella, Ameda and Alice; Mary married Eugene Prodhomme, of Windsor, and has children, Eva, Rose, Clair, Frank and Arthur; Emma married Henry Campeau, and resides at Tecumseh; Frank married Mermie St. Louis, and is a hotelkeeper at Pike Creek, Ont.; Clara married George Hemond, a teacher in the County of Essex, and has three children, Charles, Wilfred and Bertha; and Clement is mentioned below.

Clement Reaume was born June 19, 1874, in Sandwich East, and was educated in the public schools, completing his course in 1887. He then became shipping clerk for the Windsor Ever Ready Dress Stay Company, and remained in that capacity for one year. After this he farmed for a few years, when in 1897 he was appointed to his present responsible position, and he is devoting all of his time to the discharge of its duties. Politically Mr. Reaume supports the principles of the Reform party. Like his parents he is a devout member of the Roman Catholic Church. He is a young man who enjoys the confidence of his fellow towns-

men, and his future is a very pleasant and bright one. On Nov. 23, 1903, he married Bella St. Louis.

JOHN ELLIOTT. One of the first indications of the advance of civilization is the arrival of the school teacher in a community, and from the time of the Chinese sage, Confucius, it is an admitted fact that the profession of a teacher is the most honorable calling to which a citizen can aspire. The noblest men of every age have devoted themselves to the instruction of the ignorant, and to-day greatest honor is paid to the professors of every country.

John Elliott, one of the prominent educators of the Province of Ontario, principal of the Leamington high school, was born in the township of Colborne, County of Huron, Ont., of Irish parentage, and took his preliminary course in education in the schools of that township. He then attended the Goderich high school, taking the full course under Principal H. I. Strang, and later attended the University of Toronto, but while living in eastern Ontario he transferred to Queen's University, Kingston, of which institution he is a graduate. After a training as a public school teacher in his native county, Prof. Elliott began high school work as English and science master in the high school at Caledonia, subsequently teaching mathematics and science in the Collegiate Institute at Brockville. Later he accepted a position as first assistant in the high school at Walkerton, and in Dec., 1895, was selected, on the recommendations of the high school inspectors, for the position of first principal of the Leamington high school, a position which he has held ever since. It is generally admitted that no small share of the success of this prosperous school is due to him. During all these years he has been a close student. In addition to his qualifications in mathematics, English and other subjects of high school work, Prof. Elliott holds a public school inspector's certificate, and is a member of the board of examiners for the County of Essex. He has served on the Public Library board for a number of years, and is now chairman of that body. As a teacher his pupils honor and love him, and under his scholarly guidance make rapid progress.

In religion Prof. Elliott is a Methodist, in which church he holds the position of Sunday-school superintendent. As an educator, a private citizen, and a church member he is very

popular, and he exercises a strong influence for good over those with whom he is brought into contact. His wife, like himself, is a Canadian. She was formerly Miss McMullen, and her native place is Kinloss, County of Bruce, Ont. They have three children, who are now being educated in the Leamington schools.

HENRY CHAPPELL, proprietor of the "Chappell House," of Sandwich, County of Essex, was born in Genesee County, New York, Dec. 6, 1822, son of William H. and Hannah (McDowell) Chappell.

William Chappell was born near Providence, Rhode Island, while his wife was born in Newburgh, New York. They settled near Rochester, New York, and there lived for some years, he becoming a successful contractor and builder. Both of them died while living with Henry Chappell in Detroit, Michigan, and all of their seven children are deceased except our subject. William H. Chappell, the last brother to die, passed away with Henry, at his home in Sandwich.

Henry Chappell grew to manhood in New York, where he received a fair education, while learning the carpenter trade with his father. This calling he followed a short time, but when a young man he became attached to the horse racing fraternity, and for a number of years he rode fast racers in many different States, making New Orleans his winter headquarters for several years. In 1858 he owned a stud of fine horses in Rochester, New York, which he brought to Canada and raced for some time, being on every track of note in the Dominion, as well as in Detroit. He built the first race tract on Woodward avenue in Detroit, and has owned and raced many noted horses since 1857. He owns a farm of 108 acres, where he has some of the finest horses to be found in either Canada or the United States, he owning thirty-three head of thoroughbred race horses, valued at many thousands. He is one of the oldest owners and trainers in either the United States or Canada.

In 1867 Mr. Chappell married Miss Frances Howard, daughter of Peter Howard, of Bourbon county, Kentucky, where she was born in 1852. After his marriage he settled in Detroit, and there made his home until 1869, when he rented what is now known as the "Chappell House" and stock farm, in West Sandwich, on the Detroit river, where he has resided thirty-

four years. He has just completed one of the finest hotels in the town of Sandwich, which he is conducting as a first-class house. It is one of the most commodious and elegantly finished hotels in this portion of the county, and will be known as the "Chappell House."

Mr. Chappell has traveled all over the United States and Canada, and had the honor of riding on the first steam engine run over the New York & Erie Railroad. Politically he always voted the Democratic ticket, in the States, his first vote having been cast for James K. Polk. Religiously he was brought up in the Universalist Church.

To the older residents of Sandwich Mr. Chappell is a part of the town, and one of which they are justly proud. Every dollar of his large wealth has been honestly earned by his own efforts, and although it has come through hard work he is almost lavish in his generosity and charity. In all of his good works he is gladly seconded by his wife, and they both are held in reverent admiration and enjoy the confidence of all who have the pleasure of their acquaintance.

HENRY BARLOW, a prosperous farmer of Gosfield North, living on Concession 9, South Talbot road, in the County of Essex, was born Jan. 17, 1845, in the County of Wentworth, near Hamilton, Ont., son of Richard and Rebecca (McCrimmon) Barlow. He comes of an old and prominent family of the Dominion.

Richard Barlow was born in 1811 in New Brunswick, son of William Barlow, whose ancestors settled at Staten Island, New York. William returned to Canada as a United Empire Loyalist, living a short time in New Brunswick, during which period his son, Richard, was born. The family then moved to Binbrooke, County of Wentworth, and there Richard married Rebecca McCrimmon, who was born in 1851 in Ontario. There Richard died in 1902, at over ninety-two years of age; his widow still survives, at the age of eighty-eight. Their children were as follows: Annie married Hon. Nicholas Awry, a member of a prominent family, member of the Canadian Parliament, and a commissioner to the World's Fair at Chicago, and died leaving four children, Grace, Hardy, George and Ralph. Henry is mentioned below. Judson, born in the County of Wentworth, married Eva Revell, and they settled on the old homestead in that county. Almira, born in the

County of Wentworth, was the wife of Theodore Stafford, a saddler, who died in Hamilton, leaving three children, Richard, Maud and George. Miss Victoria still resides in the County of Wentworth.

Henry Barlow was the eldest son of his parents' family, and he was educated in the old school house near the homestead, supplementing the learning he there acquired with extensive reading ever since, being one of the best posted men of this locality. Some years previous to his marriage, he learned the carpenter's trade which he followed in connection with farming on the old homestead, until 1875, when he came to the County of Essex. Investing in 107 acres of wild land, he has transformed it into a fine farm, having all but forty acres cleared. His improvements are of a most substantial character, all of his building having been done by himself. In addition to this farm he owns another situated on Concession 8.

In 1868 Mr. Barlow married Miss Mary A. Young, born Jan. 20, 1850, at Binbrooke, County of Wentworth, daughter of William and Jane (Bell) Young, an old U. E. L. family of Canada. Mrs. Barlow was reared in the County of Wentworth, where her father died when she was a young girl, leaving her mother with seven children to rear, namely: Mary A., wife of Mr. Barlow; Andrew, of Colorado; John, of St. Louis, Missouri; Margaret, wife of John Golden, of the County of Haldimand; William J., a ranchman of Assiniboia, North-west Canada; Janet, wife of William Monroe, of Port Dover, Canada; and Maria E., who married Claud Shipman, a ranchman in North-western Canada. Almost all are married and have descendants. After the death of Mr. Young, Mrs. Young married (second) James Hoey. They reside at Prince Albert, and have five children, namely: Robert; John Westney; Michael G.; Annie J., wife of E. H. Clever, a barrister of Toronto, Ont.; and Alice, wife of Peter Paul, of Prince Albert.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Barlow are the following: William W., born in the County of Wentworth in 1869, was educated in the local schools, and the high school of Caledonia, and then studied pharmacy, later locating at Hamilton where he did business some years as a leading druggist. He is now a traveling salesman for the great drug firm of Parke, Davis & Co., connected with the house at Walkerville, Ont. He married Miss Rebecca Houten,

of Hamilton, where they reside. Richard O., the second son, was born in 1870, and still remains at home. Ethel, born in 1872, in the County of Wentworth, is the wife of Albert Bondy, of Gosfield North, and they have three children, Alfred, Edna and Mary. Stanley, born in 1874, married Ethel Steed, of Gosfield North, and they reside on a farm in Colchester North, and have two children, Gordon and George. Percival, born in 1876, died in childhood. Henry H., born in 1878, in Gosfield North, was educated in the common and high schools of the County of Essex, and now resides on the old homestead in Gosfield North; in 1900 he married Isabella Lewis, of the County of Essex, and has one daughter, Luella Alberta, born in 1902. Luella J., born in 1880, Roy, born in 1882, Andrew E., born in 1889 and Forest J., born in 1895, are still at school and home.

During the Fenian raid in Canada, Mr. Barlow showed his loyalty by enlisting in an independent company at Binbrooke, which was attached to the 19th Battalion of Canada, then located at Niagara, and afterward attached to the 77th Battalion. Mr. Barlow has never been awarded any land grant although he is entitled to 160 acres, which many of his companions in arms have received. Fraternally he is a Mason, having joined the Order in 1867, and belongs to Harmony Lodge, No. 57. He is also a member of the Order of Foresters in the County of Essex, and has held official position in the organization, and belongs also to the Chosen Friends, in an honorary capacity. For some eight consecutive years Mr. Barlow served as a member of the council of Gosfield North, and has proved himself a faithful, public-spirited citizen. Religiously the family is connected with the Baptist Church, in which body Mr. Barlow has been a deacon for a number of years. The family has long been prominent in that denomination, his father and brother, Judson, both officiating in the same position in the County of Wentworth.

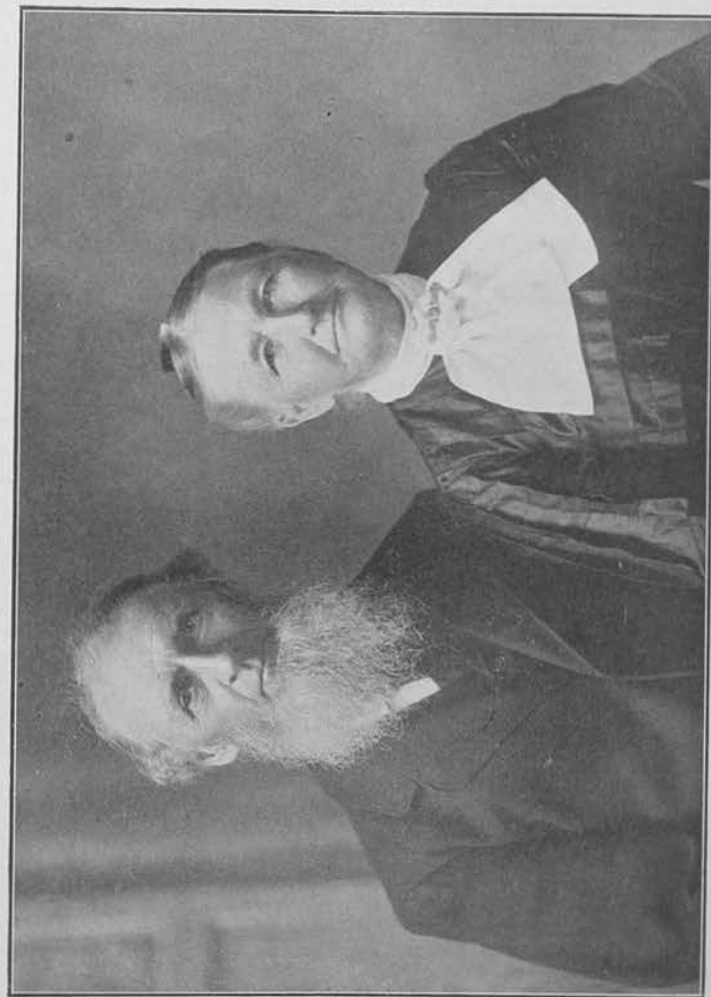
Henry Barlow is one of the really representative men of Gosfield North, and, as has been shown, has been identified with the political, religious and fraternal circles of his neighborhood for many years. He has won approbation everywhere, and is held in high esteem. Mr. Barlow also commands the respect and affection of his large and intelligent family, to all of whom he has afforded good educational ad-

vantages, and by his own estimable life has given them a social standing which they have maintained in the various localities to which their duties have called them. In his neighborhood he is appreciated for his kind and charitable nature, and for those qualities which prove to all the reality of his Christian professions. Such men are an honor to any community, and Gosfield North may be proud of such a citizen as Henry Barlow.

OLIVER KELLOGG SCRATCH, a prosperous retired farmer of Leamington, County of Essex, was born in Gosfield township, March 30, 1834, son of Peter and Mary (Wigle) Scratch. The founders of the family in this country were Leonhard and Mary (Munger) Scratch, parents of Peter. The latter, who was a farmer, lived for several years in Gosfield township, and held the office of postmaster, and there both he and his good wife died. The children who came to this worthy couple were: John, Leonhard, Judith (who married Oliver Kellogg), Henry, Mary (who married Samuel Bentley), Joseph, and Alpheus, all deceased; William, who is on the homestead; Archimedes, deceased; Oliver K.; and Cyrenus, of Shelby, Missouri.

Oliver K. Scratch spent his boyhood on the homestead farm, and when he was twenty-five years of age took up government land to the extent of 100 acres, paying \$1 per acre therefor. This land had been previously granted to his grandfather, Leonhard Scratch. It was in a wild state, and during his residence thereon, until May, 1886, he improved it in every way. At that time he rented the farm, and purchased ten acres on Erie street, upon which he erected a fine brick dwelling, and is now living retired. In politics he is a Conservative, and has been trustee of the township. He is a member of the Methodist Church, in which he has been class leader, and he is a man who holds the unqualified respect of all who know him. He is a strong advocate of the temperance cause.

On Aug. 26, 1855, Mr. Scratch married, in Gosfield township, Jane Fulmer, a daughter of Adam and Barbara (Stewart) Fulmer, born in Gosfield township, March 29, 1838. The children born of this union are: Arthur, born Wednesday, May 14, 1856, married Isabell Simpson, and has children—Grace (Mrs. William Gunning), Jane (Mrs. Nelson Peterson), Myrtle (Mrs. Seibert), Lily, Lawrence. Cora, born Monday, Jan. 9, 1861, married Albert Wilkin-



Oliver H. Seratch and Seratch

son, and has three children—Bella, Pearl and Earl. Charles Elihu, born Wednesday, Aug. 13, 1862, married Margaret Snyder, and has four children—Roy, Earl, Clare and Thelma Irene. Cora, an adopted daughter, was born May 8, 1875, and she married Roy Russell.

The Fulmer family were of German extraction. Adam Fulmer, son of John Fulmer, was born in Gosfield township, and was a farmer, spending his life in his native township. Barbara Stewart was a daughter of Charles and Mary Stewart. Their children were: John, deceased; Joseph, who went to California, and was never heard of thereafter; Mary; Ann, widow of Henry Scratch, and living in Gosfield township; Mrs. Oliver Scratch; Andrew who married Sarah Martin, and has five children—John, Leason, Hugh, Jennie, Walter; Stephen; Charles, who was killed while serving in the United States army during the Rebellion; Michael, who married Elizabeth Dawson, and has children—Beula, Pearl, Garfield, Charles, Nora, Flossie, Earl, Mary and Howard; Josiah, who married Catherine Rose, and had children—George, Isabell, Adolphus, and two whose names are unknown; Josephine, who married Simon Kellog, and has had seventeen children, of whom fourteen are living, and among whom are—Joseph, Della, Cora, Roy, Charles, Stella, Laura, Blanche, Winifred, Gerald and Jeffrey (twins), and Stanley.

JOHN M. HICKS, a successful merchant who won prosperity through personal energy, honorable dealing and courteous treatment of his customers, is now living retired at Essex. He was born in County Cavan, Ireland, Feb. 25, 1849, son of John and Bessie (Moffett) Hicks, who were born in Ireland, where they grew to maturity and married. In 1854 they came to Canada, and settled in the township of Marlborough, County of Carleton, where he made a farm from wild land and where he resided until his death in 1892, aged eighty-three years. His widow survived him until February, 1901, when she passed away, aged eighty-five. Religiously they were members of the Methodist Church. Politically he was a Conservative. Six children were born to them as follows: (1) Thomas, born in Ireland, married in Marlborough, removed to the County of Essex, in 1884, and of his children Eliza is now Mrs. A. Patterson, of Smith's Falls, Ont.; John lives in Mississippi; Bell, of Ridgetown, married (first)

Myron Mitten, and five years after his death married (second) Fred Gamage; Mary, of Detroit, married Walter Shaw; Jason lives at Detroit. Thomas, of Detroit, died in Dec., 1903; Byron also lives at Detroit. (2) William, born in Ireland, is married and lived on the old homestead. (3) Eliza, born in Ireland, married Horatio Lee, of Milwaukee, and died the mother of four children, Olive, Edwin, Frank and Mabel. (4) James A., born in Ireland, married Miss Sarah Johnston, and came to Essex, where he is engaged in a furniture and undertaking business; they have five children, Nellie, Edwin, Viva, Ada and Evelyn. (5) John M. (6) Ann J., born in Marlborough, married Adam Johnston, a farmer, and they have three children, Howard, Mabel and Florence.

John M. Hicks grew to manhood in his native county, where he received his early education. When a young man he worked on the farm, but later he started as a cheese maker in the County of Carleton, Ont., which he continued for five years as a journeyman. In 1876 he came to Essex, and bought a farm which he retained but a year, then engaging in a grocery and bakery business, and feed store, which he operated for a quarter of a century. In connection therewith he also operated a meat market for a number of years. In 1876 he bought some property, on which he erected his fine block, all of which he now rents, he retiring in 1901. Mr. Hicks also owns one of the fine farms of Colchester North, to which he gives his attention.

On Feb. 15, 1876, Mr. Hicks married Miss Susan Beaman, daughter of Joseph and Annie Beaman, farming people of Carleton, where the former died in 1890, aged sixty. Mrs. Hicks was born in 1853, and is a sister of Squire W. D. Beaman, of Essex. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hicks: Bessie M., born in Essex, married A. W. Marsh, editor of the Amherstburg *Echo*, and they have two children, Helen M. and John A.; Annie E. M., born in Essex, graduated from the Essex high school, and is now living at home; Retta, born in Essex, is living at home; William J. F. was born in 1888; and Susan E. Meryl was born in December, 1895.

Religiously Mr. Hicks is a member of the Methodist Church, as is also his wife. He has been one of the stewards and trustees of the Church for twenty-five years. Politically Mr. Hicks has always been identified with the Con-

servative party, has been a member of the town council for years, and still holds that office. He is a member of the Order of Odd Fellows and the A. O. U. W. When eighteen years of age he joined the Lodge of Orangemen, of which he is still a member.

Mr. Hicks started out in life a poor boy, and in addition to making his own way, helped to pay off a mortgage on his father's farm. He is one of Essex's old-time merchants, and a man whose interests have always been identified with those of the city. He has taken an active part in everything that promised to advance the welfare of Essex, and has been prominent in church work as well. Honored by his fellow townsmen, esteemed by his friends, and loved in his home circle, he stands as a model of all that is best and true in man, and he shows forth in his life the teachings of his faith.

ROBERT AFLECK, one of the members of the township council of Colchester South, County of Essex, Ont., is one of the township's most representative farmers and stock raisers. He was born Nov. 20, 1846, in Dumfriesshire, Scotland, son of Archibald and Sarah (Murray) Afleck.

When Archibald Afleck brought his family to Canada, and located, in 1862, in the township of Colchester South, he settled on a tract of seventy-eight acres of land, which he afterward added to until, at the time of his death in 1886, at the age of sixty-three, he was the owner of more than 200 acres. His wife, Sarah Murray, died in 1887, aged sixty-three. They were both Presbyterians in religious belief. Their children were: John married Agnes Clark; Robert; William and Archibald, both died young; Mary married Edward Shaw, a farmer of Colchester South; Alexander, a farmer of Colchester South, married Augusta Walker; Nettie married Henry Herdman, a carriage manufacturer at Harrow; Joseph, a farmer on the homestead, married Mary Ann Stockford; and Anna died young.

Robert Afleck was but six years of age when the family came to Colchester South, and there, in the common schools, held in log houses, he received his education. When he was eighteen years of age he began to work, and after his marriage he continued for a year in the employ of Mr. Craig. He then rented his present property of James Howie, but after three years bought 100 acres, about sixty acres of which were cleared. Immediately upon coming into pos-

session of it, Mr. Afleck began to clear it off, erected excellent buildings, and he now has a very fine home, and one of which he may well be proud. In 1893 he built a handsome brick house.

In 1867 Mr. Afleck was married to Mary Ann Ride, and the following children were born to them: Rosie died at the age of four years; Agnes married George E. McLane, of the 3d Concession, and has seven children, Murdo, Clarence, Pearl, Fanny, Ivan, Rosa and Wilbur; William, of Concession 4, owns a fine farm of eighty acres, married Bertha Stockward; and Edward is at home. About ten years ago Mr. Afleck bought fifty acres on the 5th Concession, all of which was wild land. He has cleared thirty acres of that, and devotes it to general farming. In politics he is a Liberal, and he has always been interested in township affairs, for the past seven years serving in the township council, and for many years as school trustee. He is a prominent member of the Presbyterian Church, and is active in the Agricultural Society, of which he has been a director for many years. Beginning with practically nothing, Mr. Afleck, through hard work, good management and thrift, has gradually worked himself up until he is one of the leading men of his township, if not in the county.

JOHN GREAVES, a substantial and representative retired farmer of the County of Essex, residing at Essex, was born June 29, 1843, in Lancashire, England, son of John, Sr., and Jane (Bottomley) Greaves.

John Greaves, Sr., was born May 29, 1808, and wife Dec. 25, 1806. They grew to maturity in England, and were there married. Being a skilled mechanic Mr. Greaves desired to find a wider field of operations, and better remuneration, and concluded to emigrate to America. In 1850, with his family, he took passage on a sailing-vessel, and after a longer period on the water than is now required by the ocean greyhounds to reach the shores of China, the little family arrived at New York. His skill immediately gave him employment as foreman for the firm of Taylor & Forbes, who owned large cotton mills at Rockdale, on the Wappinger river, five miles east of the city of Poughkeepsie, on the Hudson river. Mr. Greaves remained with this firm for five years, but in 1856 he located on a tract of wild land which he had previously purchased in Canada. On this not a tree had been

cut, nor a road made, only a sleigh track through the bush. The family made their home in a little log cabin, and there entered upon all the phases of pioneer life. Mr. Greaves was much assisted by his own mechanical skill in getting his home in order, while his three sons were able to assist in the clearing and cultivating of the land. His beloved wife died in 1872, and his own death took place at the home of John, his youngest son, in 1886. Both parents were members of the Church of England until they came to Canada, and as no religious body of their faith existed in the locality, they associated themselves with the Methodist Church, and for a number of years he was a local preacher of the doctrines of the noted Dr. Wesley. A family of ten children were born to these worthy and pious people, three of whom died in England. The others were: James, born in England, is married and resides with his family at Kingsville, Ont.; Sarah, born in England, married Samuel Ratcliff, and was accidentally shot at her home in the township of Sandwich, her death leaving motherless three children, James H., Mary and Hannah (deceased); Joseph, born in England, married a Miss Totten, in Canada, and removed to Montana, where he has made a success of ranching; Mary married John Kennedy, and they reside in County of Essex; Betsy E., born in England, married Henry Pollock, and they reside with a family in Lenawee County, Michigan; Jane E., born in England in 1845, married William Bennett, of the County of Essex, and has a family; and John was born in England in 1843.

John Greaves, bearing his father's honored name, obtained his early education in England and in New York State. Since coming to Canada he has lived the greater part of the time on the old homestead, and every part of it possesses associations of the past for him. Until his marriage he assisted his father, and afterward he settled on half of Lot 2, Concession 12, Sandwich South, working it for himself, and so continuing until he owned 230 acres of land, which he farmed until July, 1903. He then came to Essex, bought a nice home and retired. He erected many new buildings on his farm, and in 1897 he built the commodious and comfortable home where he resided until his removal to Essex, in the enjoyment of good health and the esteem of all who knew him. Mr. Greaves is one of the large land owners of the township, having purchased many farms both here and in Maidstone

township. He has treated his sons very generously, having erected comfortable homes for them also.

In 1866 Mr. Greaves was united in marriage with Ellen Louisa Collins, born in February, 1851, in Maidstone township, daughter of Charles and Elizabeth Collins, one of the old pioneer families of Maidstone township, County of Essex. Six children blessed this union, as follows: (1) Charles W., born in 1867, lives on the old homestead, Lot 291, South Talbot Road; he married Mattie Smith, of Sandwich township, and they have five children: Edith, Grace, Hannah, William and Mildred. (2) John T., born in Aug., 1868, resides near the old home of our subject on the South half of Lot 291; he married Mary Farough, of Sandwich, and they have two children, Mary and Wilfred. (3) George S., born Oct. 12, 1872, resides on part of the old homestead, Lot 2, in Concession 12; he married Martha Farough, also of this township, and they have two children, John and Edison. (4) Albert, born in May, 1875, married Catherine Smith, of the County of Essex and they reside in the new home on Mr. Greaves' fine farm in Maidstone township; they have three children, Alfaretta, Russell and Ednea. (5) Ada E., born in Sept., 1881, married William Burton, a farmer of Maidstone township, and they have two daughters, Oloah and Louisa; and (6) Lillie H., born in July, 1889, is still with her parents.

Religiously Mr. Greaves and family are all members of the Methodist Church, where he has been one of the stewards for many years, and his son Charles is also a steward. Politically he has always been a Reformer, and for eight years he has filled the office of councillor in Sandwich South. Fraternally he is a member of the Order of United Workmen. Mr. Greaves is a man who is looked up to in his locality with esteem. He has been foremost in all movements to benefit the community, and has given liberally to promote public improvements. Both he and his wife are leading members in church and temperance work.

ROBERT HOWIE, one of the very prosperous farmers of Colchester South, County of Essex, is an excellent example of what can be accomplished through hard work, good management and thrift. He was born at the village of Muirkirk, Ayrshire, Scotland, Feb. 23, 1846, and was seven years of age when the family left Scotland. They came in the sailing-vessel

"Santa Maria," and, small as he was then, Mr. Howie well remembers the voyage. After arriving in the new home, the lad followed farm work with his father until 1872, when he was given 100 acres, upon which he farmed for four years. At the end of that time he sold his property to his brother, and bought the Gordon Buchanan place. Later he came into possession of the adjoining land, and now owns 275 acres in the most beautiful part of Colchester South. He has cleared up much land during his active life, and made numerous improvements. In 1895 he erected his handsome brick house, and now another is being built by his son Gordon. The substantial barns and other buildings all have been built since Mr. Howie purchased the property twenty-three years ago.

Mr. Howie is a worthy member of the Liberal party, and has served as its delegate upon a number of occasions. He has twice seconded the nomination of John Auld for member of Parliament, also seconded M. K. Cowan's nomination. Mr. Howie has served as a member of the township council for four years. His family attend the English Church. Socially he is a member of the Workmen of Honor; is a member of and has for many years been a director in the Agricultural Society, while in 1899 he was its worthy president. In educational matters Mr. Howie has always taken a deep interest, serving for several years as school trustee, and he is now treasurer of the Erie Cemetery Association, having succeeded the late Arthur Brush.

In 1872, in this township, Mr. Howie was married to Miss Alzora Jane, daughter of the late John G. Buchanan, and to this union have been born: Annie Louise, who in November, 1902, became the wife of Charles Pulford, of Amherstburg; Mary, who died Oct. 15, 1888, aged eleven years, three months and nine days; Gordon James, who has a fine farm just east of his father's estate, and who, in Dec., 1901, married Minnie Dela Iler; and Jessie Letitia, at home.

ALEXANDER W. NELSON, Windsor, Ont. The Nelson family is one of the old and substantial ones of the County of Essex. It was founded in the New World by Jonathan Nelson, the grandfather of Alexander W. Nelson, who was born in England, and died in Amherstburg, in 1830. His wife was Elizabeth Donovan, a native of Ireland, whose father was a professor of lan-

guages in Trinity College, Dublin. To Jonathan Nelson were born the following children, since deceased: Eliza, who married Mathew Elliot; Jane, who married Mr. Rogers; Margaret, who married a Mr. Baxter; Sarah, who married a Mr. Gordon; Robert; Nathan; George; and Horace.

Horace Nelson, father of Alexander W., was a cousin of Dr. Wolfred Nelson, of Montreal, who figured so largely in Canadian history in connection with the Rebellion of 1837. He was born at River Rouge, near Detroit, in 1806, but was taken to Sandwich by his parents, and there grew to manhood. Early in life he began teaching in Hamilton, U.C., but later engaged in the mercantile trade at Garfield. He was connected with the mail service of the County of Essex, and was also clerk of the court of that county. In 1847, he married Mary Ann Wilkinson, daughter of Capt. John A. Wilkinson (of Her Majesty's 37th regiment of foot, who died in 1866), and his wife Frances Hands, the latter a daughter of Sheriff Hands, who had charge of the western district, comprising the Counties of Essex, Kent and Lambton. Mary Ann Wilkinson was born at Montreal in 1818, and died in 1886. She bore the following children: Isabella, since deceased, who married William Wallace, of Buffalo, New York; Helen, since deceased, who married George O. Leech; Frances, unmarried, who resides at Windsor; James, who died in 1898; Alexander W.; and Robert E., of Chicago, who married Jane Lavender, of Detroit, and has two children, Ernest and Gertrude.

Alexander W. Nelson was born in Amherstburg in 1855, and was educated in Sandwich grammar school. In 1869 he entered upon his business career, with his brother, James, in a hardware establishment, the firm being known as James Nelson & Bro. This firm was successfully operated until the death of James, after which, under the sole proprietorship of Alexander W. Nelson, its prosperity continued. Alexander W. Nelson is a member of the Windsor Board of Trade council, and stands very high in business circles. He is not only successful in his business relations, but is also regarded as a very important factor in the social life of Windsor. While he is inclined to favor the Conservative party, he believes in voting for the man best fitted for the office, particularly in local affairs. Enterprising, energetic, public-spirited, as well as genial and courteous in manner, Mr. Nelson possesses a host of warm friends and is very popular throughout the County.



Alexander W. Nelson

JAMES NELSON, who died at Windsor, Ont., in December, 1898, was one of the most prominent business men of that city. He was born in Amherstburg, Jan. 21, 1848, a son of Horace Nelson, and received a good common school education. In 1869 he settled at Windsor, where, with his brother, Alexander W. Nelson, he founded the firm of James Nelson & Bro., dealers in hardware. Under their careful management the business flourished, and the patronage increased, until it became and remained an important factor in the mercantile world of Windsor.

Mr. Nelson was a most estimable man, and one of the strictest integrity. He was kind and courteous in business, and in his social relations justly popular. By his death, Windsor lost an able business man and Christian gentleman. His political views coincided with the principles of the Conservative party, and his religious connection was with the Church of England.

WORTHY GOULD (deceased), who for many years was a prominent farmer of Colchester North, was born in Somersetshire, England, Nov. 28, 1845, son of William and Annie Gould, who both died in England. They left four sons, three of whom came to Canada: Noah, of Northwest Canada; Charles, of Glencoe, Canada; Lawrence, of England; and Worthy.

The late Worthy Gould was reared in England, where he was engaged in farming. In 1870 he was happily married to Miss Elizabeth Sminey, a native of Somersetshire, England, born Dec. 21, 1839, daughter of William and Elizabeth Sminey, prominent people of Somersetshire. In April, of that same year (1870), Mr. and Mrs. Gould came via New York, to Canada, and lived for two years on a farm at Wardsville, County of Middlesex. At the expiration of that time they came to Colchester North, and purchased wild land, settling in the bush. There they erected a log cabin and lived in it for some years before he erected his present new home in 1889. He cleared up a fine farm of 140 acres, and placed the greater portion of it under cultivation. His death occurred there June 25, 1901. Mr. Gould was connected with the Church of England, but attended and supported the Methodist Church, of Colchester. Politically he was a Conservative, but never aspired to office. He and his wife had four children: Miss Bessie, born in Wardsville, was educated in the schools of Colchester, and is a

charming young lady; Annie, born in the County of Elgin, in 1875, married Everett Meddaugh, of Belle River, County of Essex, section foreman on the Grand Trunk railroad, and has two children, Ray and Ina; John, born in 1878, in the County of Elgin, was reared on the farm, and in April, 1902, he married Miss Millie Maynard, of Colchester, eldest daughter of William H. and Mary J. Maynard, of Colchester, and the young couple reside in Colchester North on a farm purchased by his father; George Gordon, born in January, 1881, was reared upon the farm, receiving a good education, and since the death of his father, he has been manager of the homestead, and being one of the enterprising young farmers of this section, he keeps the property in excellent condition, and devotes much attention to the breeding of shorthorn cattle. The family all attend the Methodist Church. The sons are Conservatives like their father, George taking a special interest in politics.

Mr. Gould was a man widely known and highly respected. In his fraternal affiliations with the Order of Odd Fellows, he displayed the same thoroughness of purpose which characterized him in other relations, and he was highly esteemed in that order. Coming to Essex County at a day when but little improvement of any kind had been made, he nobly bore his part in the great work, and lived to see wonderful changes take place. Success crowned his efforts, not alone in a material sense, for he became one of the leading men of his community, and numbered among his friends those who left a lasting impress upon the Dominion's history.

REV. FATHER SEMANDE, priest of the Church of the Assumption at Sandwich, is descended from one of the old families of the County of Essex. He is a son of Antoine Semande, and grandson of Antoine (Sr.), both of whom were natives of this county. The grandfather was born in 1788, and served in the War of 1812, as a scout, and rendered efficient services. Being a lover of fine horses, he always took great pleasure in witnessing the trials of speed whenever an opportunity offered. Antoine Semande, Sr., was twice married, his son Antoine being born of his second marriage.

Antoine Semande, Jr., was born in Sandwich in 1830, and died at the age of thirty-two years. He was a farmer on Concession 1. His wife,

Matilda La Ferte, bore him the following children: Remi, a farmer in Sandwich West; Frank (Father Semande); Noe, a merchant of Sault Ste. Marie; Josephine, a sister in the Holy Name Convent at Sarnia.

The Rev. Father Semande was born in Sandwich West in 1855, and was educated at Assumption College at Sandwich, taking a full classical course, which he completed in 1876. After being graduated therefrom, he took a four years' course in Theology in the same institution, and at the same time taught in the college. After completing his course at Assumption, he spent one year in the Novitiate at Sandwich. In 1881 he was ordained priest by the Rev. Bishop Walsh, then of London, and the same year he took the Chair of Ancient Languages in his alma mater, which position he ably filled until 1893, when he was made priest of Assumption parish, which comprises some 500 families. In his arduous work as head of this large parish Father Semande is ably assisted by Rev. P. Chalardard.

ANDREW J. NOBLE, a farmer and stock raiser of Mersea township, County Essex, is a man well known in that township for his industry, sobriety and upright character. He was born April 9, 1862, on the Benjamin Noble homestead in Mersea township, son of Benjamin Noble, a prominent citizen of Mersea.

Our subject was educated in the district schools of the township and assisted his father in the clearing of the homestead farm until the age of twenty-two years, when he started out for himself. For one year he worked in the lumber woods of Michigan, and at other occupations, and then returned to Mersea to engage in farming, selecting a tract of forty-three acres near the homestead. This he improved, working early and late to accomplish it, making a fine farm which he advantageously sold in 1900. His present property, consisting of 180 acres, known as the William Henry Sutterington farm, he has also brought to a high state of cultivation, and is successfully carrying on extensive operations in farming, tobacco growing and thorough-bred stock raising. He believes in and uses modern methods and conducts his work in a practical and scientific manner.

Mr. Noble has not confined all his attention to his personal pursuits, but has shown a deep interest in public matters. He is serving as trustee of the Hillman school, and is secretary

of the school board; has served as pathmaster and fence viewer of Mersea township and has shown a commendable amount of activity in all movements for the township's advancement. He is a member and director in the Mersea Township Agricultural Society; and is one of the most interested members of the Loyal Orange Association of Leamington. For a considerable period he has been district secretary. For three years he was a member of the County Essex Fusiliers, serving as sergeant of his company, and he was popular with his whole command.

In May, 1885, in Mersea township, Mr. Noble married Clorinda Sutterington, born in Mersea township, daughter of George Sutterington, a lady of many domestic and social attractions. Their children are: Maude Beatrice, Ida Belle, Milton Stanley and Angus Ross. Both Mr. and Mrs. Noble belong to the Methodist Church.

CAPT. FRANCIS CASPER FULMER, now engaged in the livery business in Windsor, is descended from one of the pioneer families of the County of Essex. The Fulmer family was originally German, and the first to cross the Atlantic and plant the family in the Western World came in the historic "Mayflower" to Plymouth, Massachusetts.

John Casper Fulmer, grandfather of Francis C., is of record in Pennsylvania, and was born about the year 1760. When quite young he became connected with the Colonial army, but at the time of the Revolutionary war settled in Canada, locating in Lot 1, Concession 3, Mersea township, County of Essex, which contained 200 acres of land. Here he followed farming the remainder of his days, and died about the year 1838. Mr. Fulmer married Ann Fox, and to their union were born the following children: John, Adam, George, Henry, Julia, Elizabeth and Nancy.

John Fulmer, father of Francis C., was born on the old farm in Mersea township, in 1805. He married (first) Betsey, daughter of Francis Wilkinson, who was of Irish extraction, his wife being of German descent. To Mr. and Mrs. Fulmer came the following children: Caroline, wife of Comfort Latam; Francis C., our subject; William K., of the United States; and Mary, the wife of Levi Truax. The mother of this family died in 1847, and her husband married for his second wife, Sarah McNutt, by

whom he had one daughter, Abby, who died at the age of twenty years. John Fulmer died in 1868. During his active life he was identified with the Reform party.

Francis Casper Fulmer, or Capt. Fulmer, as he is known, was born in Mersea township Oct. 17, 1835, where he grew to manhood. At the age of sixteen he took charge of his father's farm, and there remained until 1871. At this time he settled in Windsor, and, in company with David McGregor, engaged in the livery business for four and a half years, when he sold out to his partner. Soon thereafter he established a hack and sale stable, to which he very soon added a general livery business, and since 1876 Capt. Fulmer has been found at the present stand in Ferry street, near the river. During the rebellion in the States, Mr. Fulmer did a large business in buying and shipping horses to that country for cavalry use. Horse dealing was an important factor in his business until the death of his son in 1882. Since that time Mr. Fulmer has been obliged to remain close to his local business office.

In 1856 Captain Fulmer was united in marriage to Phoebe Jane McQueen, daughter of Jacob McQueen, and to this union came children as follows: (1) Almina is the wife of Charles Chilvers, of Walkerville, by whom she has had eight children: Lewis, Frank, Alonzo, May, Millie, Lettie, John A. and Almina. (2) William is deceased. (3) Miss Lettie Jane resides at home. (4) Lewis J. married Ora Johnson, but is now deceased. Two sons were born to this union: Lewis and Casper R.

Captain Fulmer was for a number of years captain of the fire company of Windsor. He has been offered public positions at different times, but declined any political notoriety. The Captain is a member of the I.O.O.F. and the A. O.U.W.

COOK WRIGHT, an energetic farmer of Malden township, County of Essex, is a descendant of one of the pioneer settlers of Colchester, numbered among the very first to locate in this vicinity.

Joseph J. Wright, his father, was born in Colchester township, on the homestead farm, near the lake. As a young man he assisted in the clearing of the home farm, and also for a time following sailing, in time becoming master and part owner of the schooner "L. Patton." His home was always in Colchester South, where

he engaged in farming and owned considerable land. He died in Colchester in February, 1901, aged seventy-nine years. His wife passed away in 1891, aged sixty-four years. In Colchester South he married Zoah Marontate, also of an old County of Essex family. The father was a Conservative in his political views, and being a great reader, and possessing an excellent memory, was a well-informed man. His family was as follows: Francis (deceased), married Jennie Harris; Edwin D., of Colchester South, married Sarah Lypps; Emma married Alanson Iler, of Colchester South; Ella married Theodore Langlois; Cook and Clarence are both on the homestead; the latter married Amy McGee.

Cook Wright was born on the home farm April 4, 1858, in the house which is still standing. He received a common school education, and on April 19, 1886, came to his present farm of 100 acres, in Malden township, near Amherstburg, which was purchased by his father. This property was but little improved, but Mr. Wright now has eighty-five acres under cultivation; his buildings are substantial, and there is a pleasing appearance of thrift about his premises which shows that a master-hand is at the head of affairs. In politics he is a staunch Conservative, but has not aspired to political honors.

Mr. Wright married, in Colchester South, Miss Della Edgworth, and to the union have been born: Ross, who died at the age of nine years; Gussie, who died at the age of eight years; and Lance, Jessie, Fred, Chloe and David, at home. Mr. Wright has always been a hard-working man, and his success is most certainly well deserved.

Mrs. Della (Edgworth) Wright was born in Windham, County of Norfolk, Ont., July 11, 1858, daughter of Edward and Drucilla (Freland) Edgworth, the former of whom is a farmer in Michigan. He came to the County of Essex and settled in Anderdon township in 1884, purchasing 100 acres, where his wife died in 1900, aged sixty-eight years. He removed to Michigan in 1901. Like his wife he is a member of the Church of England. They were the parents of children as follows: Miles, an engineer, of Windsor, Ont.; Lehman, a farmer of Aylmer, Ont.; Agnes, of Windsor, Ont., who married John N. Fuller; Della, Mrs. Wright; Charles, a carpenter, of Michigan; Jessie, who married Thomas Imerson, a farmer of Anderdon township; Nettie, of Detroit, married to Robert Fryer; Isabella, of Windsor, Ont., who married

Andrew Grove, a painter; and Melvina, wife of John Cockburn, a farmer of Michigan.

ROBERT H. MILLEN, one of the most enterprising and successful merchants of Gosfield North, is a young man who seems destined to become an influential factor in business circles. One of a family whose members have all achieved success, he has already made his mark in the local mercantile world, and firmly established himself in a flourishing business.

Mr. Millen is one of the grandsons of John and Jane (Foster) Millen, early settlers of the County of Essex, and was born in the County of Elgin, Feb. 5, 1871, son of Stephen and Louisa (Hepburn) Millen. His maternal grandfather, Robert Hepburn, was born in Scotland, while his wife, Susan (Fair) Hepburn, was a native of the County of Elgin, Ont., coming from a family of United Empire Loyalists, who came to Canada during the Revolution. They were farming people in the County of Elgin. Mr. and Mrs. Hepburn had the following children: Andrew (deceased), who married Elizabeth Zibert, and had two children; Robert W., an extensive and prominent farmer of the County of Elgin, who married Mary Millman; Lavina, now living in Montreal, who is the widow of Michael Rourke, by whom she had six children; Malcolm, a farmer of the County of Elgin, who married Maria Millman, and had four children; Louisa, Mrs. Millen; Anna, who married John Axford, a farmer of the County of Elgin, and had two children; John, a ranchman of British Columbia, who is married and has two children; Ada, of St. Thomas, Ont., wife of J. C. Ponsford, a contractor and builder; and Susan, who married John Dufton, a farmer of the County of Elgin, and had four children. Mr. and Mrs. Hepburn were members of the Methodist Church.

Stephen Millen was born Feb. 23, 1846, in the parish of Westwell, County of Kent, England, fifth son of John Millen, who is more fully mentioned elsewhere, and was in his fourth year when the family came to Canada. They settled in Saltfleet, County of Wentworth, where he was reared, remaining at home until he was twenty. He then removed to Yarmouth, County of Elgin, where he married, remaining there altogether five years, until 1874, after which he resided in the County of Essex. He purchased a farm of 100 acres in old Gosfield township, in the 9th Concession, near his father's old homestead, cleared it, erected good buildings, and made his

home there for ten years. He then purchased his father's first property, on which he resided until his death, Jan. 10, 1901. His wife now lives with their son Archie M.

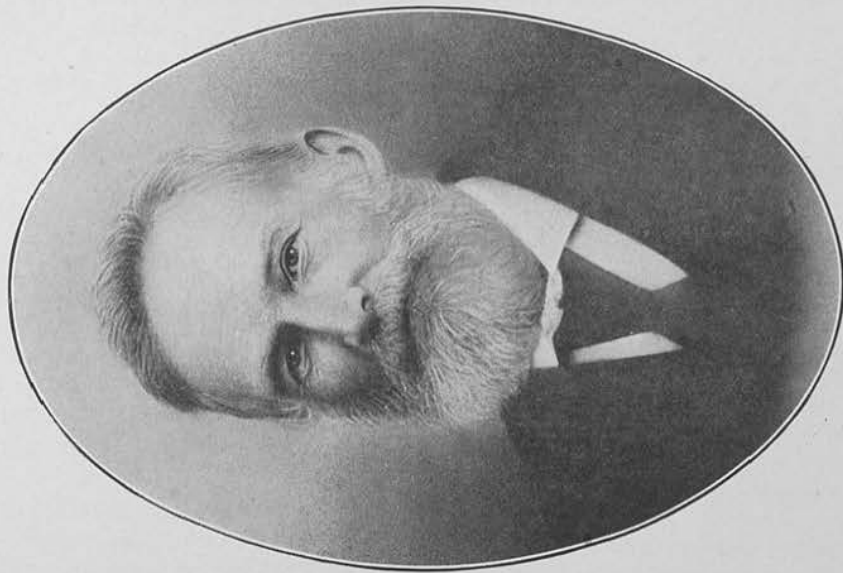
Mr. Millen was married before going to Gosfield, in 1870, and his wife was only twenty at the time of her marriage, having been born Aug. 19, 1850, in the County of Elgin, where she was reared and educated. To their union four children came, three sons and one daughter, and the eldest was Robert H., who is mentioned below. Susan, born in the County of Elgin in 1874, is now the wife of George E. Newman, a farmer of Gosfield North, and has three children, Archie, Stephen and Ada. Archie M., born in Gosfield in 1878, married Miss Katie Trimble, of the same township, and they live on his father's old homestead; they have no children. Archie M. Millen is superintendent of the Methodist Sunday School, and takes his father's place in church work. Stephen F., born in 1885, attended the Essex High School, from which he graduated at the head of his class, and is now a student in the Toronto Medical College, where he will be graduated before reaching his twenty-first year.

Stephen Millen, like his brothers, was an active member of the Methodist Church, in which he served as class leader and Sunday School superintendent until his death. He was instrumental in the building of the Belle River Church, of which he was one of the founders, and a trustee and class leader from the beginning. He would never accept public office, though he was a man held in the highest estimation in the community, successful in his business ventures, and most upright in his life; and though quite prominent in the life of his community he never made an enemy. His death made a void which was felt by all. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity, in good standing, holding membership in the lodge in the town of Essex, of which he was chaplain.

Robert H. Millen was educated in the public schools and in the London Business College, from which he was graduated in 1892. He settled at first on a farm in Gosfield North, Concession 6, and was occupied with its management till 1897, when he began his mercantile career as a clerk in the town of Essex. After one year's experience in this subordinate capacity, he purchased the concern of J. T. Brown, at Cottam, and has since been in business as one of the leading merchants, having the qualifications necessary for success in his chosen line.



Robert H. Millen. Stephen Q. Millen



In 1894 Robert H. Millen and Miss Nellie Cushman were married. Mrs. Millen was born in Brampton, County of Peel, in 1876, daughter of George and Helen Cushman, of Ontario, the former now residing in the County of Peel; Mrs. Cushman died there in October, 1886. To this marriage three children have come: Robert D., born in 1897; Louisa E., in 1899, and Nellis Gearald, in 1902.

Politically Mr. Millen, as was his father, is identified with the old Conservative party, but he has not as yet aspired to office, though, considering the family history, it would be natural for him later to take a more active part in local affairs. The Millens as a rule are of the Methodist faith, and Robert H. and his wife belong to that church. He is connected with several fraternal societies, and is much interested in their work, belonging to the Masonic fraternity in Essex; to the Odd Fellows, Beaver Lodge, of Ruthven; and Cottam Lodge, I.O.F.

CHARLES CLARK, of Sandwich, who is the oldest, save one, native citizen of that place, is a son of Joseph Clark, who was born in England in 1808, and about the year 1828 settled in Sandwich. There he erected a residence and a store, and for some time prior to his death was engaged in the boot and shoe trade. During the war of 1837-38, Joseph Clark took up arms in the defence of his country, and became a member of the artillery, under Capt. Sparks. In 1833 Joseph Clark was united in marriage with Miss Amy Blake, a native of England, and to this marriage were born the following children: Charles, subject of this sketch; James B., of Chicago, Illinois; and William, of Windsor. The father died in 1847, and the mother in 1891, at the age of eighty years.

Charles Clark, son of Joseph Clark, was born in Sandwich in 1839, and was therefore only eight years of age at the time his father died. His literary training was secured in the schools of Sandwich. On reaching his majority, Mr. Clark embarked in business in Windsor, in which city he lived for about thirty years, during a period of which time he was a member of the council of the city. In 1896 he retired from active business life, and settled in his own native town, where he still resides.

In 1868 Charles Clark and Miss Eliza Jane Robinson were united in marriage, and three children were born to them, as follows: George,

Charles and Harry T., all of whom died in infancy.

Mrs. Clark was born in Detroit in 1839, but spent the greater part of her life in Windsor and Sandwich. She is a daughter of William Temple Robinson, and granddaughter of George Robinson, a native of England. George Robinson married in England, Lois Hotty, and in 1836 they came to Ontario, and purchased a farm near St. Thomas. From there they moved to Detroit, where he died in 1846. To him and his wife were born children as follows: Harriet, Lois, Elizabeth, Jane, Mary Ann, Thomas G. and William T. William T. Robinson, the father of Mrs. Clark, was born in England in 1820, and married Ann Teakle, who was born in 1821, daughter of George Teakle, who settled in Sandwich in 1833, and his wife, who died in England in 1830. The other members of the Teakle family are buried in the Episcopal cemetery in Sandwich.

The home owned and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clark was built by the above-mentioned George Teakle in 1833, and is still in a good state of preservation, although it has weathered the storms of many winters. Religiously Mr. and Mrs. Clark are members of the St. John's Episcopal Church of Sandwich, in which they were christened, confirmed and married. Politically Mr. Clark is a Conservative, and fraternally he is affiliated with the I.O.O.F. and the Masons.

ALEXANDER. Among the prominent and prosperous farmers and stock dealers of Staples, Tilbury West township, County Essex, David and William Alexander take a leading position. Not only are they excellent agriculturists, but they are also responsible and most highly esteemed citizens, and are among the most extensive land owners of this portion of the county.

The brothers Alexander were born in Tuckersmith township, County Huron, Ont., where their boyhood days were spent. John Alexander, their father, was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, and was a lad in his teens when his parents removed with their family to Canada. The father soon died, at Montreal, where they had located for a time, and the mother then came with her children to Ontario, and located in the County of Prince Edward. John Alexander (with his older brother Robert) removed to County Huron, and took up a tract of eighty-five acres of bush land in Tuckersmith township. There

he erected a log house and began the long and wearying task of clearing his land, enduring for a long period many hardships incident to the life of a pioneer. For a half-century he was settled on his farm there, the greater part of the time spent in hard work, but at the age of seventy-six years he is still remarkably active in body, and with mental faculties as keen as ever. In politics Mr. Alexander has always been a staunch Conservative, but he has never desired to hold office, his interest centering more in his personal affairs. He has long been a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church.

In young manhood Mr. Alexander married Charlotte Stewart, who was born in the Highlands of Scotland, daughter of Donald Stewart, who brought his family to Canada, locating in Grey township, County of Huron, where he took up 100 acres of land, and there remained; he had one son and two daughters. Mrs. Alexander still survives, aged seventy years, a good Christian woman, devoted to her family and beloved for her many amiable qualities. The seven children of this marriage are: David and William, of this sketch; Samuel, a farmer in Tilbury West township; Robert, engaged in ranching in Manitoba; Miss Margaret, at home; John, also a rancher in Manitoba; and Charles, the farmer on the homestead.

DAVID ALEXANDER was born July 5, 1857, in the log cabin on the home farm. By the time he was old enough to help his father and attend school district facilities were provided for the latter, and he remained with his parents until the age of twenty-two years. Then he and his brother William started out, as had their father, as pioneers in a new district, coming to County Essex and locating in Tilbury West township on the line of Mersea township, where the village of Staples now stands. There they bought a tract of 200 acres of land, covered at that time with timber and bush, but well situated. In 1879 the brothers erected here a log shanty for a shelter, and with brawny strength and determined spirit started the clearing of their property. Much of the timber was sold for railroad ties and unsalable parts converted into potash, which brought ready sale for fertilizing purposes. With undiminished energy they continued to labor until the whole of the large tract was placed under cultivation, continuing as partners for twelve years. They then divided the land, each taking 100 acres.

Upon his portion of the land David Alexan-

der first erected a frame dwelling, which was later replaced by a handsome one of brick, one of the most complete and attractive homes in this section. He has followed general farming ever since, and has made a specialty of the raising of Short Horn Durham cattle. Mr. Alexander owns other property, houses and lots in the village of Staples. He is a thorough farmer and a very successful one, and is noted for his honesty and honorable dealings with others. In politics he has always been a staunch Conservative, without laying any claim to being a politician. His interest has always been pronounced in school and religious matters, and he was one of the organizers of the Union school of Staples, No. 12, of which he was trustee for six years; he was a member of the township council for one year.

Fraternally Mr. Alexander belongs to Loyal Oak Lodge, No. 617, of the Loyal Orange Association, at Staples, and also belongs to the Agricultural Society of Mersea. He has been particularly active in the affairs of the Methodist Church, of which he was one of the organizers at Staples, and in which he has been trustee, teacher of the Bible class, and acting superintendent of the Sunday School. His influence and usefulness in this body can scarcely be calculated.

The marriage of David Alexander took place Dec. 23, 1897, in Tilbury East township, County Kent, to Sarah Cowan, who was born in that township, daughter of the late Hampton Cowan (first cousin to M. K. Cowan, ex-M.P.P.), and two children have been born to them, viz.: Elizabeth Arvilla May, and Charlotte Edna Ross. Mrs. Alexander is a most estimable lady, an example of housewifely ability and an active and valued member of the Methodist Church. She shares in the general esteem in which her husband is held.

WILLIAM ALEXANDER, the second son of John and Charlotte Alexander, was born Feb. 13, 1858, at the old homestead in Tuckersmith township, and like his brother David was educated in the district schools. As related above, he accompanied his elder brother to Tilbury West township, and in association with him bought the tract of 200 acres of land, this fraternal partnership continuing a dozen years. When Mr. Alexander selected his share of the property it fell on the 100 acres lying on the line of Rochester township, and he soon erected a comfortable and commodious frame dwelling. Mr. Alexander is one of the largest landowners in his vicinity, in

addition to this farm owning a tract of 156 acres in Mersea township, on which he has also made improvements. He has engaged in general farming, and for a number of years has devoted considerable attention to the buying of young stock in this and surrounding townships, which he pastures and then disposes of. He is noted for his practical ideas and thorough farming, and also for his strict integrity. Like his father and brother, he believes in and supports the principles of the Conservative party, but is no seeker for office.

On Dec. 16, 1887, William Alexander was married, in Leamington, Ont., to Laura Kinsman, who was born in County Huron, July 31, 1867, daughter of Richard and Susan (Hockey) Kinsman, who were old pioneer settlers of this locality. Mrs. Alexander is one of the admirable housekeepers of this section, and enjoys the esteem of all who know her, and the devotion of an interesting family of six children, namely: John Roy, Bertha May, William Vilas, Cora Adaline, Robert Earl and Bessie Bell.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander are among the leading members of the Methodist Church at Staples, of which Mr. Alexander is one of the trustees. He is also one of the interested men of his section in its educational advancement, and is a trustee and the treasurer of the Union school, No. 12, of Staples.

It will thus be seen that the name of Alexander in this section of Ontario is a synonym for industry, activity and business enterprise, while at the same time it has always commanded respect on account of uniform adherence to honorable methods. None of the name have aspired to public prominence, but all have taken the parts of good citizens in promoting the best interests of their community.

ANDREW CHAPMAN, one of the hardy settlers who located in Hog Marsh, Gosfield township, and who by perseverance has developed a very valuable property, from what was at one time believed to be a worthless land, is a son of Robert Chapman.

Robert Chapman was born in Yorkshire, England, in 1804, and about 1826, at the age of twenty-two years, he came to Canada, first settling in the County of Peel, but sometime prior to the rebellion he removed to the County of York. In time he bought a farm in Etobicoke township, which he cleared and improved, remaining a resident of the township until his death in 1877,

when he was seventy-three years of age. He added to his original purchase in that township, and in his day was considered successful. Politically he was a Liberal, and in religious affiliations he was a member of the English Church. While a resident of County Peel he married Anna Wolfe, daughter of one of the pioneer settlers of that county. The Wolfe family came from London, England, and numbered among its representatives Gen. James Wolfe, who led the expedition against Quebec, and died in the hour of victory there in 1759. Mrs. Robert Chapman died in 1891, aged seventy-five years. To Mr. and Mrs. Chapman were born children as follows: Hannah, deceased, married George Garbutt, of the County of York; John, a retired farmer, lives at Toronto Junction; Mary Jane married Isaac Bolton, of Manitoba; Thomas is a farmer of the County of Peel; Robert Henry is a farmer near Mt. Pleasant, Michigan; Francis is a farmer of Shenandoah, Page County, Iowa; Andrew; William is a resident of Independence, Oregon; Richard is a farmer of Bristol, South Dakota; George is a farmer of Nebraska.

Andrew Chapman was born in the County of York, Ont., Feb. 25, 1850. He received a common school education, and as a young man he began farming in the County of Peel, where he remained some five years. In July, 1882, he and his family came to the County of Essex, and immediately he purchased 150 acres in Lots 1 and 2, Concession 4. This property was located in Hog Marsh, a tract of some 1,500 acres that was for many years believed to be worth nothing at all from an agricultural standpoint. Through systematic draining, some fine properties have been developed, one of the best being the farm developed by Mr. Chapman. He now has 200 acres in one block, all of which is fit for cultivation, and thoroughly drained. Twenty-one years ago only thirty-five acres of this farm could be utilized for farming purposes, and the buildings consisted of a log stable, and a house 18 x 26 feet. These have been replaced by a fine large house and a commodious barn. Mr. Chapman is numbered among the large corn and hog growers of the township, and has been very successful in his ventures. In politics he is a Reformer, and has served as deputy returning officer at election time. For fifteen years he served as trustee of joint S.S. No. 3, Gosfield North. Fraternally he is a member of the A.O.U.W., of Kingsville. In religious belief he and his family are members of the Methodist Church.

On March 28, 1877, Mr. Chapman married, in the County of Peel, Annie E. Barker, who was born at Malton, County of Peel, March 19, 1858, daughter of David and Elizabeth (Wood) Barker, pioneers of that county. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Chapman were: Fred R., born Aug. 6, 1878, attended the Essex high school; Lewis D., born Aug. 21, 1881, in 1902 attended the Chatham Business College; Maretta Mary, born Dec. 18, 1885, is a student at the Essex high school; and Elizabeth Elsie, born Jan 27, 1888, Florence Mabel, born March 1, 1890, and Herbert Andrew, born Feb. 5, 1894, are all at home.

THOMAS HARTSHORN PARKS, a prosperous farmer of Malden township, was born in the township of Markham, County of York, June 1, 1844, and was a boy of seven or eight years when the family came west. His chances for education were limited, for the farm was unimproved, and each member of the family had to do his part toward clearing it. His first purchase of land was a 75-acre tract, adjoining the home place, to the north.

After his father's death, Mr. Parks bought the homestead, later selling a portion of it to his brother Joseph, who was located just south of the homestead. Mr. Parks now owns 150 acres in one block, and his buildings are among the best of their kind in the township. He is engaged very extensively in farming, devoting much attention to the raising of stock, and he is one of those men who have been able from very little to rise to affluence through close application to his work. In politics Mr. Parks is a staunch Reformer, although he has never aspired to public office. His family attend the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Parks was married, in Malden township, to Catherine Maria Sellars, daughter of Anthony Sellars, who was born in Ireland, and who as a young man settled in Malden, where he married Agnes, the daughter of John Anderson, a pioneer settler. To Mr. and Mrs. Parks came children as follows: Mary Elizabeth, born Oct. 19, 1876, married Henry Anderson, and has one child, Mahlon Roberts, born Oct. 30, 1901; Maud Ethel, born Aug. 26, 1878, married Alexander Mickle, Jr., and has one child, Thomas Stewart, born Sept. 25, 1904; Agnes Belle, born July 23, 1880; Eliza Janet, born Aug. 26, 1882, died Feb. 6, 1883; Alta Beatrice, born Oct. 26, 1883; Catherine Sarah, born Sept. 9, 1885; Mar-

garet Eliza, born Oct. 17, 1889, died Dec. 28, 1891; Jonathan Gladstone, born Sept. 21, 1888; Josie Isabelle, born March 3, 1897, died Sept. 12, 1897.

FREDERICK L. SWEET, a prosperous farmer of Colchester North, County of Essex, located on Lot 20, South Malden Road, was born Aug. 1, 1862, the sixth member of the family of children born to Francis and Sarah J. (Colwell) Sweet, and a grandson of John and Ann (Roe) Sweet, both natives of Cornwall, England.

John Sweet brought his family to Canada in 1837, in a sailing vessel, and landed at Quebec, whence they proceeded to Darlington, County of Durham, where he engaged at his trade of blacksmith, and also purchased a farm near Bowmanville. He continued farming and working at his trade until he retired from active life, and he died in 1840, aged fifty, survived but one year by his widow. Religiously she was a Methodist, but he belonged to the Church of England. They were pioneers in that section of Canada, and were closely identified with its early interests. Their children were: (1) John, settled as a blacksmith and farmer on the old homestead, where he lived until his death in 1851; he married Almyra Trull, and had two children, John and Mary. (2) Elizabeth R., born in England, is the wife of Samuel Mason, of Bowmanville, County of Durham, and they have three sons, Frank, John Lawrence and Samuel. (3) Anne, born in England, married Joseph Abbott, and both died in Ontario, leaving descendants. (4) Francis was fourth in the order of birth. (5) William married Agnes Montgomery, removed to Michigan, and, some years later, to Florida, where he has an orange grove; he has four children, Frank, William J., Elizabeth Ann, and Agnes Ellen. (6) Samuel married Mary Ann Oak, and settled as a blacksmith in Oshawa, Ont., where he died in 1877, leaving a family, Elizabeth H., Marcenia, Francis and Ida R. (7) Charles R. was educated in the County of Durham, taught school there for a number of years, and there married Eliza Coulter, removing to Essex in 1870, where he located on Lot 23, South Malden Road; he continued to teach, and also cleared his farm, on which he erected a fine residence with commodious barn and outbuildings. Soon after he sold this property and retired from active life, residing in the town of Essex, where his first wife died in 1900. His second marriage



Mrs Catherine Parks Thomas L Parks



was to Miss M. S. McCallum, of Essex, eldest daughter of the late John McCallum, of Clifford, Ont.

Francis Sweet, son of John, was born in Cornwall, Jan. 12, 1827. His education was obtained in England, where he worked in a tannery at a later period. After coming to Canada, he became the owner of a tannery at Darlington, Ont., where he carried on the business for some years. In 1869 Francis Sweet sold his business there, and came to the County of Essex, where he purchased 150 acres of wild land on Lot 23, South Malden Road, and later he bought 200 additional acres, north of Malden Road, on Lot 19. Mr. Sweet cleared up two large farms, on both of which he erected excellent buildings and made many improvements. His first home in Colchester was a log cabin, which served until he could build a better one. In all his efforts he was assisted by his most estimable wife, whom he married in 1852.

Mrs. Sweet, formerly Miss Sarah J. Colwell, was born in 1829, in Devonshire, England, daughter of Thomas Colwell, who died in England. Mrs. Sweet was liberally educated in England, and came to the County of Durham in young womanhood. She has been spared to comfort her husband's declining years, and together they enjoy a fine home in the pleasant village of Gesto, within reach of many of their loving descendants. A family of eleven children was born to them, as follows: (1) Thomas J., born in 1853, in the County of Durham, now resides on one of his father's farms, on the Malden Road, in Colchester North. (2) Francis W. was born Sept. 15, 1854. (3) Samuel C., born in 1856, in the County of Durham, resides at Keewatin, Ont., where he follows the carpenter trade; he married Miss Margaret Christie, and has a family of eight children. (4) James H., born in the County of Durham, is a blacksmith in Kingsville; he married a Miss Grant, of that place, and has three children. (5) Martha Ann married Melborn Latham, of Mersea, where she died, leaving five children. (6) Frederick L. is mentioned below. (7) Edwin G. married Mary Montgomery, and settled for a time in Colchester, but on account of failing health, sold out in 1900, and moved to Keewatin, where he is engaged in business; he has five children, Orville, Maggie, Thomas, Irene and Joseph. (8) Joseph O., born in the County of Durham, settled on his farm in Colchester, where he died in 1901. His first marriage was to Ida McDonald, of Decews-

ville, Ont., who died in 1892, leaving no descendants. He married (second) Mary Grant, of Gosfield, who, with four children, Charles, Fred, Grace and Elsa, survives. (9) B. F., born in the County of Durham, settled on the old homestead, south of the Malden Road, where he is an enterprising farmer; he married Miss Eva Creeper, of Colchester North, and has three children, Mabel, Edna and Hazel E. (10) John A., born in Colchester, died at the age of four years. (11) Sarah Elizabeth, born in Colchester, County of Essex, is the wife of William Phillips, who resides on Lot 27, North Malden Road, Colchester North, and they have two children, Reta and William Laurence.

Politically Mr. Sweet has for years affiliated with the Conservative party. He has on numerous occasions been honored with offices of responsibility, for eight years served as a councilman of Colchester, and was the first deputy reeve of Colchester North. For fifteen years he served as a collector of Colchester, in all his public service giving careful attention. Mr. Sweet was one of the founders of the Methodist Church in this section, and one of the organizers of the first school board. He is a member of good standing in the Order of Orangemen of the County of Durham. He has lived a long and useful life and can look back over years of struggle which have been crowned with financial and social success. Both he and his estimable wife belong to the pioneer circle, and are most highly esteemed members.

Frederick L. Sweet, the immediate subject of this sketch, was educated in the public schools of Colchester, and then learned the trade of carpenter. This he followed, and developed into contracting and building, and prior to his marriage followed this line of work. In January, 1885, Mr. Sweet married Miss Mary J. Craig, born in 1865, near Kingston, daughter of James and Jane (Thompson) Craig, now residents of Amherstburg. Mrs. Sweet was liberally educated. After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Sweet settled on a part of his father's first purchase of land, buying the same, and here he lived for fifteen years, making many improvements in the way of buildings, setting out of orchards, draining, etc., transforming it into a good farm. While living here Mr. Sweet lost his first wife, who died in February, 1895, leaving three daughters, viz.: Ethel E., born in November, 1885, is a student at the Young Ladies' College, at St. Thomas, and Etta M., born July 4, 1893, and Mary E., born

Jan. 5, 1895, are attendants of the local schools. Three sons died in infancy.

In 1898 Mr. Sweet was married (second) to Miss Salina J. Weldon, born in the County of Durham, daughter of Charles E. and Hannah (Forsyth) Weldon. For twenty years (1878-1898) she was postmistress at Gesto. In the same year as his marriage, Mr. Sweet purchased a very desirable farm, belonging to Richard Sarvis, of London. It contains 100 acres of well-cultivated land, is most favorably located, and since Mr. Sweet has improved it and taken it under his management, has been developed into one of the finest farms of Colchester North. Here he has erected a handsome modern residence with commodious barns and buildings, and has arranged one of the most attractive rural homes of this locality.

Mr. Sweet is a man of business enterprise and political prominence. He has been a large lumber dealer, his operations covering a long period. A Conservative in his political sympathy, he is a popular citizen with all classes. Since 1901 he has filled the position of collector, and been school trustee, School Section No. 2, of Colchester. Like other members of his family, he is a consistent and useful member of the Methodist Church. He is one of the board of trustees of the church and parsonage, is a class leader and is deeply interested in the work of the Sabbath School. Here he has long been a valued teacher, and his honest, upright character well fits him for the position. Mr. Sweet is a member of the Independent Order of Foresters of Court Gesto, having been one of its organizers. The family is one of prominence in and around Gesto, and few public movements of any kind are carried out without reference being made to the attitude of this leading family. They are all honorable men, all men of substance and types of the best citizenship.

CHARLES WELDON, father of Mrs. Sweet, came to the County of Durham in 1849, in a sailing vessel, the voyage consuming twenty-nine days. In 1872 he located in Colchester North, and he became a successful farmer and merchant at Gesto. His death occurred in 1875 at the age of sixty, and his wife, Hannah Forsyth, died in 1898, at the age of eighty. They were members of the English Church. Their children were: (1) George is a retired station agent at Assiniboia, N.W.T. (2) Andrew is a retired farmer of Minnesota. (3) Charles E. started in business as a general merchant at Comet, County of Essex, and he was the first postmaster of that place,

later moving to the village of Gesto, where he carried on business as a general merchant. He also owned and operated a sawmill, and was for many years treasurer of the township of Colchester North. He removed with his family in the year 1901, to Sault Ste. Marie, where he still continues in the mercantile business. (4) Hannah R. married John McLean, a very successful farmer of Colchester South. (5) Ellen married Edward Neal, a farmer of the County of Victoria, Ont., but now general merchant at New Canaan, County of Essex, Mrs. Neal being the first postmistress of that place. (6) Sarah A. married George Marlowe, a wealthy farmer of the County of Durham. (7) M. Margaret married (first) William T. Marlowe, who was one of the pioneers settlers of Colchester North, having started the first general store there, and being first postmaster of Gesto postoffice, later removing to Durham, where he died; her second marriage was to Thomas Swain of the County of Durham, she being postmistress of Caesarea for many years. (8) Clara C., married Thomas McLean, a farmer of Colchester South. (9) Salina J. is the wife of Mr. Sweet. (10) Reginald is a merchant and postmaster at Edgar Mills, Ont. (11) Matilda married Adam H. Anderson, a farmer and magistrate, also editor and proprietor of the newspaper at Saskatchewan, N.W.T. At Melfort Mr. Anderson was reeve of Colchester North for several years prior to his removal to the Northwest Territory. It will be noticed that six of the above family either are at present, or have been, postmasters.

GEORGE MILLER, a prominent and successful farmer located on Lot 4, Maidstone township, County of Essex, was born June 4, 1847, in that town, son of William and Jane (Cowan) Miller, the former of whom was born in 1817, and the latter in 1815, both near Glasgow, Scotland, where they grew to maturity and married.

In 1843 they came to America in a sailing vessel, which was on the ocean for a period of eight long weeks, landing at the port of New York, coming thence to Detroit. In that city Mr. Miller followed his trade of mason for some years, and then came to Canada, settling on the present homestead farm. It was then but a vast wilderness, and before the family had the enjoyment of any of the comforts of life, they were called upon to endure many hardships. On Lake St. Clair Mr. Miller erected a small log cabin with a bark roof and a clay chimney, and for

many years they had no stove, all the cooking being done in the fire-place. Although this home was but a humble one, it is recalled as one of much cheerfulness and happiness. Mr. Miller worked in Detroit at mason work and stonecutting for a long time, but later in life he secured a position as switchman on the Great Western, now the Grand Trunk Railroad, which he held for some twenty years. During this time he cleared up 100 acres of land and erected a comfortable home, the one in which his son now resides. There his wife died in 1886, and he followed in the next year. They both were consistent members of the Presbyterian Church, and had been active in founding the church in their neighborhood. Politically Mr. Miller was a Reformer, but he never aspired to office, consenting to serve only as school trustee. For many years he was prominent in the Masonic fraternity, having joined the order in Scotland. The children of William and Jane Miller were: David, born in 1842, in Detroit, married Jessie Bennett, of Scotland, and they settled on a farm in Rochester, where he died May 23, 1894, leaving a widow and three children, Anna, Emma and Charles; his widow later married Thomas Crozier, of Maidstone. William, born in Maidstone in 1845, married Adelaide Bond, born in 1864, in England, daughter of William and Charlotte Bond, and settled near Puce, where he followed sailing on the lakes for a number of years, engaged five years in farming, but since 1901 has been engaged in a mercantile business at Windsor; they have the following children: Lottie, born May, 1884, in Maidstone, a typewriter in Detroit; Willie, born in 1886, Jennie in 1887, Alice in 1890, Pearl in 1893, Maud in 1895, and Hamilton in 1903. George was third in the order of birth. Elizabeth, born in May, 1850, resides in Detroit. Maggie, born in 1853, resides with our subject.

George Miller grew to manhood on the homestead where he followed farming, and also accompanied his brother William sailing on the lakes. In partnership with the same brother he also dealt in cordwood at Detroit, where they owned a scow for twenty-six years.

The Millers have always been connected with the Presbyterian Church. Our subject also holds the same political opinions as did his father, and is equally averse to holding public office. The duties pertaining to the maintenance of the fine condition of his farm keep him busily engaged, and, while he takes an interest in local move-

ments, he is quite willing for others to enjoy the emoluments and honors of political positions.

Mr. Miller, as a member of one of the oldest settled families of this section of the County of Essex, is a most worthy representative of that pioneer class who so courageously established the first elements of civilized life in these vast wildernesses. He has not only inherited much of his father's energy and pluck, but also the characteristics which make him a man who is trusted and universally esteemed.

CAPT. WILLIAM ROBINSON CLINTON (deceased) was for many years a very prominent citizen of Windsor, and for a considerable period was connected with the Detroit, Belle Isle & Windsor Ferry Company, both as captain and manager. As he was a genial, kind-hearted man, his list of friends was a long one.

The Clinton family is of Irish extraction. Richard Clinton, the grandfather of Capt. Clinton, was born in Ireland in 1776, and at an early age emigrated to Canada, where he died near Dumfries, in 1859. Among his children was a son James.

Capt. James Clinton, son of Richard, was born in Canada about 1800. In 1842 he located at Windsor. He followed the lakes and became master of a vessel. His wife, Ann Brown, a native of Canada, bore him children as follows: Mary Jane married James Emery, of Tillsonburg; Capt. William; Harriet married Dr. Shaddock, of Detroit; Emily married Charles Potter, of Windsor; Nelson, John and Lewis are deceased; and Albert succeeded Capt. William as manager of the ferry company.

Capt. William Clinton was born May 31, 1827, and came with his parents to Windsor prior to the rebellion of 1837, and often related exciting incidents of that outbreak. Upon one occasion Capt. Clinton carried upon his back to a place of safety, Miss Huton, a daughter of the proprietor of the British-American Hotel of Windsor. At an early age Capt. Clinton entered the employ of the ferry company, when his father was wheelman on one of the boats. Later his father was made captain, and then manager of the ferries, and our subject was correspondingly advanced, and in turn held the same positions, being captain and manager at the time of his death, March 5, 1890. His father retired some years ago to a farm in Tillsonburg, where he died.

In 1853 Capt. Clinton was united in marriage with Miss Lydia Kipp, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Cheeseman) Kipp, of Brownsville, Ont. Mrs. Clinton was born Aug. 31, 1831. The following children were born to Capt. and Mrs. Clinton: James Walter and Annie are deceased; Mary Jane married Dr. Pulford, of Detroit; Nelson James, of Windsor, married Rachel Baxter, of Windsor, and they have one son, William; Clara married Archibald Coulter, and has three children, Charis, Stanley and Hugh John; Lillie E. is unmarried and resides with her mother; Elizabeth is deceased. Politically Capt. Clinton was a Conservative, and held firmly to his convictions. He was a consistent member of the Methodist Church, of which Mrs. Clinton is also a member, and he was a man widely known and much esteemed. His death bereft the community of a loyal citizen, the company of a faithful manager, and his family of a loving husband and an indulgent father.

WILLIAM R. REID, a well-known and highly successful farmer of the 8th Concession, Mersea township, County of Essex, where for over half a century he has been a resident, and the greater portion of that time has been engaged in farming and raising stock, was born in what is known as New Ireland, County of Huntingdon, Quebec, March 17, 1847, son of the late James Reid, and grandson of the late David Reid, a complete sketch of both men being found elsewhere.

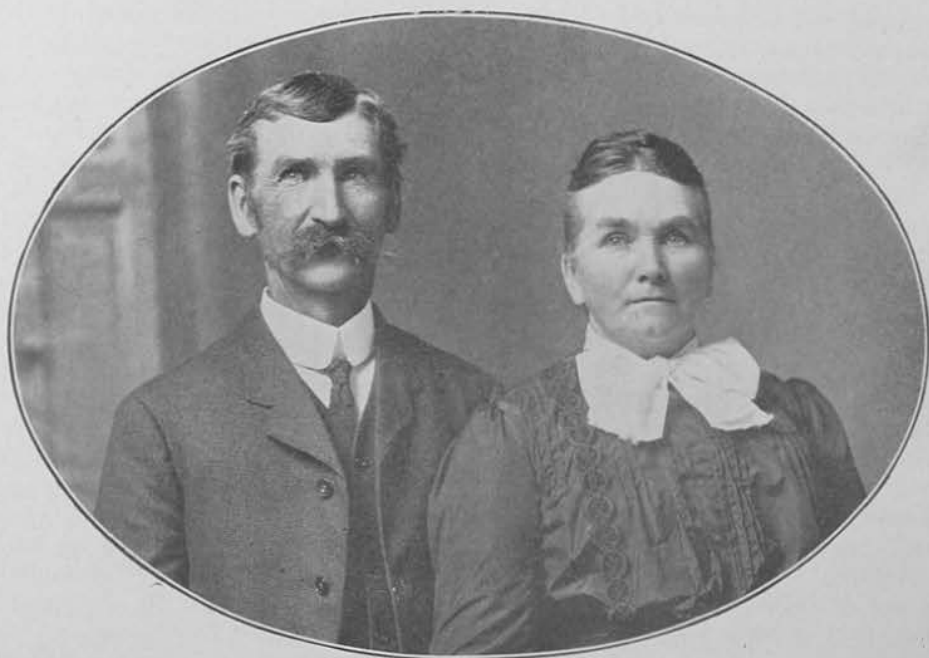
When but seven years of age, young William was brought to Mersea township by his parents, and he soon began to attend the little log school at Blytheswood, Ont. This primitive place of education was constructed from logs, with plank desks, slab seats, and other crude arrangements, and yet William R. Reid and his associates eagerly walked long distances for the privilege of attending school during the winter months, their services being required at home in the summer. Until he was twenty-three years of age, William remained with his father, and then started out for himself, on Lot 12, 9th Concession, having 100 acres of bush land, which he commenced to clear. He converted the timber into potash, and sold it at Windsor and Sandwich. As the land was cleared, he placed it under cultivation, and made many other improvements, until 1876, when he exchanged it for his present farm of 100 acres, on the 8th Concession, east half of Lot 10, and there he has resided for the past

twenty-eight years, engaged in general farming and stock raising, and the making of extensive improvements. He has built fences, put up a fine barn, and in 1902 he built his handsome brick house on the 8th Concession at a cost of \$3,500. This handsome home is fitted up with all modern improvements, and is considered one of the best homes in the County of Essex.

Mr. Reid has not used tobacco in any form for the past fifteen years, is temperate in all his habits, and very domestic in his tastes. In politics he is a staunch Conservative, but has never been an office seeker, and was a great admirer of the late Sir John A. Macdonald. In religious matters he is a member of the Blytheswood Presbyterian Church, and for the past twelve years he has been manager and leader of the choir, he being a great and carefully trained vocalist, and since 1871 he has sung bass in the choir.

In 1871 Mr. Reid was married, in Mersea township, to Agnes Selkirk, sister of postmaster Selkirk, of Leamington. She died in 1874, and was interred in Albuna cemetery, an earnest member of the Presbyterian Church. In 1877, in Mersea township, he was married (second) to Sarah Jane Reid, who was born in the County of Huntingdon, Que., July 15, 1852, daughter of the late David Reid, and they have had five children, of whom Ira is deceased, and Wilmot, Etta, Howard and Golden are at home. Mrs. Reid is also a member of the Presbyterian Church, and takes an active part in the work of the Ladies' Aid Society. Both Mr. and Mrs. Reid are highly respected, and have many friends throughout the neighborhood.

DAVID REID, father of Mrs. William R. Reid, was born in Donegal, Ireland, son of David and Isabella (Jarvis) Reid, also natives of Donegal, who are fully mentioned elsewhere. He was reared in his native land and trained to agricultural pursuits, but had limited opportunities for an education. In 1834 he accompanied the rest of the family to Canada, the family settling in Quebec, where David's brother, John, had located two years previously. David Reid engaged in farm work in the County of Huntingdon until the fall of 1853, when, accompanied by his brother-in-law, he made a trip to Mersea township, County of Essex, Ont., to get an idea of the possibilities of the country, and the opportunities for making a settlement. He returned to his home in Quebec, and in the following year, with eleven other families, settled in Mersea town-



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ship, Mr. Reid taking up 200 acres of land on the north part of Concession 7, Lot 11, which he bought. Here he began the life of hardship which is the lot of a pioneer, building a little log house and commencing to clear his land, which was covered with timber and swamp. At that time there were very few inhabitants in the region east of Blytheswood, and a blazed trail was the only path through the wilderness. As the land yielded little for a number of years, Mr. Reid spent a good part of his time in clearing and in making potash, for which he found a market in Windsor and Sandwich, returning with flour and other supplies. In time his sons were able to render him much assistance in the work, and eventually the whole 200 acres was cleared and under cultivation. Numerous improvements added to the appearance of the place, fine barns and other buildings were erected as needed, and a comfortable brick house replaced the primitive log cabin. Mr. Reid passed the remainder of his days in Mersea township, and in making a good home for himself and family he had the satisfaction of knowing that he was doing his full share in redeeming a beautiful region from the wilderness, comprising many well improved farms and substantial homes, occupied by a high class of agriculturists. He saw churches and schools erected for public worship and public instruction, and took an active part in the promotion of both of these causes. His religious connection was with the Methodist denomination, and he labored zealously in and for the church, giving the land on which was erected the first Canadian, Methodist Church, which he helped to construct, being one of the organizers of the congregation. He was a true Christian in every relation of life, in and out of the church, reared a family which was a credit to home training, and personally was noted for his honesty, uprightness and thrift. He was engaged in agricultural work to the close of his days, and in spite of the fact that his life was full of toil reached the advanced age of eighty-three years, dying on the home place. He was laid to rest in the Albuna cemetery. Politically Mr. Reid was first a Liberal, but he eventually joined the Conservative ranks, voting with that party until his death. Although he took the interest in public affairs which every patriotic citizen should feel, he was not particularly active except in the matter of free education. He assisted in forming the first school district at Blytheswood, and in building the first school, a log structure, and he

always gave a hearty support to all measures looking to the improvement of the local school system. Socially he was a staunch supporter of the Loyal Orange Association, living strictly up to the principles of the order, was a charter member of the local lodge, and filled the office of Master therein.

David Reid was married first to Ella Whaley, a native of Ireland, daughter of Thomas and Margaret (Dowler) Whaley, and five children came to this union: George D., a retired farmer, who now resides in Leamington, Ont.; Thomas, a farmer of Mersea township; Eliza, who is the wife of Charles Coulter, and resides in Mersea township, and Anne and Margaret, both of whom died young. The mother of this family died in the County of Huntingdon, Quebec, and was buried there; she was a member of the Methodist Church. For his second wife Mr. Reid married, in Quebec, Isabella Armstrong, who was born in Ormstown, Quebec, daughter of Irwin Armstrong, and eldest sister of William and Thomas Armstrong, well-known retired farmers of Mersea township. Twelve children were born to this union; Irwin, who is a farmer of Mersea township; Joseph, deceased; Sarah Jane, who married William R. Reid, a farmer of Mersea township; Margaret, who married William Tilson, and resides in Allegan, Michigan; Arthur, who lives on the homestead; Annie, Ellen and Jennie, deceased; Mary Ann, who married John Tilson, a farmer of Tilbury West township; Emeline, wife of Mathew Rankin, of Ormstown, Quebec; Urena and Oliver, both at home. The mother of these children still survives, living on the old homestead, and is now (1904) in her seventy-sixth year. She is a member of the Methodist Church.

CHARLES LOVEL WINGROVE, a well-known citizen of Mersea township, where, for upwards of thirty-six years he has been engaged in stockraising and farming, and for the past six years a member of the township council, was born Oct. 18, 1840, in the Niagara district of Ontario.

The Wingrove family is of English descent. Charles Wingrove, grandfather of our subject, was a native of Lincolnshire, England, and came to Canada with three of his brothers. They located at Flamboro', County of Wentworth, Ont., where they engaged in farming, and where he died. The religious connection of the family was originally with the Church of England, but since

their residence in Canada, its members have been prominently identified with the Methodist Church.

James Wingrove, father of Charles L., was also born in Lincolnshire, and for some years of his young manhood followed the sea as a fisherman. After giving up that dangerous avocation he settled down to farming at Nassagaweya, County of Halton, Ont. Later he sold his land here and removed to Walsingham, County of Norfolk, where the remainder of his life was spent, his death occurring at the age of fourscore. In politics Mr. Wingrove was a staunch Conservative, while in religious matters he consistently supported the Methodist Church. His marriage was to Lucy Sheppard, born in Vermont, who died in Walsingham, a good mother and a devoted Christian woman. The nine children of this marriage were the following: William, deceased; Sarah, deceased; Charles Lovel; Betsey, widow of John Toyn of Mersea township; John resided in Walsingham, Ont.; Charlotte, Martha and Henry, all deceased; and Alonzo, a resident of Aylmer, Ont.

Charles Lovel Wingrove remained at home until he was eighteen years of age, assisting on the farm and attending the neighboring school, which was held in a primitive log house, one of the early structures in the locality. When he started out to make his own way in the world, he began by cutting timber, and later he went to the lumber regions of Upper Michigan. In the great lumber camps there he spent five years, but the life was one of hardship, and he finally returned home. For two years he assisted in the management of the home farm, but in 1867 he came to Mersea township, County of Essex, and bought fifty acres of land on Lot 18, Concession 2. This was then all a dense wilderness. His nearest neighbor was fully one mile away, and no roads were yet cut through this section. Undaunted, however, by what looked like much hardship, and encouraged by the support of a courageous wife, he erected here a little log cabin, and was soon joined by his wife and child. Here then began the great work of clearing up the little farm, and of getting it under cultivation, a work which required much industry and perseverance. As time went on, however, the log cabin gave way to a substantial brick residence, fitted with modern conveniences. His land was increased by the purchase of 100 acres east of the homestead part, this now being operated by Henry Luke, who rents it. Mr. Wingrove has not only carried on

extensive farming, but has also been engaged in the making of roads for public highways, and in the building of bridges, and the ditching for the drainage of the marsh lands in this locality and on the Pelee marsh. In 1893 when a disastrous break occurred in the dyke, Mr. Wingrove made the repairs, 100 feet costing \$1,000. In 1903 he was called upon again to use his skill, and repaired a breach of twelve rods, the cost of this being \$700 under his management, and it might have cost much more under a less expert builder. He has the reputation in this locality for honest, faithful work, the new term of "graft" having never found a place in his vocabulary; hence is seen the success which has attended him since he left home a poor boy to make his own way. Carrying with him the example of a good father, and the counsels of a pious mother, he so fashioned his life, although surrounded by temptations on every side, that now, toward its evening, he possesses the esteem of all who know him and a sufficiency of this world's goods.

In politics Mr. Wingrove is a strong Conservative, and a patriotic Canadian, at the same time being a loyal son of the British Empire. He believes in the upholding of the public school system, and advocates the teaching of patriotism among other essential studies. Taking a great interest in educational matters, he has served as school trustee for a long period. Fraternally he belongs to the Loyal Orange Association, and is one of the oldest members of Imeson Lodge, Mersea township. In 1898 he was elected a member of the township council, and has been continued in office ever since, his advice being taken in all public movements. He is also a member of the Mersea Township Agricultural Society.

At Walsingham, County of Norfolk, Mr. Wingrove was married to Eliza Jane Tester, born in that county, a most estimable lady, one who has proved herself a faithful wife and a loving mother and a careful home-keeper. Two daughters were born to them, namely: Alice, who died young; and Martha, who married William Mooney, of Concession 2, Mersea township, and has two bright little lads, Charles Lovel and William Frederick.

For years Mr. Wingrove has been one of the leading members and supporters of the Methodist Church in this locality. For the past fifteen years he has devoted much attention to the upbuilding of the Sunday School interests, serving as superintendent, and through his efforts

eighty pupils are now numbered in the Hillman Church. It was mainly through his efforts and the interest which he aroused that the meeting-house at Hillman was erected, its cost being \$1,600. He served as chairman of the building committee, and is also one of the church trustees. Mr. Wingrove has an enviable reputation for his honest and upright character. Like many other consistent reformers, Mr. Wingrove finds some individuals who do not agree with him on the temperance question, his attitude against the saloon business being a very positive one, but he has always been upheld by the better class of citizens. He is a man who has convictions of right, and is never afraid to uphold them. No more loyal British citizen or more thoroughly consistent Christian man can be found in Mersea township than is Charles Lovel Wingrove.

CHARLES OUELLETTE, late a retired farmer of Anderdon river front, in the County of Essex, was the eldest son in a family descended from some of the earliest pioneers of Canada, and always prominent in the localities in which they lived. The first Ouellette in Canada was the great-grandfather of Charles, who came to Montreal from France.

Charles Ouellette, a son of this pioneer, was born after his father came to America, and was a native of Lower Canada. He was a soldier in the war of 1812, and after it was ended settled at Windsor, where he resided for the remainder of his days, acting as a land agent for the English government. He was one of the prominent citizens of the place, and Ouellette avenue is named after him. He left a family of six children, two sons and four daughters: Frezene, the eldest, married a Mr. Jannes, and died in Sandwich; Madaline married a Mr. Goyeau, of Windsor; Agnes married a Mr. Boismier, of Sandwich; Therese is the wife of Mr. Pepin, of Windsor; Victor married, settled and died in Windsor, where he left a family; John B. is mentioned below.

John B., the sixth child of Charles Ouellette, born in Windsor in 1806, settled for some years in Windsor, where he dealt in stock and real estate. In 1847 he came to Amherstburg, where he purchased a bush farm on the river front and made a permanent home, where he lived and died. On this farm he erected a stone house and other buildings and made general improvements. At his death his estate was found to comprise over 1,000 acres of land.

John B. Ouellette was married to Leonora Lemay, born in Detroit in 1814, the daughter of Alexander Lemay. Mr. Lemay came first to Detroit from Lower Canada, but later the family settled at Amherstburg, and there he died, leaving a family. John B. Ouellette was one of the successful and wealthy men of this section, and lived until 1873, while his wife survived him seven years. Both were members of the Roman Catholic Church, and were among the founders of the first church erected in Sandwich. They left a family of twelve children. (1) Emily M., born in 1831, is the deceased wife of Antoine Barron, who settled in Malden township. She left one son, Dennis, of Amherstburg. (2) Charles was the eldest son. (3) Alexander, born in 1835, married, settled and died in Malden township, where he left a family of six children. (4) Matilda, born in 1837, is the deceased wife of James Mailloux of Anderdon township; she left a family of three children. (5) Luke, born in 1839, married and still lives in Malden township. (6) Daniel, born in 1841, married and settled in Windsor, where he died, leaving four children who still reside there. (7) Thomas, born in Windsor, in 1843, is a resident farmer and wealthy business man of Anderdon river front, and has five children living. (8) Hattie, born in 1845, is the wife of J. B. Mailloux, of Anderdon township, and has had four children. (9) Marceline, born in 1845, is unmarried and resides at the old homestead. (10) Henry, born in 1847, also lives at the old homestead, unmarried. (11) Margeret, born in 1850, is the wife of Joseph Bellapash of Sandwich East. (12) Patrick, born in 1853, the youngest of the family, married a Miss Eugenie White of Amherstburg, and now resides in Windsor, with his family of nine children. He is organist of St. Alphonse's Church, Windsor.

Charles Ouellette was born in Windsor, March 25, 1833. He was educated in the schools of Windsor and Anderdon, remaining at the homestead until the death of his father. Two years later, in February, 1875, he married Miss Josephine Boismier, born in Sandwich, in 1843, daughter of Edward and Jane Boismier, one of the pioneer families of the County of Essex. Mrs. Ouellette was educated in the convent schools of Sandwich. The young couple settled at the present home on the river front in Anderdon, where Mr. Ouellette owned a fine farm on which he made many general improvements, remodelling buildings, etc.

To Mr. Ouellette and his wife were born four children, as follows: (1) Albemie, born in 1876, is now working in Cleveland, unmarried. (2) Everise, born in 1878, well educated in the home schools, unmarried and manager of the home farm. (3) Martha, born in 1880, who is the wife of James McBride, a farmer of Malden township, and who has three children, Ruby, and Pearl, twins, and John. (4) Adellar, born in January, 1885, unmarried, at home.

Religiously this family are all members of the Catholic Church, and politically have always been Conservatives. Mr. Charles Ouellette never aspired to political honors, but was a member of the board of school trustees for a great many years, and also roadmaster. This family have always been prominent business men in Detroit, Windsor and Amherstburg, where they have made homes and transacted business. Charles Ouellette spent his life mainly in agricultural pursuits until, a few years ago, he retired from active life on account of an injury which left him crippled in one limb; previously he was always active as a farmer and business man. He was a man highly esteemed by all who knew him for his kindly disposition and manly bearing towards all; his life was spent in doing good and in forwarding everything that promised good for his community and friends, and his death, which occurred May 12, 1904, was greatly lamented, not alone by his family, but by all who knew him.

MAURICE RENAUD, a teacher in the public schools of Sandwich East, and the clerk of the township, traces his ancestry back to Frank Renaud, who came to the region around Detroit and Amherstburg about 1760, one of the first Frenchmen to settle in that locality. He settled in Sandwich West, and his descendants have been prominent in that locality ever since.

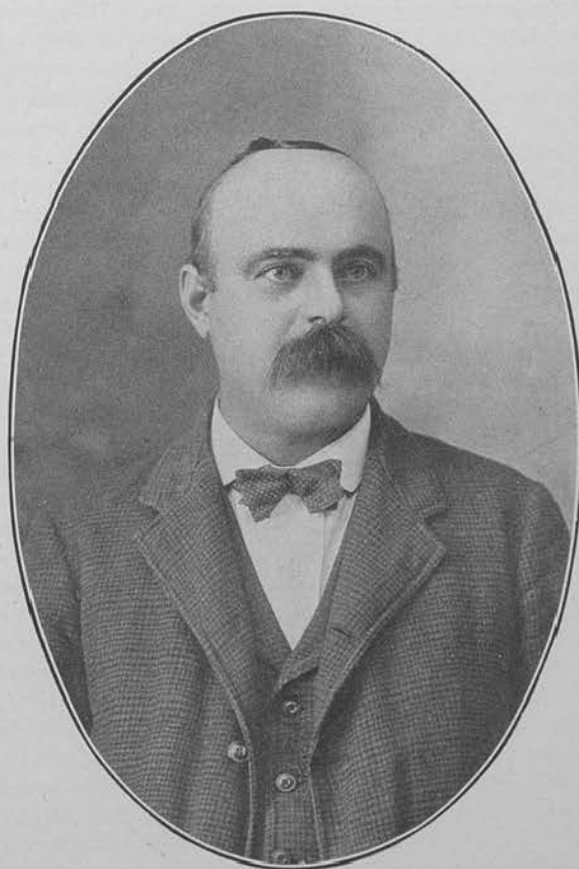
Frank Renaud settled on a farm near old Fort Malden, and lived there to the extreme old age of eighty-three years. His wife, who survived him several years, bore him a son, Lambert, who was born in Amherstburg, and married Josette Parent. To this union were born five children, as follows: Alexander, of Sandwich West; Joseph, of Windsor; Aglea, the wife of David Donaldson, deceased, of Detroit, where she lives with her four children, Lizzie, Ida, James and —; Helen, born in Sandwich West, the wife of George Lacharity, who lives with his family in Rochester township; and Benjamin, father of Maurice.

Benjamin Renaud was born in Sandwich West in October, 1838. He grew to manhood at the old home, and received a limited education in the schools there. After his marriage in 1865, he settled in Walkerville, where he worked at his trade of blacksmith for twelve years; in 1877 he sold his Walkerville property, and purchased a place in Tecumseh, where he worked at his trade until he retired. In 1865 Mr. Renaud married Miss Philomine Morin, who was born in Rochester township, on the Ruscom river, in 1845; she was the daughter of Maurice Morin, and belonged to one of the first pioneer families of that section. Mr. Renaud died at his son's home in 1901; his wife had passed away in 1892, leaving four children, who were the only survivors of their family of eleven. (1) Maurice, our subject, is the eldest living. (2) Joseph, born in 1871, married Miss Elmira Dumont, of the County of Essex, and they have two daughters, Madeline and Irene; they reside at Tecumseh, where he is agent for the Grand Trunk Railroad. (3) Rosie, born in 1873, is the wife of Alexander Parent, who resides in Sandwich East and has three children, Mazie, Columbus and —. (4) Maggie, born in Walkerville in 1875, is the deceased wife of Albert Boismier, who resides near Wyandotte, Wayne Co., Michigan; she left one son, who died young.

Maurice Renaud was born in Sandwich West, Jan. 15, 1867, and received his early education in the Walkerville and Tecumseh public schools. In 1884 he entered the Windsor high school, where he finished two courses in classics and business. In 1886 he began teaching in the public schools, where he has continued up to the present time. In 1894 he purchased a fruit farm and erected on it one of the finest brick houses in Sandwich East. There he resides with his wife, who was a Miss Louisa Dumont, born in Rochester township in 1871, and their daughter, Alice, born April 24, 1904.

Mr. Renaud has always been a staunch adherent of the Liberal party, and has been one of their active workers. In 1902 he was elected township clerk of Sandwich East, and has continued to discharge the duties of that office to the present time. He was appointed notary public in 1901. Religiously the family are devout Catholics.

Maurice Renaud is one of the enterprising and leading citizens of Tecumseh and Sandwich East; thrown on his resources when a boy, he struggled manfully for an education which has



Maurice Renaud

fitted him for a leading place among public men. His genial and kindly disposition has made him many warm friends, and he is a general favorite.

SINA MAHONEY, one of the best known fishermen of Pelee Island, and a native son of the soil, was born on the island, Aug. 18, 1859, a son of Jeremiah Mahoney.

Jeremiah Mahoney was born in Crookhaven, County Cork, Ireland, in November, 1826, seventh of the twelve children of Jeremiah, Sr., and Mary (Hayes) Mahoney, both of whom lived and died in their native land, devout members of the Catholic Church. Jeremiah Mahoney was reared in his native land, and received a fair education in the parish school. Early in life he engaged in fishing and sailing. On Oct. 23, 1852, he was united in marriage with Mary Mahoney, a daughter of Simon and Bridget Mahoney, and to their union two children were born in Ireland: Bridget, who died there; and Catherine (or Kate), who married Edward Riggenetta and resides in Michigan. In 1856 Mr. Mahoney shipped from Liverpool, England, for New York City, as a sailor on the "Asa Scranton," from the latter port, going to Pugwash, N.S., to take timber for London, England. The boat was leaky and so manifestly unseaworthy that the crew abandoned her, and Mr. Mahoney went to Buffalo, New York, where he was employed on the "City of Buffalo" during the winter. From there he went to Kelley's Island, whence he sent for his wife and daughter Kate. They crossed on a sailing vessel from Liverpool to Quebec, thence journeying to Kelley's Island. In 1859 the little family located on Pelee Island, where Mr. Mahoney rented a sixty-acre farm from Lucinda McCormick. After seven years devoted to farming, in 1866, the father moved thence to Sandusky, where he spent nine years in fishing. In 1875 he returned to the island and purchased a farm from P. McCormick. His hospitable home, which he built himself, is a favorite gathering place for the members of the family, as well as for neighboring friends. Mr. Mahoney belongs to that class of whole-souled, open-handed men such as only Ireland produces, and his children are proud of the blood which runs in their veins. They all possess to a certain degree the courteous manner, pleasant, genial speech, and open-hearted generosity which characterize this race, and make friends wherever they happen to be stationed. Both Mr. and Mrs. Mahoney are con-

sistent members of the Catholic Church, and have reared their children to the faith of their forefathers. They present an excellent example to the coming generations of a couple grown old together, devotedly attached as in their youth, although the snows of many winters have whitened their brows, and the years traced their mark upon their genial faces. In addition to the two children born in the old home in Ireland, Mr. and Mrs. Mahoney have had six children born to them: Sina; Eliza, widow of Augustus Pitman; Bridget, who married John Lidwill, lighthouse-keeper; David; Dennis, who died at the age of seventeen years; and John, engaged in fishing, who resides with his parents.

Sina Mahoney, the subject proper of this sketch, removed to Sandusky with his parents, and there attended public school, and when he returned to Pelee Island he engaged in fishing and farming. In 1879 he became a partner of Mr. William Mathews, for the purpose of selling fish in Sandusky, and this connection continued for six years. In 1885 he removed to Kelley's Island, and there fished for three years with Peter Dutchey, returning then to Pelee Island. At that time he formed a partnership with Thomas McCormick, and thus continued to fish until 1889, when he went to the Pacific Coast, and there was also engaged in fishing in the Columbia river, in Washington. After a season he returned to Kelley's Island and resumed his fishing operations there. In 1891 he started fishing for Post & Co., of Sandusky, on Pelee Island, and he now has a very extensive fishery, comprising ten pounds, in which four men are employed, the entire plant representing an investment of \$3,000. By his energy and thorough knowledge of all the existing conditions, Mr. Mahoney has been enabled to take advantage of every circumstance, and has attained a degree of success in his business which is very gratifying.

In politics Mr. Mahoney is a staunch Liberal; he has never sought public preferment, his private affairs occupying his attention. In fraternal organizations he is quite popular, and belongs to the I.O.O.F. and the K.O.T.M., being a charter member of the local organization of the latter order. Mr. Mahoney, like all the other members of his family, is a genial, pleasant, courteous gentleman, and one who has friends in all parts of the country. His religious affiliations are with the Catholic Church. From his Irish parents he inherits a keen sense of humor, and delights in looking at things in their best light.

His pride in his descent is great, and he is never happier than when he is taken for a native-born Irishman. The success which has already attended his efforts is but a prophecy of what is to come, for he is hard-working, energetic, and a most excellent manager.

PETER GILBOE, a retired farmer of Gosfield North, is now, in the evening of his days, reaping the reward of his long life of honest toil and kindly deeds, in the unreserved respect and affection with which he is regarded by his neighbors, among whom he has walked many years. He was born in Gosfield South, near Olinda, Sept. 14, 1832.

Joseph and Elizabeth (Wigle) Gilboe, his parents, were among the earliest settlers of the County of Essex. The former was born in Quebec in 1805, the son of a lieutenant in General La Fayette's army, at the time of his campaign in Canada to aid the United States. Joseph Gilboe was quite a boy when they came to Amherstburg, where he was when General Harrison crossed over with his army and drove the Indians to Thamesville, where Tecumseh was killed. Mrs. Elizabeth W. Gilboe was born in Gosfield township, County of Essex, in 1808, daughter of Wendel and Mary Wigle, who came to Canada from Pennsylvania at the time of the immigration of the U. E. Loyalists, and settled and died in Gosfield.

After Mr. Gilboe's marriage he settled first at Olinda, in Gosfield South, where he cleared up a farm and erected a hotel, the first one built in Southern Essex. Besides managing this hotel, he contracted with the Olinda Furnace Company to furnish them charcoal, which he did for one season, when the furnace, which was owned by Mr. Calhoon, was shut down. Mr. Calhoon owed Mr. Gilboe a large amount of money, which the latter had invested in labor and material. After the company failed, Mr. Gilboe, with an honesty as commendable as it is rare, sold his hotel and farm to pay his men, and was himself left with scarcely a dollar. He then moved to the present farm on Talbot street, at the time all bush land, which he purchased from Thomas Squires, and there he again started to work his way up from the beginning. His wife died at this home in 1856, while he survived till 1882, when he died at the home of one of his sons, in Michigan. He and his wife were among the founders of Methuenism in that section of the country. Mr. Gilboe

was a Conservative in politics, but took no part in local affairs.

The family of twelve children born to Joseph Gilboe all lived to grow up. (1) John, the eldest, born in Gosfield, in 1824, married Miss Nancy Hopgood, of the County of Essex. They moved to Oakland County, Michigan, where he died, leaving five children, who all reside in that State. (2) Charles, born in 1826, married Miss Mary Neville, of Gosfield, and settled there on the Talbot Road, where he died in 1895, leaving two daughters, Festamire and Alice. His wife had died previously. (3) Wendel, born in 1828, died in early manhood in Buffalo from yellow fever. (4) Isabella, born in 1830, is the deceased wife of John Taylor, a farmer in Maidstone. She left a large family. (5) Peter was the fifth child. (6) Joseph, born in 1834, married Miss Jane Neville, a sister of Mrs. Peter Gilboe. They moved to Oakland County, Michigan, where they still reside on a farm. They had seven children. (7) Mary A., born in Gosfield in 1836, married Timothy Jones, the founder of Essex Center, where they settled and died. The town is now built on the site of their farm. They left a large family who are all living in the United States. (8) Solomon, born in 1838, married a lady who lived in Michigan, and settled there on a farm in Wayne County; they had no children. (9) George, born in 1840, married a Miss Conklin, of the County of Essex. They now reside in Pontiac, Michigan, where he is one of the leading contractors and builders. Seven children were born to them. (10) Susan, born in 1842, is the deceased wife of Isaac Copley, who settled in Oakland County, Michigan. She left a family. (11) Simon, born in 1844, married in Alpena, Michigan. There he followed lumbering for many years and is one of the wealthy real estate men of that section. He has one daughter. (12) Julia, born in 1847, is the late wife of Hugh McCormick, who resides at Pontiac, Michigan. She left five children.

Peter Gilboe grew up on his father's farm, assisting in the work and receiving the limited education which was all that he could obtain in that day and place. As he grew toward manhood he worked by the day till he had earned enough to buy forty acres of his father's homestead, when he began farming for himself. All the present buildings he put up, and as time passed, he purchased one hundred acres adjoining his farm on the south. This place is all under cultivation and has been made one of the finest in the coun-

ty. At present Mr. Gilboe is building a modern brick house on one part of his homestead, which his son, Hubert, is to occupy.

Christmas Day, 1855, witnessed the marriage of Mr. Gilboe to Miss Abigail Neville, born in Gosfield North in June, 1835, the daughter of Francis and Nancy (Williams) Neville. They were of Welsh origin, and settled in Gosfield at about the same time with Joseph Gilboe. They passed the rest of their lives in that township, and were among the well-to-do and highly respected pioneers. Of the nine children of Peter and Abigail Gilboe, all born on the present farm, seven are living: (1) Ceronia is the wife of Frederick Robinson, one of the wealthy and influential citizens of Essex, and has a family of four, Lottie, Gordon, Ethel and Gerald. (2) Isadore is the wife of Grover Hopgood, who resides on his farm on the Talbot Road, in Gosfield; they have one daughter, Dell. (3) Andrew married Miss Lottie Knight, of the County of Essex, and they have four children, Clara, Eva, Leo and Earle. He resides in Detroit, where he is foreman of the "Cadillac Hotel," one of the finest in the city. (4) Philo married Miss Mariah Stotts, of Essex. He is now in the gold fields of Montana, while his wife remains in Detroit, with her two children, Frank and Earl. (5) Hubert married Miss Jane Bradshaw, of London, and they reside on the old homestead, where he is the manager. He has one son, Carl. (6) Minnie May married Charles Williams, of Kent Bridge, Ont., and had one daughter, Mabel Gertrude. (7) Leonard, unmarried, is at home. He is a graduate of the Essex high school.

Mr. Gilboe's political views are those of the Conservative party. He takes an intelligent interest in general politics, and has always been keenly alive to the best interests of his locality, but has never been actively concerned in public life. In religious belief he, like his wife, is a member of the Methodist Church. He was one of the founders and builders of the North Ridge Methodist Church, located on a part of his farm, and has been one of its trustees for many years, besides being prominent in all phases of its work. His life has been one of usefulness and of a steady development of character, and now, in his declining years he is crowned with blessings and honor. He has witnessed the development of this section from its most primitive state, for when he came here wild animals were still numerous, and they were obliged to pen up the cattle and sheep as early as four in the after-

noon. The white ash cordwood had to be drawn to Sandwich, a distance of twenty-two miles, to be sold, and their butter and eggs were carried in baskets a distance of ten miles, to Kingsville, then the nearest market.

JASPER GOLDEN, an old-time school teacher of the County of Essex, and one of the most highly respected men of Gosfield South, though now in his eighty-second year, continues to take a lively interest in all matters of local importance.

The first Golden of whom we have knowledge, tradition says, came to Ireland in the time of Cromwell. Richard J. Golden, father of Jasper Golden, was born in the County Sligo, Ireland, May 15, 1791, of English descent. He made his home in the County Sligo until 1852; was a tenant farmer, and a most worthy and good man. On June 19, 1820, he married Ann Black, also of English descent, who was born in 1795. The children born to this couple were as follows: (1) Maria, born April 15, 1821, married Alexander M. Wigle, of Gosfield South; she died Oct. 25, 1902, the mother of three children, S. Golden, Priscilla and Hamilton. (2) Jasper was born Jan. 24, 1823. (3) Sarah, May 5, 1825, married William Drake, now deceased, of Gosfield South, and has three children, Albert E., Anna M. and Frances S. (4) Richard, born Sept. 15, 1827, resides in Malden township; he married Margaret Paton, and has six children, Allen J., M. Anna, Eccles, Jessie, Henry and William. (5) Ann, born April 1, 1830, married Rudolph Brush, of Colchester North, and has six children, George, Almon, Ira, Elizabeth, Anna and Rudolph. (6) Fanny, born June 26, 1832, married Joseph Malott, of Detroit, and has four children, Susan, Mary, Walter and Forest. (7) Elizabeth, born Oct. 10, 1834, married Isaac A. Wigle, of Gosfield South, and has two children, Edmond J. and Fred. (8) Dr. John, born May 31, 1843, studied at Ann Arbor, and is now in Fresno county, California; he married Mary Jackson, of Essex, and has three children, Charlotte, Stanley and George.

In 1852 the family came to the 6th Concession, in the township of Anderdon, County of Essex, Ont., and settled on a 100-acre tract of perfectly wild land in the Indian reserve. Upon it the father and mother spent the remainder of their lives, the former dying at the age of eighty-four years, and the latter in 1857; they are buried in the Amherstburg cemetery.

Jasper Golden was given a good education in Ireland, and for eight and one-half years taught in the town of Tobercurry, County Sligo. In May, 1850, he and his two elder sisters came to Canada in a sailing-vessel, the voyage taking five weeks and three days. After landing, they came direct to the County of Essex, where Mr. Golden obtained land in Anderdon, and the following year he commenced teaching in Malden township. In January, 1852, he taught the school east of Kingsville, remaining in charge of same for six years, and then for five years he taught the Kingsville school. For twenty-one years he was engaged in teaching, and became one of the best known and best beloved instructors of the county. At the time of his marriage he settled on his present farm, and later on gave up teaching to devote his attention to farming.

In 1857 Mr. Golden was married to Christine Malott, who was born March 1, 1826, a daughter of Joseph Malott; she died Sept. 9, 1898. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Golden are: Mary, who resides with her father; Sarah J., who married C. S. Miller, a druggist of Kingsville, and has two children, Bernard and Christine; Albert J., a farmer on the 2d Concession, Gosfield South, who married Louisa Bratt, of Malden township, and has four children, Percival, Mildred, Myrtle and Cecil; Robert F., a dentist, now located in the American "Soo"; John R., a ranchman and homesteader of Alberta, Northwest Territory; and Jasper A., who died Nov. 26, 1872.

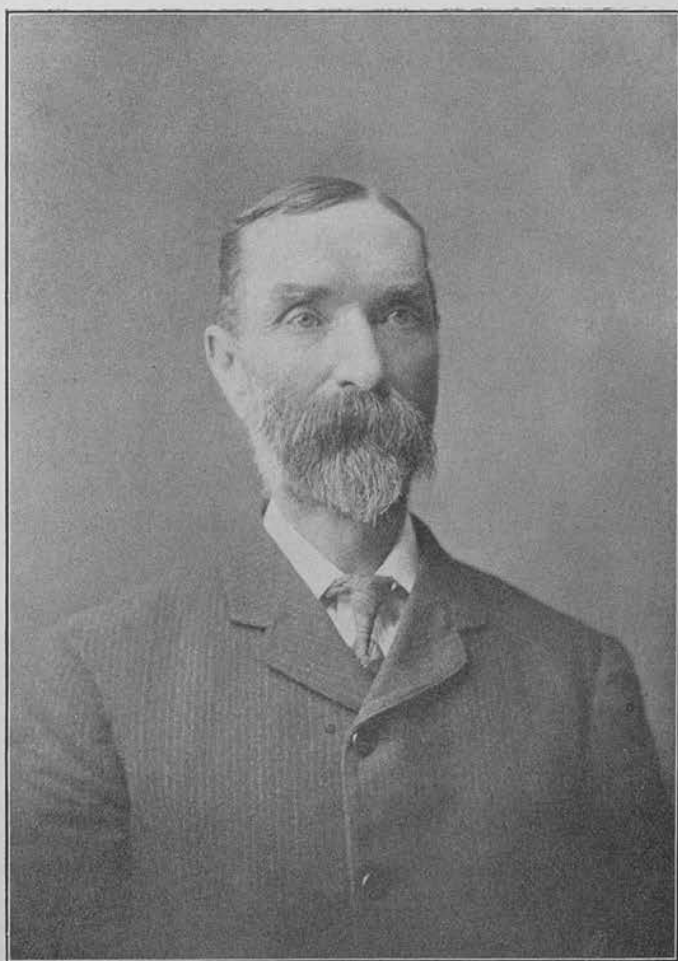
Mr. Golden is a citizen of whom any community might feel justly proud. He taught many of the middle-aged men of to-day their first knowledge of books, and by his honorable life he has set an excellent example to old and young. In church affairs he has always been profoundly interested, and before a church of his denomination was organized, he assisted in the Methodist Church, which he attended for many years, but since the establishment of the English Church in Kingsville he has been a prominent worker in it. The first Sunday in January, 1842, Mr. Golden was appointed a teacher in the Sunday-school, and has continued as such to the present day. He is a licensed lay reader of the English Church. As an educator he undoubtedly takes first rank in the County of Essex. In addition to his activity in spreading the knowledge of the Bible, he served as a public school teacher for twenty-one years, and for a like period was a school trustee.

Mr. Golden is a Conservative in his political views, and has always taken a lively interest in local affairs. For twelve years he served as assessor, and also as returning officer in Dominion elections. Since 1858 he has been a member of the Masonic Lodge at Kingsville. In every relation of life he has proved himself an honorable, upright Christian, and a loyal British subject.

DANIEL SINCLAIR, the popular bailiff of the County of Essex, who is also a licensed auctioneer, and a dealer in live and dressed cattle and hogs, was born in the County of Oxford, April 14, 1843, son of Peter and Margaret (McDermaid) Sinclair.

Peter Sinclair was born on the Isle of Mull, Scotland, but was reared in Glasgow, as was also his wife, who was a native of Tobermory, Scotland. They were married in Glasgow, and lived there for some years after. In 1842 they came to Ontario, via New York, after six weeks on the ocean in a sailing vessel. They located in the County of Oxford, and after a year there went to the County of Elgin, where Mr. Sinclair carried on the life of a farmer. Purchasing wild land he cleared up a fine farm, and on it lived until his death in May, 1879, when he was aged seventy-two; his wife passed away in March of the year prior to his own demise, at the age of sixty-two. Both were members of the Presbyterian Church, and highly respected citizens. Politically the father was a Grit, and one of the active workers of the party. To Peter and Margaret Sinclair were born four children, that attained maturity: (1) Daniel. (2) Archie, emigrated to the Black Hills, where he became an extensive stock raiser, and where he died in 1894; he married Mary Morrison, who, with their son, Roy A., still resides in the Black Hills country. (3) Malcolm, born in the County of Elgin, was first a school teacher, and then moved to Kansas, where he is a wealthy stock dealer; he married Malinda Parrott, but has no children. (4) Mary, born in the County of Elgin, married George McKay, of the County of Oxford. Mr. McKay sold his farm in Oxford and moved to Kansas, where he died, after which his widow and her two sons, Errett Gordon and Malcolm, returned to the County of Essex, where she resides.

Daniel Sinclair received his early education in a little log school house in the County of Elgin. When a young man he learned the black-



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smith's trade in St. Thomas, and operated a blacksmith's shop of his own for some eight years, but in 1870 he and his brother, Archie, erected a cheese factory in the County of Middlesex, where they engaged in business three years. At the end of that time they disposed of their property, and the three brothers, Archie, Malcolm and Daniel, went into the butchering business, continuing until 1879, when they disposed of their interests, and while the other brothers went west, our subject came to the County of Essex and embarked in the stock business, becoming an extensive live stock dealer of his locality. His stock is shipped to Winnipeg, Vancouver, England, Toronto, Montreal, and some is disposed of in local markets.

On Jan. 24, 1883, in Glanworth, County of Middlesex, Mr. Sinclair married Miss Jennie Rose, a native of that county, daughter of Richard and Elizabeth (Dodd) Rose. Richard Rose came from England and settled in the County of Middlesex, Ont., in 1836, and there married and engaged in farming. While in Essex on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair, he died, Feb. 11, 1901, aged eighty-seven. His wife died Jan. 10, 1871, aged forty-eight. They were members of the Presbyterian Church. Their children were: Mary C., who married James H. Rowse, of Ingersoll; Richard G., on the old homestead in the County of Middlesex; Elizabeth C., who died in 1890; and Jennie, Mrs. Sinclair, who received a fine education in music, of which she was a successful teacher for a number of years. To Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair have been born six children, as follows: Bessie C., Mary J. and Hattie M. are now being educated in the high schools of Essex; Verna G.; Donald; and Malcolm. All were born in Essex and all are at home. In 1887 Mr. Sinclair purchased a pleasant residence, which has since been the family home.

Politically Mr. Sinclair has always been identified with the old Reform party. In 1894 he was appointed district bailiff of Essex, which position he still retains. Fraternally he is a Mason, and is a member of the Order of the Maccabees of Essex. The religious affiliations of himself and family are with the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Sinclair has many warm personal friends in the town and throughout the county, where he has spent so many years of his useful life. He is God-fearing, upright, honorable, and is a good citizen, faithful public official and kind neighbor and friend. Every enterprise, which has for its object the betterment of humanity in general, or

the advancement of the best interests of the community, has a supporter in this most excellent man. In giving a biography of such a man it is difficult to give a true idea of him without praising him more than his naturally modest nature would sanction, but truth is never flattery, and the facts herein related are borne out in his every-day life.

RICHARD PARKER, in his lifetime one of the most highly esteemed citizens of Essex township, where his upright life and kindly nature were so well known, was a representative of an early Canadian family. His widow, Mrs. Agnes T. Brown Parker, now living in retirement in Essex, is one of the most popular and respected residents of the place, where she is held in affectionate regard by a host of friends. The representatives of both the Parker and Brown families to-day rank among the first citizens in the county. Both Richard Parker and his widow were born in Dalhousie, County of Lanark, Ont., the former Feb. 16, 1832, and the latter in Nov., of the same year.

John and Rebecca Parker, parents of Richard, came to Canada from Ireland at an early day, and settled in the County of Lanark, Ont. After living there some years they moved to the County of Perth, where Mr. Parker spent the remainder of his life as a farmer. He was the father of the following children: Henry, of St. Mary's; Robert, of Petrolea; Simon, of Sault Ste. Marie; James, of Canada; Jeanette, wife of Andrew McWilliam, of Petrolea; Elizabeth, wife of Alexander Detwiller, of the County of Perth; Hannah, wife of Robert Bolington, of Guelph; Richard, who married Agnes T. Brown; and William, John, Joseph, George and Aner C. Rodgers, all deceased.

Richard Parker grew to manhood in the County of Perth, and there married, in 1857, Agnes T. Brown, who, though a native of the County of Lanark, was raised in the County of Perth. They settled in the township of Howick, County of Huron, where Mr. Parker bought wild land, which he began to clear for a farm. Their first home was a log house, in which they lived until the farm was partly cleared. Until 1874 they remained on this farm, and then sold out and moved to a farm which Mr. Parker purchased on the Talbot Road, in Gosfield North, County of Essex, and there they lived until his death, April 1, 1891.

The children of Richard and Agnes T. (Brown) Parker were as follows: (1) John, born in the County of Huron, in May, 1858, is a mason and bricklayer. He married Julia Marks, of Cottam, where they reside; they have one son, Lorn D. (2) Maggie J., born in 1860, married John F. Clark, of Walkerville, and has no children. (3) James B., born in January, 1861, received his education in the Counties of Huron and Essex, and for many years followed the occupation of farmer. After his father's death he came to Essex, where he has since resided with his mother in their comfortable home on Gosfield Avenue; he has never married. (4) Agnes, born in January, 1863, married Joseph Crow, of Essex, and has the following children: Betina E., Maggie M., Agnes Myrtle, Flossie J., Gracie May and Ora J. (5) William, born in Oct., 1864, is a farmer in Redwood, Minnesota; he married Maggie Stewart, of the County of Perth, and has two children: Flossie and Bernice. (6) Andrew, born Dec. 26, 1866, as a young man learned the trade of bricklayer and stonemason, and continues to follow that calling; he married Rosie M. O'Neill, a Canadian, and they, with their four children, Lena A., Margaret B., Jennie and Minnie, live in a comfortable brick cottage on Laird Street, in the town of Essex—a home earned through the personal exertions of the father of the family. (7) Richard, born April 6, 1869, married Florence Waggle, of Toledo, and lives in Marion, Indiana, where he is engaged in the oil business. They have one daughter, Gertrude. (8) Robert, born in Nov., 1872, is a bricklayer and stonemason in Essex. He married Florence Hewitt, of the County of Huron, and they have two children, Robert and Reba. He is a member of the Odd Fellows.

In politics Richard Parker was a Conservative, but never sought office. In religious faith both the Parker and Brown families are Presbyterian, Mr. Brown having been an elder in the church for many years.

Mr. Parker and his wife started in life in a small way, but by perseverance, thrift and ability acquired property, and established themselves as foremost citizens of the town. The family is counted among the most prominent in Essex County, and Mrs. Parker, as did also her deceased husband, holds the affection and respect of her fellow townsmen, and every member of the family is regarded as belonging to the best order of citizenship.

James and Margaret (Park) Brown, parents of Mrs. Agnes T. Parker, were both born in 1805. They were among the earliest settlers in the County of Lanark, where they remained until 1844, when they moved to the County of Perth. For a number of years after coming to Canada Mr. Brown taught school, and after settling in the County of Perth he was appointed postmaster at Motherwell, a position he filled until his death, which occurred Oct. 6, 1892. His wife passed away the previous April, and they left a large family of children: James, born in Lanark, is now a farmer in Perth, where he lives with his wife and family. Minnie, deceased, married Miles Brown, deceased also, of Perth, and left a family of children. Agnes T. became the wife of Richard Parker. John, born in Lanark, was a well-educated man, and became a teacher in the County of Perth; after his marriage to Emma Lucas, who was from "the States," he settled in Cottam, County of Essex, as a merchant, and there died, in 1897, leaving a wife and three children. William, born in Lanark, never married, and lives on the home farm in Perth. Andrew married Christie Anderson of Perth, where he settled as a farmer. Jean married William Tear, of Perth. Margaret, born in Perth, married James Anderson (deceased), of Minnesota; he died at Redwood, Minnesota, leaving no children. Mary, born in Perth, died in youth. George died in Perth in young manhood.

ROBERT W. ELLIS, a prominent farmer, township councillor, and stock dealer of Colchester North, located on Lot 8, Concession 14, County of Essex, was born Aug. 18, 1860, in Maidstone township, that county, son of William and Mary (Reeves) Ellis, who were pioneers in County Essex.

William Ellis was born in Nov., 1832, in England, and was a son of James Ellis, who came from England in the forties and settled in Maidstone township when the country was still wild and sparsely settled. Here he cleared up a farm and made a permanent home, and reared a family of children to useful maturity, these being: William; Samuel, now of County Essex; Thomas, the farmer on the old homestead; John, a farmer on a part of the old homestead; Susan (deceased), wife of John Burke, of the State of Indiana; and Mary A. (deceased), Mrs. Charles Bunn, who is survived by a family in Maidstone township.

William Ellis, father of Robert W., settled on a part of the Ellis homestead after his marriage, adding 150 acres at a later period, and became one of the prosperous farmers and substantial men of Maidstone. His declining years are being passed with pleasant surroundings in the town of Essex. He married Mary Reeves, and six children were born to them, namely: Anna E., born in Maidstone in 1855, married John Hall, of England, and they reside on his farm in Maidstone; they have children: Henry, Minnie, Mabel, George, Gertrude, Stanley and Reginald. Charlotte, born in 1858, married George Lee, who left two children, Mabel and Cora, and for her second husband she married Henry Goldner, who resides in Detroit. Robert W. is mentioned below. James N., born in 1862, married Maggie Carr, and they reside on a part of the old homestead in Maidstone township; they have three children, Alma, Orvil, and Clarence. Minnie, born in 1865, married Joseph Pennington, who resides at St. Thomas, an employe of the *Times*, and they have two children, Gladys and Edna. John F., born in 1868, married Maggie Kennedy, daughter of Rev. James Kennedy, of Maidstone, and lives on a part of his father's homestead; they have two children, Forest and May.

Robert W. Ellis was educated in the public schools of Maidstone township and remained assisting in the work of the home farm until he started out in life for himself. In July, 1890, he married Mary J. Taylor, who was born Sept. 19, 1860, and was reared and educated in Maidstone. She is the estimable daughter of John and Isabella Taylor, a member of one of the old and prominent families of County Essex, and a lady of culture and education, an addition to church and social circles and a devoted wife and mother. Three children have come to this marriage, namely: Lillie B., born Oct. 9, 1891; Alvin R., born in 1894; and Clara, born in 1898.

After their marriage Mr. Ellis and his wife settled on a part of the old homestead, where he erected a residence, barns and outbuildings, and resided there until 1899, when he purchased his present farm of 100 acres, in Colchester North. As this was all wild land, settlement here meant many deprivations and much hard work, but neither of these conditions alarmed Mr. Ellis. He has at the present writing fifty acres well cleared and under fine cultivation, and he has built a commodious modern residence and the

necessary barns and other buildings. He purchased an additional fifty acres, lying in Sandwich South, adjoining his farm, and is now considered one of the leading farmers of this section, progressive and practical, and through perseverance, intelligence and method succeeding where others would fail.

Politically our subject and his sons belong to the old Reform party. At present Mr. Ellis is serving as a member of the township council, following in the footsteps of his father, who was a member of the Maidstone council for nineteen years and a justice of the peace for twenty-five years. Religiously this family is connected with the Methodist Church, and its members are held in the highest esteem wherever known.

John Taylor's parents came from Scotland to this county in the year 1820, and in 1833 settled on the present farm in the township of Maidstone. Mr. Taylor is now living retired on a part of the old homestead. He was married in 1851 to Isabella Gilboe, and twelve children were born to them, three of whom are deceased. The living are: William, of Pontiac, Michigan, married Tabitha Lamarsh, and six children were born to them, Ezra, Carrie, Ada, Walter, Grover and Ethel. Elizabeth married George Thornton, now deceased, and four children were born to them, Delmer, Lola, Myrtle and Sylva. Alexander married Caroline McCreery, and they have eight children, Susie, Louise, Bert, Robert, John, Gaton, Maud and Ray. Melissa is at home. Mary J. is Mrs. Ellis. Annie married Edward Oakey, and eight children were born to them, Archie, Bertie, Scott, Roy, Bessie, Flossie, Eddie and Nellie. Jennie married William Malott, and they have three children, Lulu, Vida and Elton. Scott married Annie Markle, and they had two children, Harry and Willie. Arch married Clyde Thomas, and they have three children, Lorne, Wilferd and Grace.

JACOB McLEAN, a prosperous farmer on the lake shore in Colchester South, County of Essex, is finely located to accommodate summer boarders. He is a member of one of the early settled families of Gosfield, near the Colchester line, and was born March 24, 1858, on the homestead north of Harrow, where he resided until his marriage, at which time he located on his present farm.

In 1878 Mr. McLean married Sarah Maria Waters, who was born in Mersea Oct. 15, 1858,

daughter of Henry and Ann (Addison) Waters, members of an English family. After his marriage Mr. McLean purchased the George Elliott farm of 100 acres, and came to it twenty-five years ago. Since then he has made many improvements, and has devoted his land to mixed farming. In politics he is a staunch Conservative. In religious matters he is a Methodist and active in the church of that denomination. The family born to himself and wife consists of children as follows: Rena, who married William Goulin, of Colchester North, and has one daughter, Maria E.; and Nettie, Viola, Arner Roy, Fay and George Henry, all at home. Mr. McLean is planning to turn his property into a summer resort, and if he does so his place is destined to become very popular, as it is so beautifully located near the lake, and possesses so many natural advantages. Throughout the neighborhood both Mr. and Mrs. McLean are very popular, and they have a host of friends who appreciate their excellent qualities.

Thomas McLean, grandfather of Jacob McLean, was born in Ireland, and on emigrating to the County of Essex, Ont., settled in Gosfield South township, along the lake.

George McLean, son of Thomas, was born on the lake shore in Gosfield South, and died in Colchester South April 26, 1895, aged seventy-five years. He had become a man of prominence, and had been councillor and township reeve for many years. He married Susan Fox, who was born in Gosfield South, on the farm adjoining the McLean homestead, March 16, 1818, and who in spite of her advanced age is bright and active, and is a well-beloved member of the household of her son Jacob. In the early days George McLean and his wife were Baptists, but they later united with the Methodists. Their children were: Thomas, a farmer in Colchester South; Sarah (deceased), who married Harvey Smith; Julia, who married James Martin, of Colchester South; John, a farmer in the same township; Jacob; and George, deceased.

Henry Waters, father of Mrs. Jacob McLean, was a native of Middleton, Yorkshire, England, and his wife, Ann Addison, of South Dalton, England. They were married in their native land, and in 1857 came to the County of Essex, where Mr. Waters engaged in farming. He died July 17, 1898, aged seventy-three years, and his wife passed away Jan. 11, 1876, aged sixty-three, both in the faith of the Methodist Church. They were the parents of the following children: John,

a farmer of Malden township; Elizabeth, who married John Swegles, of Wayne, Michigan; Thomas, a farmer in Malden; Sarah Maria, who is Mrs. Jacob McLean; Robert, a farmer in Colchester South; Janet, who wedded Richard Atkinson, of Malden; and Bowser, deceased.

JOHN M. SELLARS, a prosperous farmer of Malden township, County of Essex, and one of the prominent citizens of that locality, comes of Scotch and Irish parentage, belonging to a well-known family of the township.

Anthony Sellars, his father, was born in 1828, in Ireland, and at the age of eighteen years came to the County of Essex and to Malden township, where he was employed in farm and mill work by Mr. McGee, of Amherstburg. He took part in the Rebellion and was engaged in taking off prisoners at the time of the capture of the schooner "Ann." Later he entered the employ of Robert Anderson, beginning as a farmer on the Renolds property, which he conducted for three years, then moving to the Hunt property, which he conducted for five years, after which he came to the present farm. Mr. Sellars was married in Malden township to Agnes Anderson, and some years later moved to the Robert Anderson property, where he cleared up a tract of land large enough to admit of his building a log house. But after it was partly finished some of his neighbors claimed that it was on the site of a proposed road, and one morning, when he returned to continue his building, he found that what he had done had been torn down. Not discouraged, he built again, some 150 rods away from his first choice of site. This Robert Anderson property was of considerable extent, and Mr. Sellars cleared some 125 acres of it. Some forty years ago he built the frame house now occupied by his son, Thomas Sellars, and there he resided until eight years before his death, when he made his home with his second youngest son Gordon, at whose home he died at the age of sixty-eight years. He was buried in the old cemetery at Saxville. Mr. Sellars was a man of wide reading and unusual intelligence, and was an interested supporter of the Conservative party. His wife died at the age of forty-eight.

To Anthony Sellars and his wife were born the following-named children: John M., the subject of this sketch; Mary Ann, Mrs. William Dowler, deceased; Robert, who married (first) Eliza Parks, and (second) Elizabeth Waldron, residing on an adjoining farm; James, who died



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at the age of twenty years; Thomas, the farmer on the homestead, married to Jessie West; Catherine, wife of Thomas H. Parks; Gordon, a farmer on Lot 66, who married Jeanette Gibbs; Joseph, a plumber at Denver, Colorado; Isabella, deceased, who married John T. Yorrell, of Hamilton, Ont.; and Charles Henry, who died when eighteen months old. Of this family, John, Robert, Thomas and Gordon each have farms of seventy-three acres, willed them by Robert Anderson, and the four brothers all occupy the land which they have brought to a fine state of cultivation.

The Anderson family first became known in this locality through one Robert Anderson, a native of Scotland, and a bachelor, who had accumulated a large fortune as a slave-driver in the West Indies. On coming to Canada he bought 650 acres of land in the south-eastern part of Malden township and erected a home where A. A. Bratt now resides, and there he died at the age of seventy-three. Some years after he came to Canada he was followed by his brother John, who was the grandfather of our subject. John Anderson located on land owned by his brother, and there he resided until the death of his wife, Mary Bates, after which he moved to Walkerville. Two years later he went to the home of his son John, where he died at the age of seventy-eight. His children were: John; Agnes, who married Anthony Sellars; Mrs. Wheeler Brush; Mrs. Thomas Lipps; and Robert.

John M. Sellars was born Dec. 4, 1844, on the old Hunt place, and he was about five years of age when the family came to the present location. His school advantages were meager, and he assisted his father very materially in the clearing up of the property. At the age of twenty-one he came into possession of his farm of seventy-three acres on Lot 66, Concession 7, and at the age of twenty-two had built a home on it, clearing a site to do so. This first home, a log cabin, both comfortable and picturesque, served as the family home for twenty-two years, when Mr. Sellars built his present fine residence. He has cleared up his land and made many substantial improvements, and is classed with the successful farmers of the township.

As a Conservative Mr. Sellars has been quite active, and at present is the president of the South Essex Conservative Association, having served as such for some years past. For four years he was township councillor, has also served as constable, and is the present fence viewer.

Fraternally, he belongs to the Ancient Order of United Workmen at Amherstburg.

Mr. Sellars married Nancy Loretta West, of Colchester South, a daughter of Henry H. West, of Amherstburg, and children as follows were born to them: Nellie, wife of H. B. Quick, has four children, Henrietta, Verne, Lyle and Wayne. Henry, of Amherstburg, married Jennie Doufford, and they have one son, Erwin. Agnes, wife of Hartson Bratt, a farmer of Malden township, has five children, Mabel, Hazel, Martha, Herschell and Catherine. Lucy married John Kelch, of Walkerville, and they have three children, Merrill, Mary and Lloyd. John, of Colchester South, has the Wheeler Richardson farm; he married Florence M. Tofflemire, and they have one son, Arnold Alfred. Jessie, who died at the age of twenty-three years, was the wife of Judson Bratt, and the mother of Laura and Joseph J. Herbert died aged sixteen. Alfred is at home. Ross died aged fourteen. Joseph, the youngest, took the entering examinations at Amherstburg College and was given the highest marks of all the students.

Mr. Sellars and his family are consistent and prominent members of the Malden Methodist Church, in which he is a veritable pillar, having acceptably served as class-leader for the past twelve years, and is also one of the trustees. In fact, he has long been one of the prominent men of the locality in many ways, his exemplary life and character gaining him the confidence of his fellow-citizens, while his activity in political matters has shown that he is a masterful force in that direction also. For many years he has been identified with the management of party affairs, and he is recognized as a shrewd and tactful leader of the Conservative forces. The whole family is held in the highest esteem throughout Malden township.

Mrs. Nancy L. (West) Sellars was born Feb. 11, 1846, in Amherstburg, Ont., where her father, Henry H. West, a native of England, resided until eight years prior to his death. He came to the County of Essex alone at the age of eighteen years, lived in Amherstburg for many years, and died Oct. 7, 1898, in London, Ont., aged eighty years, nine months. He was a shoemaker all his life. Mr. West married Nancy Brush, a native of the County of Essex, who died May 24, 1846, aged twenty-one years, the mother of one child, Nancy Loretta, who became Mrs. Sellars. For his second wife Mr. West married Lydia Turner, by whom he had the follow-

ing children: Henry, who is a shoemaker of Amherstburg; Herbert, who died aged twenty-two years; Martha, Mrs. William Eaton, who died in 1902; Jessie, who married Thomas Sellars, brother of John M.; and Lydia, who married Henry Eaton, a farmer of Colchester South. For his third wife he married Jane Waldon, who is also deceased.

CHARLES FUREY, a prominent farmer and township councilor of Mersea township, is a man well known and highly respected all through the County of Essex. He was born Jan. 4, 1845, in what is known as New Ireland, Huntingdon County, Quebec.

The Furey family is of Irish extraction, and their native district was Londonderry, where Charles Furey, the grandfather of our subject, was born and grew to maturity and followed an agricultural life. There he married Martha Douglass, and to this union the following children were born: John, Charles, Patrick, Benjamin, Elizabeth, Martha and Sarah Jane. While their children were still young the parents came on a sailing-vessel to Quebec, settling in County Huntingdon, where Mr. Furey secured 100 acres of land and followed farming all his remaining years. They were consistent members of the Church of England. In politics Mr. Furey was a strong Conservative.

John Furey, son of Charles, and father of Charles Furey of Mersea township, was a youth of some sixteen years when he accompanied his parents to Canada. When he reached maturity he purchased a tract of 100 acres of bush land, which he worked hard to clear, and where he lived out his life, continually improving his property. On this farm his death occurred, at the age of seventy-two years. Like his father he was a Conservative in politics, and in religion a member of the Church of England. During the Rebellion in Lower Canada, in 1837-33 he served as a private in the British service. In Huntingdon County he married Elizabeth Jane Sparrow, daughter of James and Martha (Douglass) Sparrow who died at the age of forty-seven years. She was also a member of the Church of England. The children of this union were: Charles; Eliza Ann, wife of Benjamin Douglass; Matilda, Helen and Mary, all of whom died young; John, who remains on the old homestead; and Caroline, wife of John McNarland, of Alberta, Northwest Territory.

Charles Furey grew up on his father's farm

and attended the local schools, although they were far from satisfactory at that day. He was strong and capable, and easily secured work with neighboring farmers when his father did not need his assistance, for which he received first seven dollars and later ten dollars a month, his wages going to his parents. At the age of seventeen he left home and came to Ontario, locating among strangers, in Mersea township. He soon found employment with John Hooker, cutting timber during the winter season and doing farm work in the summer time, being paid ten dollars during the latter season and fifteen while in the woods in the winter. He continued to labor thus until 1866, when he settled down to farming. He married Frances Ann Smith, and together they started in as farmers on her father's farm, consisting of a tract of seventy-five acres, partially cleared. Here Mr. Furey has been located ever since, engaged in general farming and stock raising. He has made many substantial improvements here, has cleared up the land and put it under cultivation, and has added fifty acres in Concession 8, on which his son John is located. Mr. Furey has been an industrious man since boyhood and has accumulated a comfortable property. He has always taken an interest in his township and county and has approved of all enterprises which his judgment decided would be of benefit to the locality. In politics a staunch Conservative, he has been that party's choice for local offices, and is now serving in his second year as township councilor. He was first elected in 1903 and was re-elected in 1904, this being a proper testimonial to his popularity and efficient service. He has been a strong advocate of marsh drainage, which, in Mersea, is an important measure. In educational matters he has also shown decided interest, and for a long time was school trustee of school section No. 6.

Mr. Furey and his family all belong to the Methodist Church. Fraternally he is associated with the L. O. A., Imeson Lodge, of which he was one of the first organizers and members. For four years he was a member of the Prince of Wales Lodge, of which he was organizer and first master, and has also been master of Imeson Lodge. He has always taken a deep interest in the aims of this organization and has done his best to promote its extension and influence. Mr. Furey was one of the earliest members as well as one of the organizers of the Mersea Township Agricultural Society.

Mrs. Furey was a daughter of Thomas Smith. Her death, in 1886, caused grief to a large family and a wide circle of friends. She was a valued member of the church at Romney, and was buried in Lakeview cemetery, in Romney township. Children as follows were born to Mr. Furey and his wife: Eliza Jane, wife of Oliver N. Hyatt, resides in Romney township, and has five children; Mary Maretta, wife of Isaac G. Hodgson, resides in Romney township; John, a farmer in Mersea township, married Elsie J. Getty, and has three sons; Miss Annie L., is at home; Lewis C. and Alberta are twins; the former married Adeline M. Colvin, lives on the old homestead, and has one son; the latter married Rudolph Smith, of Romney township, County of Kent, and has three children; Emma married William Thompson, of Mersea township, and has one daughter; William Allen is a land owner in Alberta, Northwest Territory.

JAMES ALVIN CLARKE, a farmer of the 4th Concession, Lot 8, in Anderdon, was born on the River Front in Anderdon April 1, 1856, son of Alexander and Catherine (Clarke) Clarke, and is a member of one of the old pioneer families of the County of Essex.

Thomas Alexander Clarke, his grandfather, was born at Fort Pitt (now Pittsburg), Pennsylvania, and came to Canada with his uncle, Col. Thomas McKee, who was a U. E. Loyalist, after the close of the American Revolutionary war. Mr. Clarke subsequently became an officer in the Indian Department, becoming identified with the Wyandotte Nation, served through the war of 1812-14, in command of a company of militia. He died on the old Clarke homestead in 1841.

Alexander Clarke, father of James A., was born in Essex County in 1800, and his wife was born in Mersea, in the same county, daughter of John Clarke, who was born in Scotland and settled in Gosfield township at a very early day. Alexander Clarke grew up among the Indians and in time became chief of the Wyandotte Nation. He was in the Rebellion of Canada in 1836-37, and afterward settled on the old Clarke homestead, where he passed the remainder of his days. He and his wife both died at this home, he in 1876, she in 1857. They left four sons and five daughters, of whom (1) George, the eldest, born at the old homestead, married Miss Sarah Papst, of Amherstburg, and they now reside in Detroit. They have two children, Gertrude and May. (2) Alexander married Miss

Iola Papst, of Anderdon; and they now reside in Detroit. They have four children, Mabel, Jessie (Mrs. Dewey), Lottie (Mrs. Duval), and George (of Detroit). (3) John F., born in Anderdon, married Miss Maggie Parker, of Chatham; they reside in Detroit, where he is in business. (4) Mary, born in Anderdon, died in girlhood. (5) Charlotte, born in Anderdon, married Byron Marsh and settled in New York State, where her husband was born. She died there, leaving four children, Maud, Josephine Ralph and Mary. (6) Almyra is the wife of William Teyon of Detroit. (7) James Alvin is our subject.

James Alvin Clarke grew up at the old homestead and received a district school education. When twelve years old he commenced work on the lakes and continued in that employment eight years. In 1873 he engaged in driving cattle on a ranch lying both in Texas and Kansas, where he worked for four years. In 1878 Mr. Clarke returned to Canada, where he married Miss Alice Richards, who was born in Anderdon in 1861, daughter of Francis and Jane Richards and a member of one of the old French families who came from Montreal and located in Anderdon among the early settlers of the county. Her father is still living in Detroit. Mr. Clarke and his wife settled on their present home, which was then all bush land and a part of the Indian Reservation. The first house was a log cabin, built by Mr. Clarke himself. He cleared up a large farm, and also put up a barn and other buildings, doing the principal part of the work with his own hands. In 1882 he erected his present home, a fine frame house. To J. Alvin and Alice Clarke came one son and two daughters: (1) Ora May, born in 1883, is the wife of Eli Charette, a farmer of Anderdon, where they reside on the 7th Concession. They have one daughter, Veda. (2) James A., born in 1885, was educated at home, where he still resides. (3) Edith was born in 1890.

Politically Mr. Clarke has always supported the policy of the old Reform party. While interested in politics he has taken no active part in public life further than to fill the position of school trustee of Anderdon for fourteen years. Religiously he is connected with the Methodist Church, where his father was a local minister for many years. Mr. Clarke is one of the self-made pioneer farmers of the Indian Reservation, having started in life without a dollar. He is a man highly esteemed by all who know him for

his kindly disposition and good citizenship, and no man in the community holds a better record for usefulness than he.

JOSHUA ADAMS, a prosperous farmer of the township of Gosfield South, represents an old family of Colchester, and he is descended from the same family as John Adams and John Quincy Adams, presidents of the United States of America. The first ancestor of the Adams family on this side of the Atlantic was

(I) Henry Adams, of "Mount Wollastan," (later—1640—incorporated as the town of Braintree, Massachusetts). He is believed to have arrived in Boston with his wife (name unknown), eight sons, and a daughter, in 1632-33, and he died in Braintree, Oct. 6, 1646. He is believed to have come from Braintree, County of Essex, England. His sons were: Henry, Thomas, Samuel, Jonathan, Peter, John, Joseph and Edward.

(II) Joseph Adams, born in 1626, in England, married in Braintree, Massachusetts, Nov. 26, 1650, Abigail Baxter, daughter of Gregory and Margaret (Paddy) Baxter, of Boston. Mr. Adams was a maltster; freeman, in 1663; selectman, in 1673; and died in Braintree, Massachusetts, Dec. 6, 1694. His wife died in Boston, Aug. 27, 1692, aged fifty-eight. Their children were: Hannah, Joseph, John, Abigail, John (2), Bethia, Mary, Samuel, Mary (2), Peter, Jonathan and Mehitabel. Our subject traces his ancestry from John (2), of this family.

(III) John Adams (2), born in Braintree, Dec. 20, 1661, was a sea captain and merchant. He married Hannah Webb, and their children were: Hannah, John, Samuel and Abijah. By his second wife, Hannah Chickley, he had children: Joseph, Mary, Bethia, Thomas and Abigail.

(IV) Samuel Adams, born in Boston, May 6, 1689, married Mary Fifield. He owned a fine mansion, was the justice of the peace, deacon of the church, selectman, member of the Legislature, and prominent as a leader in politics and business. He died March 8, 1747. His children were: Richard, Mary, Hannah, Hon. Samuel, John, John, Joseph, Abigail, Thomas, Sarah, Abigail and Mehitabel. Of these Hon. Samuel was, educated in the Boston Latin School and Harvard College, was a delegate to the first Continental Congress, 1774, was a signer of the Declaration of Independence in 1776, and served as

Governor of the State of Massachusetts. An excellent statue of him in bronze stands in Dock Square, Boston.

(V) Joseph Adams was born in Boston, Oct. 29, 1728. His wife's name is unknown. Edward Adams, his son, was born in Connecticut, in 1755, and married a Miss Craig. His children were: Edward, Eleven, Joshua and Rose Craig.

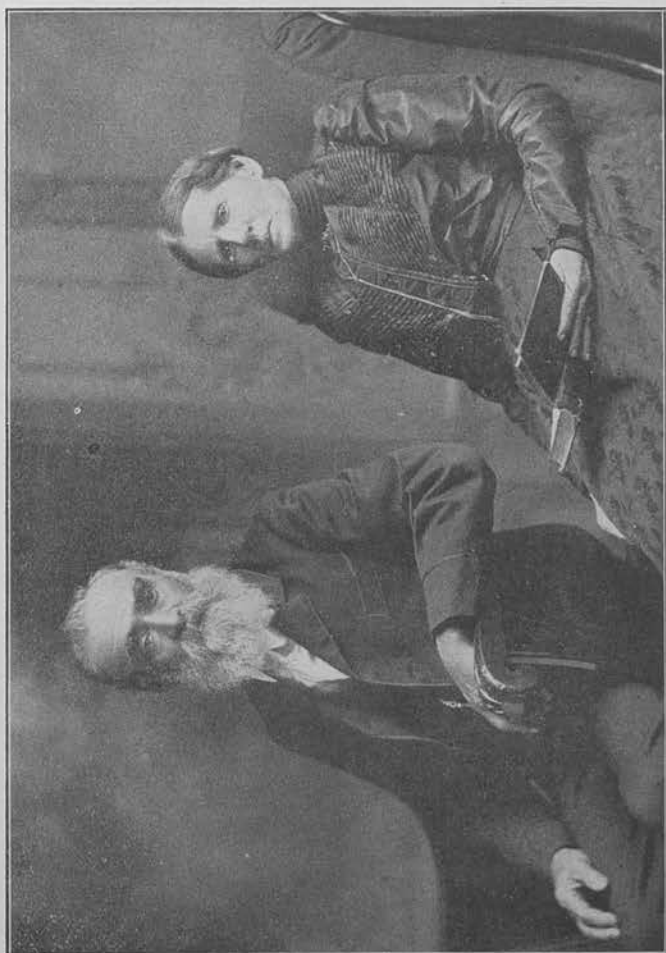
(III) Joseph Adams (2), born Oct. or Dec. 24, 1654, in Braintree, married, Feb. 20, 1682, Mary Chapin, born Aug. 27, 1662. She died, June 14, 1687, and he married (second) in 1688, Hannah Bass, daughter of John and Ruth (Alden) Bass, born June 22, 1667, who died Oct. 24, 1705. Mr. Adams married for his third wife, Elizabeth Hobart, who died Feb. 13, 1739. He was selectman in Braintree in 1673, and in 1698-99. He died in Braintree, Feb. 12, 1736-37. He served in the war with the Indians in 1696. His children were: Mary and Abigail (by first wife), Joseph, John, Samuel, Josiah, Hannah, Ruth, Bethia and Ebenezer (by second wife), and Caleb (by third wife).

(IV) Deacon John Adams, born in Braintree, Feb. 8, 1691-92, married Oct. 31, 1734, Susannah Boylston, daughter of Peter and Ann (White) Boylston, of Brooklyn, who was born March 5, 1699, and died April 17, 1797. Mr. Adams was a cordwainer and farmer, and resided in what is now Quincy, Massachusetts. He died May 25, 1761, aged sixty-nine. His children were: John, Peter and Elihu.

(V) Hon. John Adams (second president of the United States), born Oct. 19, 1735, in Braintree, Massachusetts, married Feb. 24, or Oct. 25, 1764, Abigail Smith, born Nov. 23, 1744, daughter of Rev. William and Elizabeth (Quincy) Smith, of Weymouth, Massachusetts. She died Oct. 28, 1818, aged seventy-four. Their children were: Abigail, John Quincy, Susanna, Charles and Thomas.

(VI) Hon. John Quincy Adams, president of the United States, born in Braintree, July 11, 1767, married July 26, 1797, Louisa Catherine Johnson, daughter of Joshua Johnson, Esq., of Maryland. She died in 1852. Children: George W., who died unmarried; John, who married his cousin, Mary Helen; Hon. Charles Francis, who married Abigail Brooks; and Louisa.

(VII) Joshua Adams, father of the gentleman whose name opens these lines, as will be seen, was a cousin (but not a first cousin) of John Quincy Adams. He was born in Philadelphia, Nov. 4, 1784, and as a young man resided



Two men collectors Clarissa Jane Adams

in Pennsylvania and Maryland. He served in the American war of 1812, came to Detroit, was discharged there, and was afterward awarded a bounty of 200 acres of land, but, failing to give the name of the captain under whom he served, never received it. In 1814 he came to the County of Essex, Ontario, and located in the Iler settlement, Colchester township. He was a shoemaker by trade, and there followed that occupation, also purchasing a small tract of land, which he farmed in his spare moments from his shoemaking, working hard. Although he labored so incessantly, he lived to be seventy-two years of age, and died upon his farm. He married Elizabeth, widow of John Buchannan, and daughter of Joseph Quick, one of the pioneers of the County of Essex. When a child Miss Quick was captured by a band of Wyandotte Indians, and taken to their village on the Maumee river, in Ohio. There she was kept seven years, when she was sold to the French at Detroit. Her father bought her from the French, paying \$80 for her and her mother. Some two years later the family moved to Colchester. Mrs. Adams' death occurred when she was seventy-two years of age, and she and her husband, Joshua, were buried in the Iler cemetery. The children born of this union were: Mary (deceased) married John Ulch, also deceased; Matthew married Hannah McCormie; Uretta (deceased) married John Woodewiss, also deceased; Joshua married Clarissa Jane Scratch; Ann Louisa married Rev. Alexander Scratch, of Leamington.

(VIII) Joshua Adams was born in Colchester, April 15, 1826, and there grew to maturity, receiving but a limited education, as there were no public schools at that time. He attended for a short period the private school conducted by Robert Thompson. While in Gosfield he married, June 4, 1848, Miss Clarissa Jane Scratch, who was born in Gosfield, Aug. 10, 1828, and who died June 23, 1900. About the time of the marriage Mr. Adams settled in Gosfield South on the farm he now owns, which is a fifty-acre tract. When he settled upon the property there were only nine or ten acres cleared, but he has placed it all under cultivation. Until 1872 the family lived in the primitive log house he first erected, moving then into a substantial brick house, in which they now reside. The brick for this structure was made on the lake front.

Mr. Adams has devoted most of his life to farming, having been in the brick business three years, and in the timber business one year, and

is now enjoying a well-earned leisure as a reward for his patient industry. He is a Conservative in politics, but has never sought public preferment. For nine years he served as a school trustee. He is a member of the Methodist Church at Kingsville, and liberally supports that denomination. He is a member of the Orange Lodge at Kingsville. Mr. and Mrs. Adams had the following children: (1) Isabella was born Aug. 15, 1850, and became the wife of Rev. Albert R. Rich, D. D., who is presiding elder over a central Clarion District of the Erie Conference, also secretary of that Conference, and resides at DuBois, Pennsylvania. Children as follows have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Rich: Joshua Albert died at the age of four years. John Street Russell graduated at the Drew Theological Seminary, at Madison, New Jersey, and is a Methodist minister of the Erie Conference; he married Eletha McConnell, and has one daughter, Mary Isabella. Claribelle Susanna graduated at Grove City College, Grove City, Pennsylvania. Paul Adams died when six months old. Henry Lloyd Edgerton is at Grove City College. (2) Mary Elizabeth, born Jan. 28, 1857, is at home. She has devoted much of her time to Sunday School work, having been a teacher in the Methodist Church at Kingsville for fifteen years. (3) Esther, born Nov. 21, 1859, married Prof. Archibald G. Adams, Osteopathic Physician, and resides at London, Ont. Their children are Enid Jane (who is at Harding Hall, ladies' college), and Prosper A. G. (who is at Harding Hall, private school, London, Ontario).

L. L. BARBER, general merchant of Essex, County Essex, and one of the most prominent men of that city, was born in Cazenovia, Madison County, New York, Feb. 22, 1855, a son of Amos and Elizabeth (Graham) Barber, the former of whom was a pioneer manufacturer.

Amos Barber was of English parentage and was a soldier in the English army for five years before coming to America. While in the service he married. In 1845 he came to New York, bringing two sons and leaving his wife and five children in Yorkshire, England. Landing in New York without a dollar in his pocket, Mr. Barber found himself in a difficult position with his two sons to support. However, he found work in a spinning factory, and there he literally worked night and day to earn the means to bring his wife and the rest of his family to New York.

In six months he was able to provide sufficient, and the remainder of the little family came over in a sailing-vessel, landing in New York. Later Mr. Barber made a permanent home at Montour Falls, Schuyler County, New York, purchasing a woolen mill, and manufacturing woolen goods for fourteen years, until his plant was destroyed by fire, in 1880. He then moved to Port Elgin, County of Bruce, Ont., where he again erected a woolen mill, which is still operated by M. G. Barber, one of his sons. After ten years he retired with his wife to Cortland, New York, where they resided until they died; the mother in 1895, aged seventy-eight, and the father in 1898, aged eighty-two. Religiously they were Baptists. Politically Mr. Barber was a strong Republican while residing in the States. The children born to their union, besides L. L. Barber, were as follows: Sarah, born in Ireland, married J. S. Larabee, of Cortland, New York, and has three children, George, Harriet and Mason. Harriet, born in Ireland, died when twelve years of age. Alfred born in England, was one of the sons to come with his father to New York, and there learned the trade of wool-dyer; his first wife was Elizabeth Brown, of Auburn, New York, by whom he had one child, Mattie, now deceased, and his second wife was Nellie Disbrow, of Newark, New Jersey, where he settled and died in 1899, leaving his wife and one daughter, Ida, now Mrs. Fleming, of New Jersey. Manfred G., born in England, was the other son who came with the father to New York, and as soon as he was able began work in the woolen mill owned by his father, helping to support the family; he married Jennie Rodgers, of Thompsonville, Connecticut, and settled at Montour Falls, where he remained some years, finally coming with his father to County Bruce, Ont., where he is still living, operating the mill, as before stated; his children are: Frank, May and Manfred. Lena, born in England, was reared in New York State, there marrying Joseph Brook, who was born in England, and reared in New York State, and they now reside in Simcoe, County Norfolk, Ont., where he owns a large woolen mill; their children are Eva (married William Donley, of Simcoe, now of Mexico City, Mexico), Emma (married H. B. Donley, editor of the *Norfolk Reformer*, of Simcoe), Fred (of Simcoe), and Harry (of Simcoe). Alexander, born in England, enlisted at the age of eighteen years in one of the New York regiments, and served in

the Civil war until he was killed, at Spottsylvania. Joseph E., born in England, was the baby of the family when his mother came to New York, and he was trained from boyhood to work in the woolen mill; he married Josie Brink, of New York, and they reside at Montour Falls, New York (they have no living children). Charles H., born in Auburn, New York, when a young man moved to Chicago, married, and settled in business; he has no family. Edward, born in New York, married Miss Mary Pratt, of Montour Falls, New York, and settled at Port Elgin, Ont., where she died leaving a daughter, Lena, now the wife of Daniel Ross, of Elmira, New York. Emma, born in New York State, the youngest in the family, became the wife of Peter Tillman, of Rahway, New Jersey, where they reside; they have three children.

L. L. Barber was the tenth child and seventh son in his father's family, and he was born in Madison County, New York, as before stated. He received a district school education, attending until he was fifteen years of age, when he entered the woolen mills with his father and there worked until twenty-one years of age. In 1876 he went to Blackstone, Massachusetts, to learn the art of wool dyeing, and followed that trade both there and in Rhode Island, where he later moved.

On Nov. 8, 1876, Mr. Barber married Miss Laura L. Patchen, who was born in Schuyler County, New York, Nov. 9, 1856, daughter of Dr. L. W. Patchen, one of the prominent physicians of Montour Falls. Remaining in Rhode Island for some two years, he then removed to Uxbridge, Massachusetts, still working at his trade, and in 1882 he settled in Raritan, New Jersey, but after two years removed to Simcoe, Ont., there working as superintendent of the Simcoe Woolen Co., of which he was a stockholder. After one year at Simcoe he moved to New Hamburg, Ont., where he rented a woolen mill which he operated for one year. He then engaged in mercantile business at Wroxeter, County Huron, and after four years thus engaged settled at Wingham, same county, still carrying on his mercantile business. Later still he pursued the same calling in County Bruce for four years, and from there moved to Cayuga, County Haldimand, Ont., and was one of the successful merchants of that place for nine years. In 1899 he located in Essex, County Essex, and started a general store. After coming to Essex, he purchased the handsome property of John

Milne, on Talbot Street, one of the most beautiful residences in western Ontario, a large brick structure, with all modern improvements, including steam heat and electric lights, and surrounded by large and carefully cultivated grounds. The boundary line is marked by a handsome hedge. The concrete walks, ornamental trees and shrubs, as well as the wealth of flowers, all add to the real artistic beauty of the premises, and make Mr. Barber's home one of the show places of County Essex.

Two sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. Barber; Harry A., born in Rhode Island in August, 1877, graduated from high school, has worked in his father's store, and is now one of the successful merchants of Harrow, County Essex. He married Miss Grace Wigle, a daughter of one of the pioneers of Canada. The second son, L. Earl, was born in Raritan, New Jersey, in April, 1883, is a very intelligent young man, and is engaged as a clerk in his father's store, being in charge of the various departments. Both young men are the pride of their parents' hearts, and well worthy of their bright prospects in the business world.

Politically Mr. Barber is a Conservative, but has never sought public office. Religiously he attends the Presbyterian Church, and is very liberal in his subscriptions to it, although much of his charity is of the kind known only to the one who receives, the donor forgetting literally the good he accomplishes with his money, and which is not lessened by his ready sympathy and kindly word and smile. He believes in trying to make others happy as well as good, and never hesitates in his own endeavors to carry out his belief. Fraternally Mr. Barber is a member of the Masonic Order, and has been since coming to Canada. He is also interested in the orders of United Workmen and Foresters.

Mr. Barber is one of the representative men of his community, and has firmly established himself in the confidence of his fellow-citizens and business associates, as well as in the affections of his warm personal friends, of whom he has many, through the steadfast adherence to those fine qualities taught him by a good father and gentle mother. Thorough honesty in all his dealings, and a firm grasp of business details have brought him honor as well as success. His own sons have been reared in the same manner, and the name of Barber is associated with some of the most extensive and important interests of County Essex. The good accomplished by those

bearing the name, including the cultivated mother and daughter-in-law, cannot be estimated. Suffice to say that there are hundreds to rise up and call them blessed, and thousands who are proud to call one or more of them friend.

ANDREW FULMER, collector of the township of Gosfield South, County of Essex, residing at Ruthven, is a thrifty farmer of that locality, and a member of a pioneer family.

(I.) Grandfather John Casper Fulmer, an only son of John Fulmer, was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He enlisted in Gen. Wayne's army, and participated in the battle of Lundy's Lane. While acting as dispatch carrier, upon one occasion, he walked 104 miles in one day. Upon coming to the County of Essex he first located in Mersea township, Concession 1, and later moved further north, to Concession 3, owning 700 acres at one time. His death occurred in 1840, and he was buried on the farm he owned. He married Margaret A. Fox, a daughter of Philip and Catherine Fox, and the family born to them was as follows: Catherine married John Lebeau, and lived in Mersea; Peggy married James Stewart, and lived in Mersea; Judith married John Earley, of Rockford, Illinois; Elizabeth married Thomas Fox, and lived in Mersea; Susan married John Tofflemire, and lived in Amherstburg; John married Betty Wilkin-son, and lived on the homestead; Adam married Barbara Stewart, and lived in Gosfield; George married Eliza Moody, and lived in Colchester; Henry married Rachel Wilkinson, and lived on a portion of the homestead; Polly married Thomas Whittle, and moved to Salt Lake City, Utah.

(II.) Adam Fulmer was born in Essex County, Sept. 9, 1809, and at the age of sixteen years took up a government lot at North Ridge, he being one of the first settlers in that wild region. He built a cabin with one door and a window, and this was his home for fourteen years. The family then moved to a farm on the present site of Kingsville, and there Adam Fulmer continued farming until 1847, when he removed to another farm in Section 4, there remaining for several years. He then came to reside with our subject. His death occurred in Gosfield July 19, 1881, while he was on a visit to his son Michael, in Union. When only nineteen years of age he married Barbara Stewart, who was born Nov. 4, 1813, and who died Feb. 5, 1894. The children of this marriage were as follows: John, born Jan. 15, 1832, married Mrs.

Sarah Long, and died in Kansas, aged fifty-two years; Joseph, born Nov. 3, 1833, went to California during the great gold fever; Mary Ann, born Dec. 8, 1835, is the widow of Henry Ryan Scratch; Sarah Jane, born Nov. 29, 1838, lives in Mersea, the wife of Oliver Scratch; Stephen M., born Aug. 18, 1840, is unmarried; Charles, born June 13, 1842, died from wounds received as a soldier in the battle of Gettysburg, July 4, 1863, his death occurring July 26, and he was buried at Gettysburg; Andrew, born Aug. 20, 1844, is mentioned below; George, born March 11, 1847, died of smallpox at the age of fifteen years; Josephine, born April 26, 1850, married Lyman Kellogg, of Shelby County, Missouri, and has seventeen children; Michael, born May 21, 1853, of Mersea township, married Elizabeth Dawson; Josiah, born April 29, 1855, married Keturah Rose, and lives in Gosfield North, on Talbot Road South.

Andrew Fulmer was born in the township of Gosfield South, where he grew to manhood, receiving a rather limited education; he attended school but one day after he was thirteen years old. At the age of sixteen years he began to provide for himself, working as a farm laborer. In 1871 he was given the nucleus of his present place, thirty acres, all wild and uninviting. However, the brave young spirit was not daunted, and by hard work Mr. Fulmer finally cleared it and placed the land under cultivation. He has added ninety-five acres, and erected substantial frame buildings. Mr. Fulmer is a Conservative in politics, but does not take an active part in local affairs, although he is well posted on all such matters, being an extensive reader. He is the present collector of the township, serving his sixth consecutive term. He and his family attend the Ruthven Methodist Church, of which they are members. Mr. Fulmer has long been a class-leader and trustee, having devoted himself ardently to church matters for many years. Socially he is a Mason and Forester, uniting with the bodies at Kingsville, and is very popular in both lodges. In 1895 Mr. Fulmer visited in Missouri and Kansas, greatly enjoying his trip, and was very much interested in conditions he found prevailing in the States.

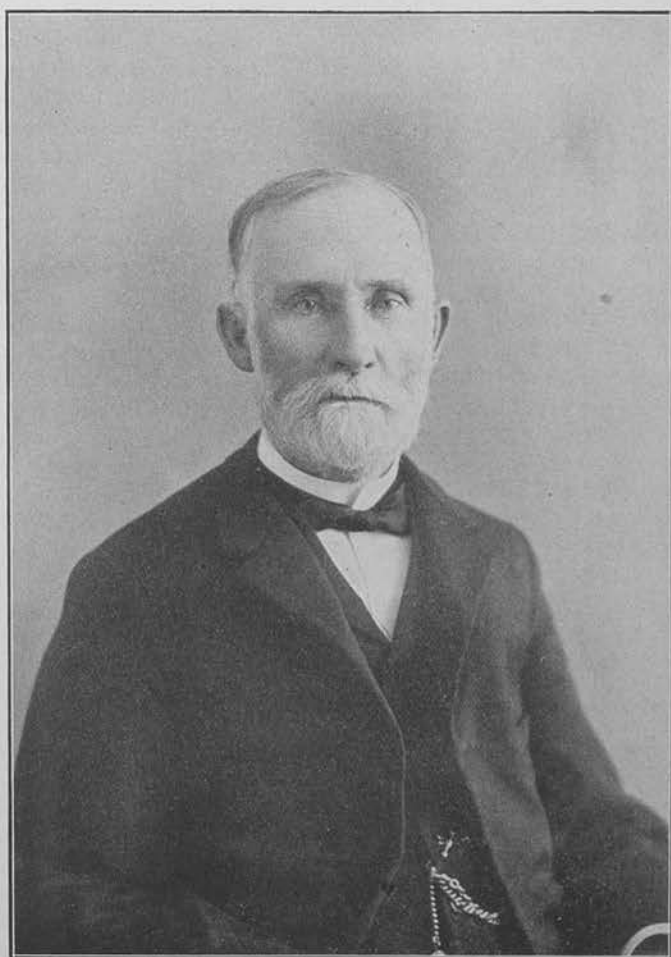
On Dec. 31, 1874, Mr. Fulmer married Sarah Martin, who was born in County Antrim, Ireland, and was but nine months old when brought across the ocean by her parents, John and Jane (Montgomery) Martin. Mr. and Mrs. Fulmer have had the following family: John Adams,

born Jan. 9, 1876, resides at East St. Louis; Andrew Leeson, born May 5, 1878, married Eliza Lintner, of Colchester South, and they have one child, Bertha Lolita; Hugh Leaman, born Oct. 29, 1880, is a graduate of the agricultural college of Guelph, Ont., class of 1904, and has taken the honors of B. S. A.; Sarah Jane, born Oct. 27, 1883, is at home; Walter Martin, born July 16, 1887, is at home.

John Martin, father of Mrs. Fulmer, was born in May, 1822. He brought his family to the County of Essex in 1868, locating in Mersea township, where he purchased fifty acres of land at \$9 an acre. There the wife and mother died May 6, 1904, aged seventy-nine years, and since then Mr. Martin has made his home with Mrs. Fulmer, his only child. In politics he is a Conservative, and in religion a Presbyterian.

CAPT. JOHN DEAN SULLIVAN was born Aug. 14, 1825, at Cape Vincent, N. Y., and is of Irish-English extraction. The first of the family of whom any authentic data are found is Maurice Sullivan, the Captain's father, who was born in Ireland about 1785, and in 1813 came to America with the 37th Regiment to participate in the War of 1812-15. As their services were not required, and the struggle ended, they were disbanded, and Maurice Sullivan remained on this side of the Atlantic. He was a tailor by occupation, and followed that trade exclusively until he went over to New York State in 1824, after which he also engaged in agricultural pursuits. In 1837 he removed from New York to Cleveland, Ohio, and in 1839 went to Pennsylvania, where he passed the remainder of his days, dying in 1854. Mr. Sullivan married Ann Helferich, a native of the Isle of Wight, who was the eldest of the seventeen children of John Helferich, one of the earliest residents of Detroit, Michigan. Our subject was the only child of his parents.

Capt. Sullivan lived but a short time at his birthplace, the family moving thence to Point Peninsula, New York, and thence to Sacket Harbor, in the public and private schools of which places he received his education. In September, 1837, his mother brought him to Detroit, and he has since made his home there and at Windsor. At an early age he displayed a desire for marine life, to which he has since devoted his time and attention with little exception. When but twelve years old he went on a small vessel called the "Swan," running from



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Point Peninsula to Sacket Harbor. Soon afterward he entered a grocery store at Windsor, and there remained during the Patriot war, after which he resumed marine work. He shipped before the mast on the brig "John Dougall," and after serving a part of the season in that position returned to Point Peninsula, where he was employed some time in the shipyard of Asa Wilcox. In the fall of the same year (1840) he took charge of the schooner "Eclipse" for a short time, and in the spring went on the "Asa Wilcox," before the mast, remaining throughout the season. For two seasons following he remained on shore, and then bought some land near Point Pelee, where he spent the winter. Coming to Amherstburg in the spring of 1843, he shipped from that port on the schooner "Mariner," of Kingston, Ont., as able seaman. This vessel was engaged in taking troops along the Canadian coast to their different destinations, after the close of the Rebellion in Canada. After leaving this boat our subject returned to Sacket Harbor and went on the schooner "Cambridge," on which he remained one year. In the fall he entered the employ of J. W. Strong, of Monroe, Michigan, who was engaged in dredging the channels to the lake. He was employed a short time as wheelman on the steamer "Gen. McComb," running between Detroit and Toledo, and in the year succeeding sailed on the schooners "Mohawk," "Michael Dourman," and "Chapman," as able seaman. His next birth was that of seaman on the brig "Crispin," upon which he was made second mate the same year, and in 1847 he took the position of mate, rising to a command before the close of the season. The same year the Northwest Insurance Company sent him to Lake Huron to repair the brig "Orleans" and return her to her owners. In 1848 he sailed the "Crispin," and in 1849 sailed the schooner "Alvin Clark," both of Detroit. In 1850 Capt. Sullivan conducted a grocery and provision store in Detroit. In 1851 he was sent by insurance companies to Kingston to repair the "Orleans," sailed her for one season, and then sold her in Milwaukee. In the fall of 1851 he went to Cleveland as coal purchaser, and the following season took command of the "Alvin Clark," which he retained two years, during that time bringing the first locomotive used on the Great Western Railway, which he landed at Baptist Creek, on the River Thames, Dec. 2, 1852; he received \$700 for her transportation from Buffalo.

In 1854 Capt. Sullivan went on the brig "Mohegan," which was engaged in carrying the first stone used in the construction of the Sault Ste. Marie Canal. During the same season he spent some time on the brig "Portland," and in 1855 bought an interest in the propeller "Hercules," which he sailed for several years. With this boat, in 1856, he was engaged in carrying freight across the Detroit river. The same year he had a contract to carry the stone used in building the branch of the Grand Trunk Railroad between Detroit and Port Huron. In 1857 he did the ferrying for the Great Western Railroad. In 1858 he was in command of the steamer "Gore," towing. The year after, in Detroit, he was given the position of stock agent for the Great Western railroad. In the winter of 1860 he took charge of the side-wheel steamer "Transit," remaining on her until 1864, when he went on the steamer "Union." For two years he was engaged in looking after the repairs on that boat and the building of the steamer "Great Western," going upon the latter Jan. 1, 1867, and remaining as master until 1871. In that year the Captain was appointed superintendent of ferries, and he looked after the construction of the steamer "Saginaw," in 1872; the "Transit" in 1873; and the "Michigan" in 1874. He remained in this position until 1881, when he was appointed superintendent of the Detroit, Belle Isle & Windsor Ferry Company, retaining that incumbency until 1884. He then went on the steamer "Lansdowne," a ferry operated by the Grand Trunk railroad, acting as master on her until July 1, 1896.

As may be seen, Capt. Sullivan has had a very wide experience in all marine affairs on the Great Lakes, and has gained a thorough knowledge of his calling in its several departments. He now holds a certificate of the old Board of Lake Underwriters of Buffalo, dated 1856, and signed by Helfenstein, Dobbins, Dorr and others. He also holds the International Underwriters' certificate, 1859, presented to him by the Board of Underwriters before the licensed certificates for masters and engineers were granted on the Lakes. For several years after retiring from the command of the steamer "Lansdowne," G. T. R., he was agent at Windsor for the London Guarantee & Accident Company, of England, whose main office for Canada is at Toronto.

Capt. Sullivan was married Dec. 22, 1847, to Miss Charlotte C. Westaway, a sister of John

A. Westaway, who is at present superintendent of mechanical work in the Michigan Central Ferry Department. Five children have blessed this union: Caroline Elizabeth (first) married J. A. Johnston, and after his death became the wife of Alexander Gillian, of London, Ont. Mary A. became the wife of D. T. Smith, of Windsor, and both are now deceased. John William is a marine engineer. Charles Albert also spent several years of his life as a marine engineer. Addie D., now deceased, was the first wife of Alexander Gillian, of London, Ontario.

Mrs. Sullivan was a daughter of William Westaway, and granddaughter of William and Elizabeth (Yeo) Westaway, natives of England. Her grandfather died in 1835, in Sandwich, Ont., and her grandmother died in Detroit, Michigan. Mrs. Sullivan's father was born in 1806, in England, where he married Miss Charity Badge. They came to Canada in 1832, settling in Sandwich, Ont., where he followed gardening until his death. Mr. and Mrs. Westaway had a family of ten children, the two eldest born in England, the others in Sandwich, namely: Charlotte C. (Mrs. Sullivan), Elizabeth, Mary, William, John A., Emma, Ann, Arabella, Jerry and James. All these children, except Arabella, married and moved from Sandwich.

Mrs. Charlotte C. (Westaway) Sullivan, after a two-years' sickness, died July 11, 1904, in her seventy-sixth year, thus closing a happy married life of nearly fifty-seven years. Capt. Sullivan has satisfactorily arranged his Windsor property, and moved to London to live with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Gillian, at No. 502 Waterloo Street.

Through his mother Capt. Sullivan is descended from John Helferich, her father, who was one of the early residents of Detroit, and whose descendants have formed what is known as the Helferich Association which meets annually. At the last reunion (the third) June 22, 1901, which was held at Belle Isle Park, Detroit, over sixty were present, of whom Capt. Sullivan was the eldest. He delivered a short address on that occasion, and at the election of officers for the ensuing year was chosen vice-president.

HAROLD BROWNING. For the past twenty years Harold Browning's interests have been connected with those of the Canadian Pacific Railroad, in which great corporation he holds the responsible position of cashier and chief clerk at Windsor.

The Browning family is of English extraction, and the name is one held in high repute across the water. The grandparents of Mr. Browning of Windsor were Brian and Catherine Browning, most highly esteemed residents of their native English county, where they reared four sons, bearing the names of: George, Charles, Henry and Edward.

Edward Browning was born June 28, 1816, in England, and followed the profession of architecture. In 1850 he married Louisa Ann, the second and only surviving daughter of Charles Neale and Mary Anne Fox, who was born at Stamford, Lincolnshire, and still resides in England. Mr. Browning passed away April 14, 1882. His family consisted of the following named children: Arthur Edward, Edith and Herbert Edward, deceased; Jessie, who died in 1889, wife of Rev. Charles Prettyman Apthorp, a son of G. F. Apthorp, Minor Canon of Lincoln Cathedral; Edith, who is the wife of Richard Ford Winch, a son of W. F. Winch, Esq., of Cranbrook, County of Kent, England; Evelyn, who is deceased; Arthur, an insurance broker of Quebec, in Montreal; Dr. Edgar, a prominent physician of Montreal; Maude Louise, who married Frederick Winch, a brother of Richard Winch; the Rev. Bryan Fox, who is rector at Attleborough, Warwickshire, England; Harold, who is the family's representative in Windsor; Reginald, who is interpreter for an American Oil Co., in France; Miss Evelyn Gertrude, who resides in England with her mother; and Eustace, who is established as a civil engineer at Reading, near London, England.

Harold Browning was born Dec. 2, 1864, in England, and there was carefully educated until the age of sixteen years, when ambition and a laudable spirit of adventure made him secure a position on Her Majesty's ship "Worcester," which experience he supplemented by two years in the merchant service between London and Australia, on the fast clipper lines. In 1882, experienced and traveled, with mind broadened far beyond his years, he decided to see something of the beauties and advantages of Canada, and accordingly joined his brother at Montreal, soon after accompanying Col. Faithorne to the shores of Lake Huron, where he remained until 1883. Removing then to Winnipeg, he accepted a position with the Canadian Pacific Railroad Co., four years later being transferred to Toronto, where he remained for four more years, and then went for five and one-half years to Orangeville,

Ont. The next four years kept him busily engaged at London, and in November, 1901, he located at Windsor, in his present most responsible position.

Mr. Browning has been active in the military movements in Canada, in 1885 serving in the Northwest Rebellion, in the 95th Manitoba Grenadiers, under Col. Scott; he was also for almost two years connected with the Winnipeg Mounted Infantry School; was acting first lieutenant for one year in the Winnipeg cavalry, under Capt. Knight, and took the medal for his services in the Northwest Rebellion.

On Dec. 21, 1892, Mr. Browning was married to Mary Christina, the third daughter of Thomas A. Tutty, of Toronto, late of Somersetshire, England. Mrs. Browning was born in Toronto, where she had every advantage of education and social life. One daughter, Edith, was born to this marriage, on Dec. 23, 1894. Mr. and Mrs. Browning are members of the Church of England. Politically he is identified with the Conservative party, while fraternally he belongs to the Sons of England and the A. O. U. W. His long connection with the great railroad of Canada establishes his efficiency as a man of business qualifications, while his urbane manner and agreeable personality make him also a social factor in the city of his residence.

THOMAS W. WEYBURN, whose energy and thrift have been rewarded by a fine farm on Concession 10, Colchester North, was born Oct. 10, 1860, in the County of Elgin, son of Thomas and Rhoda (Toles) Weyburn, and is a member of one of the old pioneer families of the County of Elgin.

John Weyburn, grandfather of Thomas W., died in England, leaving two sons, Thomas and William. The latter crossed the ocean and settled in Pennsylvania, where he prospered, finally died there, and is survived by a son Thomas, who holds a Government position in the city of San Francisco, California.

Thomas Weyburn, son of John, was born in England in 1817. He was only ten years of age when he crossed the Atlantic, and decided to make his home in Ontario, locating in the County of Elgin. He attended night schools and secured a fair education, in time also learning the milling trade, which he followed until he had accumulated enough means to purchase land from the Crown. He settled on a wild farm which he cleared and cultivated, passing through many

pioneer hardships. For a long time his nearest market was St. Thomas, twelve miles distant from his home. He married Rhoda Toles, who was born in the County of Elgin in 1829, daughter of Silas and Margara (Kelly) Toles, the former a native of New York State, the latter born in Niagara, Canada. Mr. Toles came to Canada as a U. E. Loyalist, served all through the War of 1812, and was wounded, having a finger shot off. He was a great hunter, and on one occasion he and a neighbor, Mr. Dodd, pursued a bear from his orchard to the "Mansion House," at what is now the city of St. Thomas. The bear dashed through the door of the bar-room, and after chasing the bar-tender around the stove jumped through the window, carrying the sash on his neck. Then he went south on Kettle creek. An Indian joined in the chase and succeeded in crossing the creek first, shot the animal dead, and claimed the pelt (for which he received \$3), although the bear had been wounded by the others before he reached the "Mansion House."

Thomas Weyburn died in 1860, on the farm to which he had given so much care, leaving a family that is well and favorably known in the several localities in which its members have located. Of these children, Thomas W. is the youngest, having been born some months after the death of his father. The others were as follows: John, born in 1852, was reared in the County of Elgin, and in 1883 came to the County of Essex, now living on the farm which he cleared, in Gosfield North; he married Mary Mustard, of the County of Essex, and has two daughters, Amy and Alberta. Sarah died at the age of sixteen years in County Elgin. Mary, born in 1856, married C. M. Pettit, a harness merchant in the County of Elgin; having no children, they have adopted May and Ira, children of Mrs. Pettit's sister Amey. Amey, born in 1857, married Samuel Williams, a farmer of Elgin County, and had five children, two daughters and three sons, Nellie, Thomas, May, Harley and Ira.

Thomas W. Weyburn was reared on a farm in the County of Elgin through his school days, and there learned the harness business, following the same until he became interested in farming. In 1883, after coming to the County of Essex, he purchased fifty acres of wild land on Concession 10, Colchester North, but before improving it took a trip through the Western States with a view of settling either in Nebraska or Kansas, if he found a more desirable farm

than his late purchase in Colchester. A close investigation did not encourage him, and he returned to the County of Essex, settled down in his lumber camp, and went industriously to work to clear up his farm. While at first it was discouraging work he persevered, and each year found his condition better, and he has never regretted locating as he did. After his marriage he soon erected large and comfortable buildings of all kinds and made many improvements. He owns a farm now equal to any in the township.

On Nov. 30, 1885, Mr. Weyburn married Miss Carrie E. Zavitz, born Feb. 6, 1863, in Michigan, daughter of Duncan and Elizabeth Zavitz, natives of the County of Elgin, where Mrs. Weyburn was reared. She is the only daughter of the first marriage of her father, who still resides in County Elgin. No children being born to our subject and wife, they have adopted Harley Williams and Alberta Weyburn, children of a brother and sister of Mr. Weyburn, and they are being reared as their own. They are tenderly cared for, are being well educated, and are growing up promising to reflect credit upon their training.

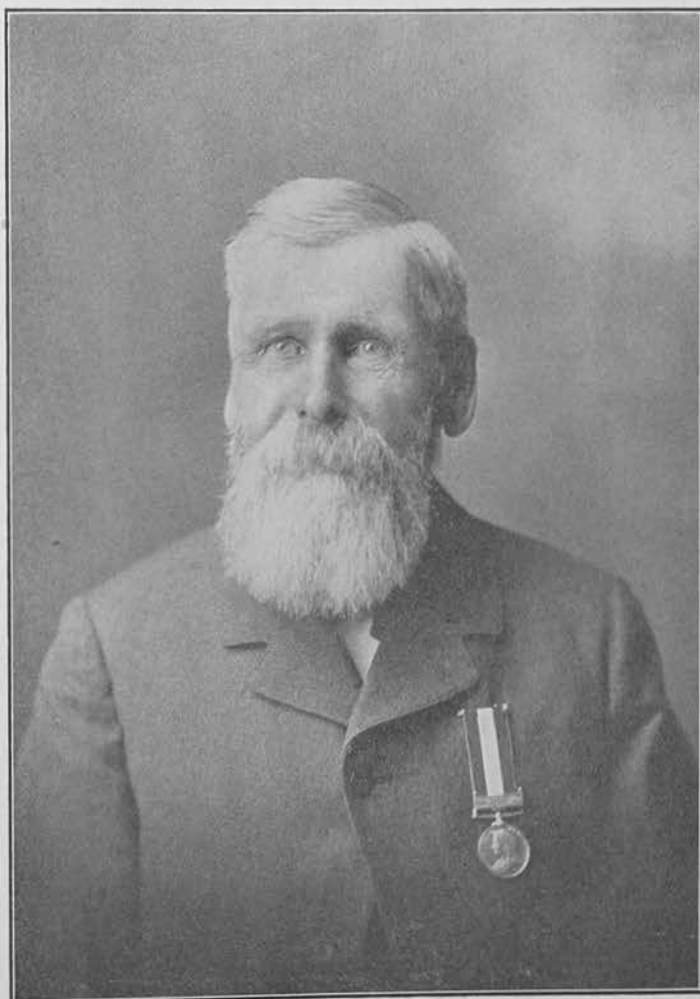
Mr. Weyburn is at present one of the councillors of Colchester North. He has filled various public offices, having been a member of the board of directors of the Farmers' Institute of the County of Essex, first vice-president of the Colchester North Agricultural Society, and director of the County of Essex Fair, and in each and all his services has been entirely satisfactory. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Church, Mr. Weyburn being a member of the quarterly board and also Bible class teacher. As one of the pioneers of this agricultural section, and as a man who has carved out his own successful career, Mr. Weyburn deserves the esteem in which he is held. That his sterling character is appreciated has been shown by many marks of popular favor.

After the death of the husband and father, the mother of Mr. Weyburn married (second) Jeremiah Bailey, of the County of Elgin, and she, with three children of this marriage, accompanied her sons to County of Essex, where she died in December, 1902. The three children of this second marriage were: (1) Margaret married George Catherwood, of Essex, who served in the township council five years, and they have six children, Andrew, Bell, Lena, Rockwell, Harold and Neil. (2) James settled in the County of Essex; he married Elizabeth Ditto, and has had

one son, Walter, now deceased. (3) Salicia, born in 1870, in 1886 married John A. Thomas, one of the most successful farmers of Colchester South, where he died in October, 1899, leaving a widow, but no children, four having passed away in infancy. Mrs. Thomas has taken one of her sister's daughters, Nellie Williams, as her own. Mr. Thomas for a number of years was reeve and councillor in Colchester, and took a leading part in all public affairs.

STEPHEN G. BROOKER, a farmer of the County of Essex and for the past ten years postmaster at Cottam, Ont., is of English birth and descent, but has been a resident of Canada since he was eight years old. His parents were Stephen and Elizabeth (Willmer) Brooker, and he was born in the County of Kent, England, Jan. 13, 1833.

Stephen Brooker and his wife were both born in Kent also, he in March, 1807, and she in February, 1813. In 1841 they came to Canada via Quebec and Montreal, taking six weeks to make the voyage, in a sailing-vessel. They settled first in Lower Canada, then spent two years in New York State, and then located permanently in the County of Essex. Always making farming his occupation, Mr. Brooker bought a farm from E. S. Baldwin, in what is now the town of Essex, adjoining the property of Mr. Robinson. It was partly improved, with log buildings already erected, in which he made his home. He passed the remainder of his life there, and was killed in August, 1854, by a runaway team, leaving his wife with eight children. She continued to live at the old home until her death, in 1874. (1) William Brooker, the eldest son, born in August, 1828, is a retired farmer on Concession 9, Gosfield North, and was one of the pioneers of that section of the county. He married Lodemia Tryon, of Essex, who died leaving no family. (2) Stephen G. was the second son. (3) John, born in August, 1835, married Miss Esther Wolf, of Essex. They lived first in Gosfield, in what was known as the "Brooker settlement," but later moved to Rochester, settling on a farm, where he died in 1899, leaving his wife with five children, Adrian, William S., Varia, Edith and Ida. (4) Caroline, born in 1838, married William French, of Michigan, and has had five children. (5) Harriet, born in 1841, married Leonard Williams, by whom she has one daughter, Callie, now Mrs. John H. Gammon. After Mr. Williams's death



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she married Edward Arnold, of Gosfield, and she now lives with her son William. (6) James, born in Oakland, New York, in December, 1844, married Miss Jane Hazelett, of Essex, and lives on a farm in Gosfield North, which he cleared up himself. They have a family of six children, J. W., Frederick, Christina (wife of G. E. Gammon, of Gosfield), Bell, (Mrs. John Moe, of Gosfield South), Maggie, (Mrs. M. Trimble, of Gosfield) and Ada. (7) Stapley, born in Gosfield, in January, 1848, married Miss Amanda La Marsh, of Gosfield. They live on a ranch in the Alberta district, Northwest Territory, where he is in the cattle business. They have had a large family—twenty-three children. (8) Emma, born in Colechester, in July, 1851, is the wife of William Dewhurst, who lives in the Brooker settlement, and has three children, Laura (Mrs. A. Lansbury, of Gosfield), Lulu (Mrs. James Shepherd), and Edith (Mrs. Frank Mott, of Rochester).

Stephen G. Brooker grew up on the home farm in Essex, receiving a limited education. As a young man he joined his brother William in the purchase of a large tract of land in Concession 9, later known as the Brooker settlement, which has been previously referred to. It was entirely unbroken, and the brothers themselves cut and carried the logs to build their first house. In time each cleared a good farm for himself, put up better buildings and made a comfortable home for his family. Everything that Mr. Brooker now owns has been gained by hard work, but he has succeeded in acquiring a large amount of property and is well off. While farming has been his main occupation, he has also done considerable work as an estimator. In 1884 he was employed by the British Canadian Lumber Company to estimate land values at Ottawa, and he spent a year there, in their employ, estimating 800 square miles of territory. One of the lakes in that region, known as Brook lake, is named for him.

In January, 1858, Mr. Brooker was married to Miss Cynthia Neville, who was born in Gosfield North, daughter of George Neville, one of the old soldiers in the British service who secured some of the Talbot land in Cottam, on the Talbot road. Mrs. Brooker died in January, 1882. Her three daughters, the only children of that marriage, are all married and settled in life. (1) Ida, born in 1861, is the wife of David Hess, of Cottam, and has five sons, Earl, Delma, David, Frank and William. (2) Durosia, born

in 1863, married Kenneth Dawson, who lives on a farm in Gosfield South. There are two children in their family, Irene and Glen. (3) Sophia, born 1865, is the wife of William Hedd, a boilermaker, of Windsor, by whom she has had five children, Stephen D., Minnie, Walter J., Edna and Roy.

The second Mrs. Brooker, to whom Stephen G. Brooker was united in February, 1883, was Mrs. Amelia (Lonsbury) Bisell, daughter of James and Fannie Lonsbury, old residents of Gosfield. By this union there has been one daughter, Una M., born in December, 1883, who was educated in the Essex high school, and is now living at home.

Mr. Brooker, who has been a life-long Conservative, has never sought to hold office, but in 1894 was appointed postmaster of Cottam, after the death of Major Wagstaff, and has since held that position, which he fills to the utmost satisfaction of all concerned. That part of his record of which Mr. Brooker is, perhaps, the proudest, is the period of his military service. He belonged to the North Ridge Canadian Rifles, and served in the Fenian Raid as sergeant. He and Capt. Billing were the first men in their company to enlist, and Mr. Brooker holds both a medal and the more practical reward of a grant of 160 acres of land, as recognition by the English government for his services.

Religiously Mr. Brooker has always been identified with the Methodist Church and has been prominent in all its good work. Fraternally he belongs to Masonic Lodge, No. 402, of Essex, and to the I. O. F. Since 1851 he has been a member of the Order of Orangemen at Kingsville, which is still represented there, and belongs to the Grand Lodge of the Order. Starting in life without a dollar, Mr. Brooker is now one of the substantial and respected men of the county, honored alike for his past services to his country and for his unimpeachable business integrity, and beloved for his genial and kindly disposition.

ARTHUR WESLEY MARSH, secretary and treasurer of the Echo Publishing Co., of Amherstburg, Ont., is descended from English ancestry on the paternal side and Scotch ancestry on the maternal side. The progenitor on the paternal side from whom the family traces its descent was John Marsh, the great-grandfather of Arthur W., born in England, where he spent his entire life, being engaged in business.

John Marsh, the grandfather, was born in England, and there engaged in business. He there married, and to him were born these children: John; Daniel, of Grimsby, Ont.; Richard, of Australia; and Mary, who married and lives in Somerset, England.

John Marsh, the father of Arthur Wesley Marsh, was born in Somersetshire, England, in 1845, and came to Ontario in 1860, locating at Grimsby. Later he settled on the 6th line, Moore township, Lambton County, where he went extensively into farming, and by force of industry and thrift acquired 300 acres of land. Mr. Marsh resides there yet and has become prominent in the locality. In 1864 he married Rachel Courtney, a native of County Lambton, who was born in 1848, a daughter of Michael Courtney, and died July 19, 1901, leaving the following children: William H., a farmer on the old homestead, who married Ida Robbins; Hattie, unmarried; Arthur W.; John Hillard and Eva J., at home.

Arthur Wesley Marsh was born in Moore township, County Lambton, Feb. 11, 1872. His early literary education was attained in the public schools of his township, and in 1889 he entered the high school of Sarnia, from which he was graduated in 1892; the following two years found him at the head of Kimball's school of County Lambton. At the conclusion of that period Mr. Marsh entered the Strathroy Collegiate Institute, where he took a senior leaving course, and the first course in the university work, graduating in 1895. His institute course was followed by the principalship of the public school at Mooretown, County Lambton. In 1897 Mr. Marsh changed his line of work, becoming a journalist, and on July 4th of the above-mentioned year engaged with Brett & Auld, on the *Essex Free Press*, in which capacity he continued until May 23, 1898, when he joined Mr. John A. Auld, M. P. P., as a stockholder in and secretary and treasurer of the Echo Publishing Co., in which he still continues.

On Nov. 1, 1899, Mr. Marsh married Miss Bessie Hicks, who was born in Essex in 1878, daughter of John M. Hicks, of Essex. Two children have come to Mr. and Mrs. Marsh: Helen Margaret, born Aug. 26, 1900, and John Arthur, born Dec. 27, 1901. Politically Mr. Marsh is a Reformer, and fraternally an active member of Thistle Lodge, No. 34, A. F. & A. M., of Amherstburg, and of Lambton Lodge, No. 207, I. O. O. F., of Brigden. He takes an active in-

terest in public school affairs in Amherstburg, and is at present chairman of the public school board.

MICHAEL BALTZER, a prosperous farmer of Gosfield South, County of Essex, is a son of Michael Baltzer, who was born in Alsace-Lorraine, Germany, where he grew to maturity and married Maria Brietman. There the family of four sons was born, and in 1840 the family set sail for America, the voyage consuming twenty-six days. Two months and two days from the time they left Germany found them settled in western New York State, near Buffalo. There the father followed farming for seventeen years. In the spring of 1857 they came to Canada and located in Gosfield South, where the father purchased a farm of 114 acres in Lot 2, Concession 4. Of this, some fifteen or twenty acres were cleared, and with the help of his namesake son the remainder was cleared off. Upon this property the father lived, carrying on farming until his death, which occurred in 1888, when he was eighty-eight years old. His wife died in 1885, aged eighty-four years. To these worthy parents were born: Catherine, who married Philip Diler-meyer, of Brooklyn, Michigan; Michael; George, who died at the age of twenty-one years; and Margaret, deceased, who married Charles Stolsteimer.

Michael Baltzer, Jr., was born in Alsace-Lorraine, Germany, June 30, 1830, and was ten years old when the family exodus was made. At the time the family settled in Gosfield South he was really at the head of affairs and did much of the clearing of the place upon which he now resides. Nearly seventy-five of the 114 acres were cleared by Mr. Baltzer. All of the buildings now upon the property were erected by him. He is a successful farmer, a Reformer in politics, and one of the most representative men of the township.

On March 1, 1859, Mr. Baltzer married Susan Malott, in Gosfield South, who belonged to one of the old families of this township, a sketch of whom will be found elsewhere. Children as follows were born to Mr. and Mrs. Baltzer: (1) George W., born July 21, 1860, is a prosperous business man of Brooklyn, Michigan, and an active member of the Masonic fraternity; he married Lena Springer, and they have a son, Claude. (2) Maria Elizabeth, born April 16, 1862, married Henry Weiser, of Brooklyn, Michigan, and has three children, Lena, Lona and Martha.

(3) Linnie, born Jan. 4, 1864, married Roland Lovelace, of Brooklyn, Michigan, and has had three children, Pearl, Geneva and Hanlon (deceased). (4) Fred, born Feb. 8, 1866, resides at Harrow, where he is prominent in Masonic work; he married Ada Quick, and has one son, Fred. (5) Margaret, born Jan. 16, 1868, married Thomas McCauley, of Gosfield South, and has children—Millie, Alfred, Annie, William, Wayne, and Olive. (6) Alfred, born Jan. 29, 1874, of Kingsville, is a member of the Odd Fellows; he married Jennie Manley, and has two children, Edith and Morris M. (7) Ernest, born May 15, 1877, resides at home, carrying on the work there; and he, too, is a member of the Order of Odd Fellows; he married Katie Heath. (8) Arthur, born Jan. 16, 1879, is a resident of Perry, Kansas, and a member of the Order of Maccabees; he married Lela Newland. (9) Ethel, born March 12, 1881, is the wife of George E. Fox, and they have a son, Oscar. This family usually attend the Methodist Church. In politics the men are all Reformers.

CHARLES TINO. Peach Island, a beautiful little tract of land lying at the mouth of the St. Clair river, although now the property of another family, was for five generations the home of the Tino family. The island was discovered by Antoine Tino, great-grandfather of Charles, about 1732, when he came from France to Montreal, and thence pressed on westward. He made the island his home, and it speedily became as well a refuge for other early settlers from the frequent attacks by the Indians. The Tinos were a brave race, and their lives were often imperiled in their efforts to defend not alone their own families, but also their neighbors.

Antoine Tino reared his family on his island home and in time it descended to one of the sons, Charles, who was a soldier in the war of 1812. He married Roselia Soulire, and to them were born eight children: John Baptist; Charles; Victoria, deceased wife of Frank Louzon, whose death occurred in the winter of 1902, when she was ninety-six years old; Caroline, who died on the island, unmarried; Benjamin, who married and reared a family, and lived at his home in Detroit until his death, in 1904, when he was eighty-eight years old; Ellen, the widow of J. B. Paquet, of Detroit; Lewis, unmarried, now seventy-seven years of age, who lives in Sandwich East; and Antoine, father of our subject.

Antoine Tino was born in 1809. When he

was thirty years old he married Miss Theotizze Duroseau, also a native of Sandwich East, born in 1807, and they began their married life in a hotel on the river front, which Mr. Tino conducted for some years, also for fifteen years engaging in fishing on the River St. Clair, until he earned enough to buy a farm in Sandwich East. The place was practically in the woods, and they lived in a small frame house. Later, as the farm was cleared and cultivated, Mr. Tino built a larger and more convenient house, and both he and his son added from time to time to the original purchase until the place now includes 200 acres. Mrs. Tino died there in February, 1880, but her husband is still living, and though ninety-four years old, has a mind still bright and active, and a physical vigor equal to regular work on the farm, last fall (1904) husking corn every fine day, six or seven bushels.

Antoine and Theotizze Tino had three children: Antoine, born in 1843, married first Josephine Langlois, by whom he had no children, and his second union was to Amelia Telier, of Canada; they reside on a part of the Tino homestead, and have one son, Ernest. Charles, born Feb. 4, 1846, is mentioned below. Mary, born in 1849, is the wife of Louis Lauzon, who resides in Sandwich, on the Tecumseh road, and has six children, William, Albert, Wilfred, Floristine, Annie and Louisa.

Charles Tino was born and brought up on the Island, and was educated in the public schools. He remained with his parents till he married, and then settled on a part of the homestead, where he later built his present home, having been burned out twice before. He also owns a farm in Sandwich South, and other real estate in the County of Essex. In 1877 Mr. Tino married Miss Delina Ducharme, who was born July 13, 1856, on the shores of Lake Huron, daughter of Joseph Ducharme, a pioneer farmer of the county, now residing in Sandwich East, retired. Joseph Ducharme was born in 1838. His wife, Mary Papillon, died in February, 1904, aged sixty-six years. She was a member of the Catholic Church, as is also her husband. They had children as follows: Agnes, who married Antoine Lefevre; Delina, Mrs. Tino; Joseph, a fencemaker, of Windsor, Ont.; Eugene and Frank, farmers of Sandwich East; John B., who has a hotel in Windsor; Dennis, a butcher of Sandwich East; Mary, who married Joseph Hebert, of Sandwich East; and Regena, who married Mose Morand, a farmer of Sandwich West.

Mr. and Mrs. Tino have had seven children: (1) Joseph, born in 1880, in June, 1903, married Miss Rosie St. Louis, a daughter of Joseph St. Louis, of Sandwich East, and they have one son, Walter; they reside at his father's home. (2) Nellie, born in 1881, is the wife of Edward Soullire, of Sandwich East; they have no family. (3) Malinda, born in 1883, married Eugene Jounville, of Sandwich South, and has a daughter, Lottie, and a son, Edward. (4) Alice. (5) Louisa, (6) Harry and (7) Arthur, are all unmarried. The last named is a custom house officer of Sandwich East.

Mr. Tino, in his views on political questions, sympathizes with the "Grits," and has always worked hard for his party. In 1892 he was elected a member of the municipal council, and he has served as such ever since. For the past three years he has also been a member of the school board. The family are all members of the Catholic Church, and have been instrumental in securing the erection of the first Catholic Church in Sandwich, and the Chapel at Tecumseh.

The Tinos are a hardy, long-lived race, some of them having attained the age of 100 years. They have always taken a prominent place in the life of their locality, and have been men of most estimable character. Their many good qualities have descended from one generation to another, and those who bear the name now are worthy followers of those who have gone before. Mr. Charles Tino is a man esteemed by all for his kindly disposition and upright conduct in all his paths in life.

THOMAS BEATTIE, who has been a leading business man of Comber for a number of years, engaged in the hardware line, and who is also treasurer of West Tilbury township, was born Sept. 12, 1861, in the parish of St. Malachie, De Ormstown, Quebec.

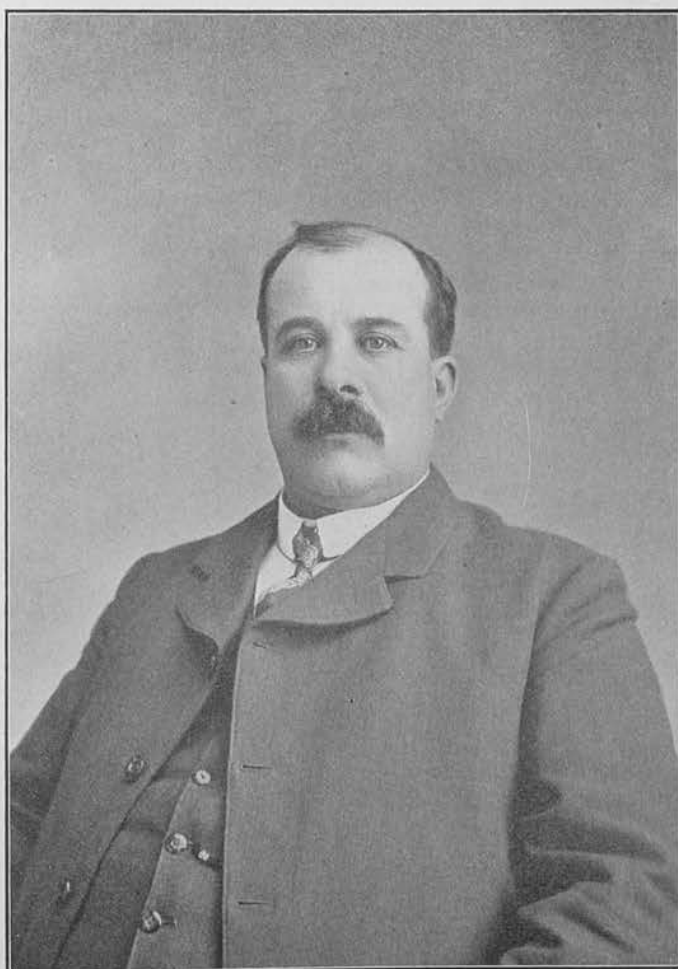
The Beattie family is of Scotch descent. Thomas Beattie, the grandfather of our subject, was born in the southern part of Scotland, son of Francis Beattie, who lived and died in that section of the British Empire. Early in life Thomas Beattie was a sheep herder, but later learned the trade of a stonemason, which he followed in connection with farming, after he came to Canada. In Roxburgh he married Isabella Kerr, and these children were born to them: Frank, who died in Quebec; John, who still resides in Quebec, aged eighty-seven years; Adam, who died in Quebec; Thomas, who died

in County Essex, Ont.; William, who died in 1897, in Montreal; George, residing in Mersea township, with a family; Archibald, deceased; Mary, who died in Montreal; and Agnes, who married Edwin Hooker, and resides in Quebec.

The parents of this family sailed from Greenock, Scotland, in 1830, for Canada, and after a voyage of twelve weeks on a sailing-vessel, reached Quebec. They settled at St. Malachie, De Ormstown, and there passed the remainder of their lives; the father dying on his farm, March 2, 1872, aged eighty-eight years, and the mother, July 18, 1877, aged ninety-three years, and both were buried in the cemetery at that place.

Thomas Beattie (2), father of our subject, was born on his father's farm in St. Malachie, De Ormstown, where he was reared and educated. He followed farming all his life. On Feb. 12, 1856, at Montreal, by Rev. William Taylor, he was united in marriage to Annie Hooker, born July 16, 1836, at Montreal, a daughter of William Hooker. To this union were born these children: Annie, born Nov. 17, 1856, died in 1862; Isabella, born Dec. 18, 1858, died Nov. 4, 1862; Thomas, born Sept. 12, 1861; Isabelle Annie, born Oct. 16, 1864, lives on the homestead; William Henry, born Oct. 15, 1867; Agnes Jane, born Nov. 24, 1872, married John Kinsman, and they live in Tilbury West; Edwin, born June 3, 1875, and now residing on the homestead farm, married Bertha Kinsman, and has one son, Thomas George.

Mr. and Mrs. Beattie came to County Essex, Ont., in 1878, and located in Mersea township on the 10th Concession, where he secured a tract of 100 acres of land. This fine farm Mr. Beattie improved and stocked, and until the close of his life took the greatest interest in his possessions, and in preparations for the welfare of his family. In 1896 he carried out an enterprise he had long been contemplating, the erection of a fine brick residence, which is one of the most substantial and attractive in this part of the county, and is a home designed to make life very comfortable in every way. It is fitted with all modern improvements. The designer and builder of this fine home, however, was not destined to enjoy its comforts long, for his death occurred Nov. 24, 1898, and his burial was in the Albuna cemetery. He had been a consistent member and liberal supporter of the Presbyterian Church of Mersea township. In political sentiment he was a true Liberal, and always took a deep and intelligent interest in public



Mr Beattie

affairs. He was a man who commanded respect from all who knew him or had business relations with him.

Thomas Beattie, the subject proper of this sketch, who is the third of the name in the family record, attended school in his native parish, and was sixteen years of age when his parents came to Ontario, where he still further pursued his education, attending school in Mersea township, and later, business college at Chatham. In that town he became a clerk in the store of Roy Ainslie, with whom he remained for five years.

Mr. Beattie's business opportunity came when William Goatbe, senior member of the hardware firm of Goatbe & Brown, of Comber, decided to sell his interest. This Mr. Beattie bought, and the business continued under the firm name of Brown & Beattie, and so was conducted for two years, when Mr. Beattie bought Mr. Brown's interest, and has continued in the hardware line at Comber ever since. In 1891 he was appointed treasurer of Tilbury West township, an office he has held for the past thirteen years. His political connection is with the Liberal party, in which faith he was trained by his father, but he is in no way bigoted, being too broad-minded to see but one side of a question. He has always taken a deep interest in all public matters, and contributes generously to public-spirited enterprises. Mr. Beattie has done much toward the encouragement of the county's efforts in the direction of improving the stock, believing that some of the finest horses in the world could be produced in County Essex. In combination with his hardware business, he represents the Massey-Harris Company, of Toronto, manufacturers of agricultural implements. On Dec. 21, 1887, Mr. Beattie married Rebecca Ainslie, daughter of George Ainslie, and sister of the Ainslie Brothers, well known business men of Comber. Six children have been born to them, as follows: Thomas Walton, Clarence George, Addie Belle, Neil, Harold and Marion. Both Mr. Beattie and wife are members of the Presbyterian Church, where they are much valued. They belong to pleasant, refined, intellectual social circles, and in every way are representatives of the best class of residents of Comber.

Mr. Beattie has been prominently identified with the Masonic bodies for some time, belonging to the local lodge at Comber, and the chapter at Leamington. He is past grand master of the I. O. O. F., and has served as delegate to sister

lodes, and is a master workman in the Comber Lodge of A. O. U. W. He belongs also to the Tilbury West Agricultural society.

GEORGE BEATTIE, the uncle of Thomas Beattie, Esq., of Comber, who makes his home with the widow of his late brother, Thomas Beattie, was born April 6, 1826, in Scotland, and accompanied his parents to Quebec in 1830. Attending the parish schools and working on the farm, he grew to manhood, and remained with his father until he was twenty years of age, and then spent six years working on farms in the neighborhood. When the discovery of gold in Australia turned the eyes of the world in that direction, Mr. Beattie, with several other adventurous young men, decided to make their way to that distant continent. In 1852 they embarked at New York, on a sailing-vessel, bound for Australia, by way of the Cape of Good Hope, reaching their destination after a voyage of ninety-seven days. After spending five years in the gold regions of Australia, and passing through many hardships and thrilling adventures, he returned to Canada, making the passage to Quebec in 115 days.

At a later date, Mr. Beattie came to Ontario, and started into farming in County Perth, purchasing a farm of 100 acres, which he operated for a number of years, selling out at last and coming to pass his last years with his brother Thomas, having no family of his own. He married Jane Cavers, daughter of James Cavers, who died in 1892. Mr. Beattie is very active in body and mind, and a most entertaining conversationalist. In politics he is a Liberal. In religious connection he is a Presbyterian.

WILLIAM BEATTIE, one of the well-known agriculturists of Mersea township, and a brother of Thomas Beattie of Comber, was born Oct. 15, 1867, at De Ormstown, and he there attended the public schools. When the family removed to Ontario, he assisted in the farm work in Mersea township, and continued on the home place until 1897, when he bought a tract of 100 acres in Tilbury West, which he operated for three years. This he sold in 1900, and removed to Leamington, where he passed one year, and then returned to farming on Concession C, marsh land. One year later he sold this farm, and removed to Concession 1, where he bought a farm of fifty acres, and has devoted himself to farming and stock-raising here with great success.

Mr. Beattie is a Liberal in politics, like the other members of the family. He is school trus-

tee of Section 15, Mersea township, and one of its most highly valued citizens.

In Mersea township, June 20, 1899, Mr. Beattie married Marion McIntosh, the estimable daughter of Philip and Anna M. (Pierson) McIntosh, and a lady of many housewifely accomplishments. They have three children, Jean Maria, William Archibald, and Edwin V.

The mother of Thomas and William Beattie still resides in the old home. She is noted for her exemplary, Christian life, and is much beloved by all who knew her. She has always been true to the claims of her church and family, has been kind to her neighbors and charitable to the needy. Both she and her late husband have been powers for good in this locality.

ROBERT MCCALLUM, a prosperous farmer and prominent citizen of Colchester North, Malden Road South, Lot 17, County of Essex, was born in Hamilton, Aug. 13, 1851, son of John and Fannie (Swann) McCallum, members of old pioneer families of the County of York, Ontario.

John McCallum was born at Jedburgh, Scotland, in May, 1818, and came to Toronto when a young man, and there met and married his wife, Fannie Swann, who was born at Toronto, in December, 1827, daughter of Francis and Margaret (Marley) Swann. Francis Swann located in the County of York in 1821, and there held a government position. For some years John McCallum worked in Toronto at his trade of tailoring, but later he moved to Simcoe, County Norfolk, and was employed as merchant tailor. Still later he moved to Clifford, County of Wellington, and continued in the same line of work for a number of years, but finally retired, and a little later he came to Colchester, making his home with our subject until his death in 1895. His wife died with her eldest son, Frank, at Simcoe, in February, 1903. In religion, the father was a Presbyterian, and his wife a Methodist. In politics he was a Reformer, but never desired office. Besides Robert, the children born to John and Fannie McCallum were: Mary died in childhood. Margaret S., born in Toronto and highly educated, was, for a number of years, a successful teacher in the public schools of Toronto; in 1884 she came to reside with her brother Robert, and in 1900 she married C. R. Sweet, of Colchester North, a brother of Francis Sweet, and now a resident of the Northwest Territory, where he owns 500 acres of land received as a pension for

his services during the Fenian Raid. Mr. and Mrs. Sweet have no family. Frank, born in Toronto, and now one of the prominent farmers of the township of Colchester North, married a Miss Blaine, and has three children. Fannie, born at Simcoe, married William Clark, of Toronto, and died leaving no family. Emma, born at Simcoe, married R. J. Decoo, of Buffalo, collector of customs, and has two children. Mary, born at Simcoe, married William F. Clark, of Toronto, and has no family. William M., born at Simcoe, married and lives at St. Thomas, where he is engineer for the Grand Trunk from St. Thomas to Windsor; he has two children. Essie, born at Simcoe, married Fred Peterkin, who is a business man of Toronto, and has three children.

Robert McCallum was reared in Toronto and Simcoe, where he received a fair education. When a young man he engaged in farming for others, earning the means to purchase his present property in 1876, since which time, with the help of his sister, he has cleared the wild land, and made a very excellent farm from the wilderness. Upon this land he has erected a comfortable house, good barns and other outbuildings, and he has 134 acres under cultivation. He has also engaged extensively in stock-raising. Politically he is a Conservative, but confines his public life to casting his vote for the candidate of his party. Religiously his affiliations are with the Methodist Church. His sister, Mrs. Sweet, is one of the supports of that denomination, and is very active in church work. She still resides with her brother, brightening his home with her cheerful disposition and assisting him in the management of the farm. Her kind and loving disposition has endeared her to her many friends.

George McCallum, the only brother of John McCallum, father of our subject, recently celebrated his diamond wedding, and he and his aged wife are still living in Toronto, where for many years he was one of the leading tailors of that city.

Robert McCallum is one of the pioneer farmers of this locality, who has well borne his part in the development of the country. He is a man widely known for his many charities, kindness of heart, and genial manner, and he numbers his friends by legions.

JOHN MILLER, a retired merchant and farmer, and now a citizen of Leamington, County of Essex, was born in Somersetshire, England, in January, 1830, and is an excellent type of the

fine old English gentleman. He is a son of James and Jane (Corp) Miller, and a member of a family of three children, of whom he is the sole survivor. James Miller was a cloth manufacturer in England, where he died in 1885, aged eighty-four years.

John Miller grew to manhood in his native land, and was educated in the public schools. In the spring of 1852 he emigrated to America, being seven weeks on the voyage, which he made in the vessel "Kalamazoo," and he landed in New York City. Thence he journeyed by rail to Buffalo; and from that city by boat to Detroit, and from there to Sandwich street, Windsor. The following fall he taught school, and in the spring of 1854 he returned home on a visit. He remained a year in England, and in the spring of 1855 married Miss Elizabeth M. Miller. With his bride he once more made the voyage to the New World, and after landing in Canada, was for a year engaged in teaching school at Colchester. Once more he returned to England with his wife, and they made a stay in their native land of some eighteen months, finally coming back to Canada.

For some years Mr. Miller was engaged in the County of Essex in several lines, but finally they settled at Blytheswood (a district then known as the Elm swamp, without a single ditch to drain it, but now one of the finest farming districts in Essex). For thirty-seven years he was engaged there in mercantile pursuits and farming, and served as postmaster for twenty-nine years, becoming one of the representative men of that locality.

In the fall of 1899 Mr. Miller came to Leamington, where he has since lived retired from active business life. Three children have been born to himself and wife: Mary J., of Leamington; John I., hotel clerk, of San Francisco, California; Francis J., a druggist of Walkerville, Ont. In politics Mr. Miller is a Liberal, but has never taken any active part in public matters. In religious affiliations Mr. Miller is a Congregationalist, and was born in that faith.

JAMES LINTON, the well-beloved local preacher of the Methodist Church, is a successful farmer of Colchester North, in the County of Essex. He is known throughout the county, where he has preached in many places, and where his kindly advice and sympathy have brought comfort to many heavy hearts.

William and Emma (Croft) Linton, his parents, were natives of Yorkshire, England, and there lived until the death of the former, in 1867. The mother married again, and came to Canada with her second husband, settling at Maidstone. The children of William and Emma (Croft) Linton were as follows: (1) James is mentioned below. (2) Mary, born in England, in 1846, married Isaac Temple, and still lives in England. They have three sons, John William, Robert and Michael. (3) Robert (deceased), born in England in 1849, came to Canada and settled in Toronto, where he was a street car conductor until his death in February, 1900; he married Hannah Brock, of the County of Victoria, and left no family. (4) Jane, deceased, born in Yorkshire, England, in 1852, married John Sample, of England, and left four children, Annie, William, Ida May and Beulah, who reside in Essex. (5) Miss Emma, born in England in 1855, lives with her brother William, in Colchester North. (6) William, born in England, in 1859, is a local preacher, and is also engaged in farming in Colchester; he married, in Essex, Sarah Kendrick, a native of Essex, and they have two children, James and John. (7) Rev. John, born in England in 1862, was educated in the University of Canada; he married and resides in Manitoba, where he is a minister in the Methodist Church; he has one daughter, Cora.

James Linton was born in Yorkshire, England, June 8, 1844. He attended school there, and afterwards engaged in farming. He married on Dec. 24, 1861, in Yorkshire, Miss Esther Richardson, also a native of that place, and born in the same year as her husband. Her parents were John and Anne (Mitchell) Richardson, both natives of England, where they lived and died. Of their family, William came to Canada, and died at Parry Sound, where he had been a farmer, leaving a family; Nathaniel married and had a family, and is now living in New Ontario; Tamar, who married Robert Bainbridge, in England, and has a family, resides at Muskoka, Canada; George lives in England; Esther was born and educated in England, and there married James Linton.

James Linton and his wife remained in England until 1871, in which year they sailed for Quebec, and from there came to the County of Ontario, where they resided for three years. Moving then to the County of Victoria, they rented a farm and remained until 1881, when Mr. Lin-

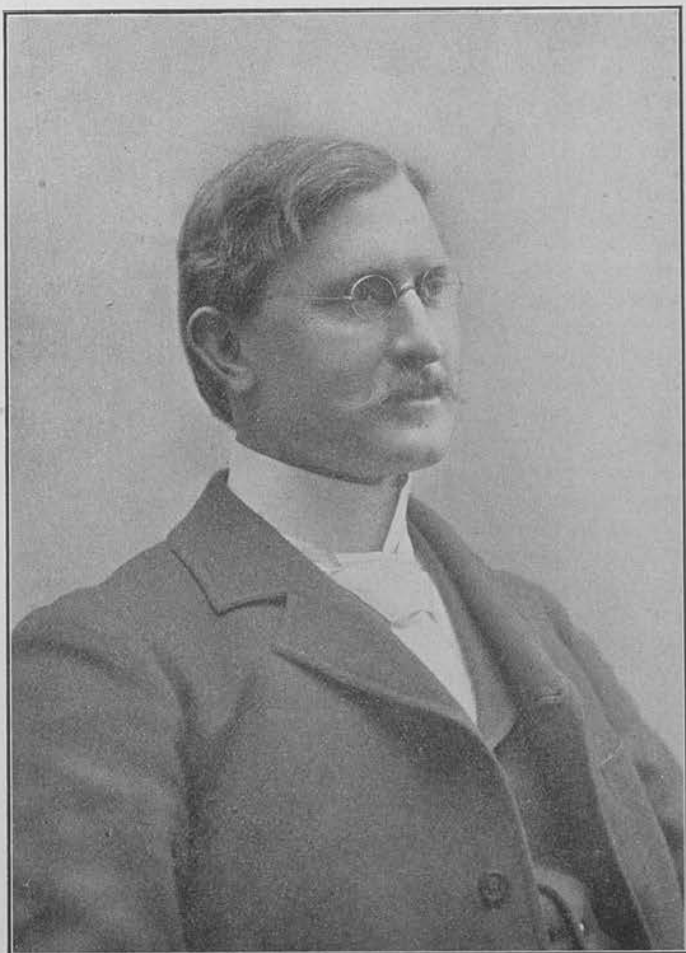
ton bought a tract of wild land in Maidstone township, County of Essex, which he cleared for a farm, erected buildings, making a home there until 1893. In that year he purchased the J. C. Anderson farm on the town line, where he erected a new house and made many improvements, and where he and his family continue to reside. He and his wife have one daughter, Maude Ellen, born in Maidstone in December, 1887, and a graduate of the Essex public school.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Linton are members of the Methodist Church, of which the latter has been a local preacher for twelve years, filling pulpits in all parts of the county. While a resident of Maidstone he was for a number of years superintendent of the Sunday School, a work in which he has always taken a deep interest. In politics Mr. Linton is an independent voter. He was a poor man when he came to Canada, but by honest and persevering industry has acquired property and position. He is gifted in conversation and in pulpit oratory, an eloquent pleader for the best opportunities for all men. His life of simple goodness, lived in strict accordance with the Golden Rule, is a living example and blessing to all who know him. His sunshiny nature, and kindly sympathy and advice, have endeared him to all, and given many struggling unfortunates a new impetus toward a better life. His noble Christian wife is his faithful and efficient helper in all his work, and like him is loved and respected throughout the county.

DR. JOHN W. BRIEN, one of the leading physicians of Essex, was born in the County of Victoria, Nov. 24, 1866, son of Thomas L. and Anne (Graham) Brien, both natives of Ireland, he born in 1818, and she in 1820. They were married before leaving Ireland, and in 1846 they came to the County of Victoria, Ont., where Thomas L. Brien engaged in farming, clearing land from the bush, upon which he lived until his death, which occurred in 1892; his wife died in 1889. Religiously they were members of the Methodist Church, and for many years he was an officer in that body, and he also served as superintendent of the Sunday-school. For several years after coming to Canada Mr. Brien, who was an educated and capable man, was a teacher in the public schools. In politics he was a staunch Conservative, and was very prominent in political work. To Thomas L. and Anne (Graham) Brien were born the following children: Mary, born in the County of

Victoria, married William Graham, postmaster at Manton Island, and also a successful merchant at that place; they have six children, Helen, Annie, Thomas, James, William and Robert. Francis, born in 1848, married Maggie Graham, of Peterboro, and they reside on a farm in the County of Victoria; they have a family as follows: Thomas; Wilbert, a graduate of the Department of Medicine of the University of Toronto, and now with his uncle John W.; Annie; Ella; Minnie; William; Elizabeth. Catherine, born in 1850, married John Thurston, a farmer of the County of Victoria, and they have five children, Thomas, Annie, Mabel, Martha and Frederick. Annie, born in 1852, married Mathew Ingram, a retired farmer of Lindsay, County of Victoria; they have no family. Thomas H., born in 1854, married Lena Nugent, and has two sons; he is now a carriage-manufacturer and ranchman of North Dakota. Louise, born in 1856, married Samuel Playfair, a retired farmer of Lindsay; she has no children. Robert, born in 1858, married Victoria Thurston, and they reside on his farm in the County of Victoria, he being one of the well-to-do farmers of that locality; they have four children, Lillie, Anna L., Lawson and Walter. James A., born on the old homestead, where he resides, married Mina Thurston, of Victoria, and their children are Leta, Arthur and Melville. Dr. Frederick G., born in 1864, married and resides in Manitoba, was a graduate of the Lindsay high school; later a graduate of Winnipeg Medical College, and is now a practicing physician of Douglas, Manitoba; he has had two children, Graham and Margery, the latter deceased. Dr. John W. is the youngest.

Dr. John W. Brien received his early education in the public schools of Victoria County, later graduating from the Lindsay Collegiate Institute, and then for the following four years taught school in his native county. In 1888 he became a student in the Trinity Medical University, of Toronto, and after a four years' course, he was graduated in 1892 with first honors. During his term he taught night school in order to obtain money to pay his way through college. He also took a post graduate course in the schools of New York city, after which he commenced practice in Newark, New Jersey. At the end of two years, however, in 1895, he located in Essex, where he has since continued to live, and he has built up a very flattering practice. Dr. Brien purchased a valuable piece of realty in



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Essex, upon which he erected a handsome home, and he now owns other real estate in Essex and vicinity.

On Nov. 14, 1894, Dr. Brien was married to Miss Annie E. Rutherford, a native of the County of Victoria, daughter of Robert Rutherford, of that county.

Fraternally the Doctor is past master of the Masonic order, Central Lodge, No. 402; and is a Royal Arch Mason. He is also past grand of Enterprise Lodge, No. 218, I. O. O. F., of Essex; a member of the A. O. U. W., of Essex; of the Independent Order of Foresters; of the Maccabees and Chosen Friends, all of Essex, and he is extremely popular in all these orders. Politically Dr. Brien is a Conservative, and for some time served very ably in the council. For the past five years he served as president of the South Essex Conservative Association, and is one of its honorary members at the present writing. Although still a young man in years and in his practice, Dr. Brien stands preeminent in his profession, not only in Essex, but throughout the County. He is popular as a physician and skilled man of science, and also as a citizen and friend, while his work in political affairs shows his ability to direct public matters.

JAMES O'NEIL, a much respected retired farmer of the County of Essex, resides on his farm on the North Talbot Road, in Sandwich South. Mr. O'Neil was born in February, 1826, in Sandwich South, son of Alexander and Margaret (Hulihan) O'Neil, pioneers of the county, but both natives of County Kerry, Ireland, where the former was born in 1786, and the latter in 1792.

Alexander O'Neil was a son of Alexander, Sr., who passed his entire life in Ireland. In 1822, with his wife and two children, he came to Canada, on a sailing vessel, via New York, passing nine weeks on the ocean. His first settlement was on the Talbot Road in Sandwich, on land given through Col. Talbot, by the English Government, but he later purchased land east of his first settlement, and here he made a permanent home. He cleared this property from its wild condition, and transformed it into a fine farm. For many years the home was but a log cabin in the woods, but happiness and contentment reigned there, as did plenty as soon as the rich land could be cultivated. There the wife and mother died in 1873, and his death took place in October, 1881. Both were among the earliest and

most faithful members of the Roman Catholic Church in this locality. A family of eight children was born to them, as follows: Alexander, born in Ireland, is father of Alexander O'Neil, extended mention of whom will be found elsewhere; Mary, born in Ireland, is the wife of Owen Sullivan, of Minneapolis, Minnesota; Jane, born in the County of Essex in 1828, is the wife of Daniel Flynn, who lives fifty miles north of St. Paul, Minnesota; Catherine, deceased, born in 1831, married John McCarthy, who moved to South Dakota, where she died leaving children; John, born in 1833, died in young manhood in Sandwich South; Margaret, born in 1836, is the wife of Patrick Lavin, of Sandwich South, and they have a family of children; William, born in 1840, married Miss Isabella Maloy, of Port Huron, and they settled for some years in Sandwich, and then removed to South Dakota, but some years later went to Michigan, where they now reside; and James completes the family.

James O'Neil grew to manhood on the old homestead, engaged in the various occupations of an agricultural life. In October, 1869, he married Miss Mary J. O'Neil, daughter of Alexander and Mary A. (Cropley) O'Neil, the former of whom was born in Ireland, and the latter in New Brunswick. They settled in Sandwich South, where Mr. Alexander O'Neil died in 1891.

The wife of our subject was born in July, 1845, in New Brunswick, and was but a child when brought by her parents to Canada, where she was reared and educated. After their marriage, our subject and wife settled on the present home, which was then all wild land. The patience, energy and industry required to clear a farm and to bring it to a fine state of cultivation, can only be appreciated by one who, like Mr. O'Neil, has accomplished it. He now owns one of the first-class farms of the township, and he erected here all the commodious and substantial buildings. This farm stands for years of industry, and reflects credit upon its fortunate owner. Mr. O'Neil has always led the life of a farmer, and has lived to reap its generous rewards. He is much esteemed in his locality by all who know him, his kindly disposition and exemplary life commanding respect.

A family of nine children was born to James O'Neil and wife, as follows: Alexander, born in July, 1870, is unmarried, and resides at home; John, born in 1872; Cora, born in 1874; James, deceased, born in 1876; Maggie M., born in 1879;

Charles, born in 1881; Richard and William, deceased; and Herbert, born in 1889. Politically Mr. O'Neil has always been identified with the Conservative party. Religiously he is a devoted member of the Roman Catholic Church, in which faith he has reared a most estimable family.

ROBERT LEEMING, councillor of the township of Gosfield South, and one of the thrifty farmers of the 4th Concession, descends from a United Empire Loyalist family.

Braithwaite Leeming, his grandfather, was a native of England, and, as a young man, came to America, settling in the States, but during the American Revolution he cast his lot with the Crown, and after that came to Canada, receiving a Loyalist's right in the County of Wentworth, where he settled. He located on a government grant in the southern part of the county, near the present City of Hamilton. Later he acquired land in Glanford, and removed to it, dying there at the ripe old age of ninety-seven years. After coming to Canada he married Miss Phoebe Land, who also came of U. E. L. stock, and who lived to an advanced age. Their family was as follows: Robert, father of our subject; William, who resides in Seneca, County of Haldimand; Ralph, of Glanford township; Isabella, twin sister of Ralph, who married a Mr. McGruer, of Glanford, and is deceased; James, deceased, who lived in Glanford township; John, deceased, who inherited one-half of the homestead, and never married; Braithwaite, a retired farmer of Glanford; Wesley, a resident of Oakland county, Michigan; and Matilda, widow of Ira Palmer, of Brantford.

Robert Leeming was born in the township of Glanford, County of Wentworth, where he grew to manhood. He purchased a farm of 150 acres, near his father's homestead, and there passed his life, being a highly-respected man, a strong Conservative, prominent in township affairs, and reeve for a number of years. In religious affairs he was very active in the Methodist Church, of which he was a consistent member. He first married Rebecca Shaw, and their children were: Abigail, wife of Henry Hull, of Warton, Ont.; Phoebe, married to James Granger, of Gosfield South; Clarissa, married to John Walker, of the County of Haldimand; Robert, Jr.; and Miss Susanna, who resides with Robert. The second marriage of Mr. Leeming was to Lucetta Smith, a native of the County of Wentworth, who died July 6, 1904. The following children were born

of this union: Albert, a farmer on the 4th Concession, Gosfield South; Rebecca, who died July 21, 1904; William, of Hamilton; Herbert, of Michigan City, Indiana; and Lucetta, deceased, who married George Neal, of Glanford township.

Robert Leeming, Jr., was born in the County of Wentworth, June 25, 1853. He obtained a good common school education, and at the age of twenty-two years left home to begin life for himself. His first occupation was farming in the County of Haldimand, where he spent six years. In 1882 he came to the 4th Concession, Gosfield South, and purchased fifty acres, to which he later added fifty more. The land was all unimproved, and he has not only cleared it, but also placed it under cultivation. Every improvement made upon the property is the result of his untiring industry, and he has every reason to be proud of his very excellent farm. He erected the commodious barns and other outbuildings, as well as his comfortable modern house. In politics Mr. Leeming is a Conservative, and for the past eight years he has served as a member of the township council. In religious belief he is a Methodist.

Mr. Leeming has been twice married, first to Eliza Ann McBay, who was born in the County of Haldimand, April 3, 1859, one of the eight children of William and Mary Ann (Palton) McBay, natives of Ireland, who settled in the County of Haldimand, where the father farmed all his days. They were members of the Methodist Church. Mrs. Leeming died in 1892, the mother of the following children: Robert and William, who both died young; and Luella and Annie, at home. Mr. Leeming married for his second wife Annie Wigle, who was born July 21, 1871, daughter of Philip and Hannah (Wright) Wigle; she died May 6, 1904, leaving one son, Leroy W. She was a charming woman, devoted to her home, and her death was mourned by a wide circle of friends. Mr. Leeming stands very high in the community.

THOMAS WILLIAMS, the third of the name, belongs to one of the oldest pioneer families in the County of Essex, and his father was one of the first settlers in Gosfield. The members of this family have always been farmers, and Mr. Williams is now living on the original homestead granted his father, on Lot 273, Talbot Road South, where he himself was born March 17, 1839.

The first of the family to come to America was his grandfather, Thomas Williams (1), who came from Wales and located in the State of Pennsylvania before the Revolution. He was a Loyalist, and one of those who left the States and went to Canada when the war broke out. He died in Colchester South, County of Essex, Ont., and his wife Mary afterward made her home with her grandson, Thomas, in Gosfield North, where her death occurred in 1859. They reared a large family, as follows: Thomas (2); James; John; Charles; George; Nancy, wife of Francis Neville; and Sarah, wife of John Bottom, of Gosfield township. Both daughters left families. None of this generation are living.

Thomas Williams (2) was born in Malden township, in the County of Essex, Ont., Oct. 4, 1806, but grew up in Gosfield township, where he and his twin sister, Nancy, were bound out to a Mr. Scratch, the parents being too poor to care for their family properly. There were no schools in the county at that time, and Mr. Williams was kept steadily at work on Mr. Scratch's farm. On Nov. 8, 1825, he drew 100 acres of land from Col. Talbot and there made his home. He married Miss Isabella Wigle, who was born in Gosfield, June 2, 1809, and was one of fifteen children born to John and Susan Wigle, who also left Pennsylvania for Canada during the Revolutionary war, and settled in the County of Essex. They died in Gosfield township. Thomas and Isabella Williams started married life on his newly acquired land, living in a little log cabin, to construct which they themselves had to carry the poles. Many years later Mr. Williams erected a much larger house, of hewn logs, in which he and his wife passed their last years.

For over thirty years Mr. Williams' home was a center of the work of the Methodist Church, of which both he and his wife were devoted members. In the early days of Methodist itinerancy, services were held in their home, people gathering from miles around to hear the local preacher. Mr. Williams was an officer of the church for many years. Politically he was a Conservative, and he never aspired to public office. His death occurred Aug. 28, 1877, while his estimable wife and helpmate, who had so bravely endured with him all the hardships of their pioneer life, passed away three years earlier, March 16, 1874.

To Thomas and Isabella Williams fourteen children were born, of whom four died young, Nancy, Solomon, Isabella and James. Of the others: (1) Susan, born in January, 1827, be-

came the wife of Jacob Arnold, of Gosfield, and died in February, 1880, leaving a family of eight children, all of whom were grown up. (2) Mary, born in October, 1828, married Benjamin Brown, who resided in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, until he removed to Gosfield, where his wife died in January, 1864, leaving a family of six children, Isabel, Isadore, Adolphus, Delos, Dezella and Augusta. (3) Sarah, born in May, 1832, was the wife of Alfred Jones, of Maidstone, and died in December, 1883, leaving a family of three children, Nelson, Jennie and Adeline, all of whom were married. (4) John, born in January, 1835, married Miss Catherine Cummiford, of Gosfield, and lived on a part of the old home farm some years previous to moving to Essex. He died in the latter place in December, 1876, leaving children as follows—Henry, of Detroit, Michigan; Eunice, now Mrs. George Laing, of Boyne City, Michigan; Ida, Mrs. J. Stafford, of Detroit; Ora, of Utah; and Frank, deceased. (5) Thomas (3) was the next child. (6) Jane and (7) Julia, twins, were born Aug. 10, 1842. The former is the wife of John Hopgood, of Essex, and has no children living, while the latter, who is the wife of Thomas Morris, has five children, Gordon, Luella, Allen (of Maidstone township), Sadie B. (who married John Millen, of Sandwich, clerk of the County of Essex), and Wesley (with his parents). (8) Henry, born in October, 1844, was twin brother to Isabella, who died in infancy. (9) Cordelia A., born in 1847, is the deceased wife of James Hopgood, of Essex, and left two children, Darius (of Essex) and Delmer (of Detroit, Michigan). (10) Lucinda, born in October, 1849, married Rev. J. I. Mickerson, of Adrian, Michigan, and is the mother of three daughters, Margaret, Ella M. and Cora.

Thomas Williams (3) grew up on his father's farm, employed at the usual work on such a place, and became his father's main assistance. He did not marry until he was nearly thirty years of age, and then he and his wife settled down on the home place and cared for his aged parents until they died. Mr. Williams has built two homes on his farm, and is now living retired in one, while a son occupies the other, and has charge of the property, which includes 100 acres of well tilled land.

Mrs. Williams was Miss Emily Maddex, and became Mrs. Williams Dec. 11, 1866. She was born in Huntingdonshire, England, in 1842, and her parents, John and Sophia (Hensman) Maddex, came thence to Canada in 1855, settling in

Gosfield, where they died. To Mr. and Mrs. Williams have come four children, the eldest of whom, Allan, died in childhood. Lewis B., born in 1869, was educated in the home schools, married Miss Isabel Lickman, of Comber, County of Essex, and resides on the homestead; they have one daughter, Hazel E. Miss Cinda E., born in 1870, was a student in the Essex high school, and taught in the Essex public schools for some six years, but as her health failed she has given up teaching and is living at home. The youngest child, Edmund J., born in 1873, attended the Essex high school and later was graduated from the School of Pharmacy at Toronto; he first established himself as a druggist at Toledo, near Smith's Falls, Canada, but after two years removed to Brockville, Ont., where since 1900 he has been one of the leading druggists; on Oct. 5, 1904, he was married to Miss Lorea Mackenzie, of Brockville.

Mr. Williams and his wife are both prominent members of the Methodist Church, in which he has been a trustee and class-leader for over thirty years, while his wife has always been an enthusiastic Sunday School worker. Politically Mr. Williams supports the old Reform party. For many years he has belonged to the I.O.F., holding membership in Essex Court, No. 212. Mr. Williams has seen military service, and is one of the veterans of 1866, when he was one of the North Ridge Rifles under Capt. Billing. He was a member of the company six years, and took part in the Fenian Raid.

In all the relations of life Mr. Williams has done his part faithfully and well, and is one of the honored and respected citizens of the county.

GEORGE W. CADY, nurseryman and president of the South Essex Horticultural Society, is a prominent resident of Ruthven, Gosfield South, County of Essex, and a member of a pioneer family of western Ontario, which settled in the County of Kent.

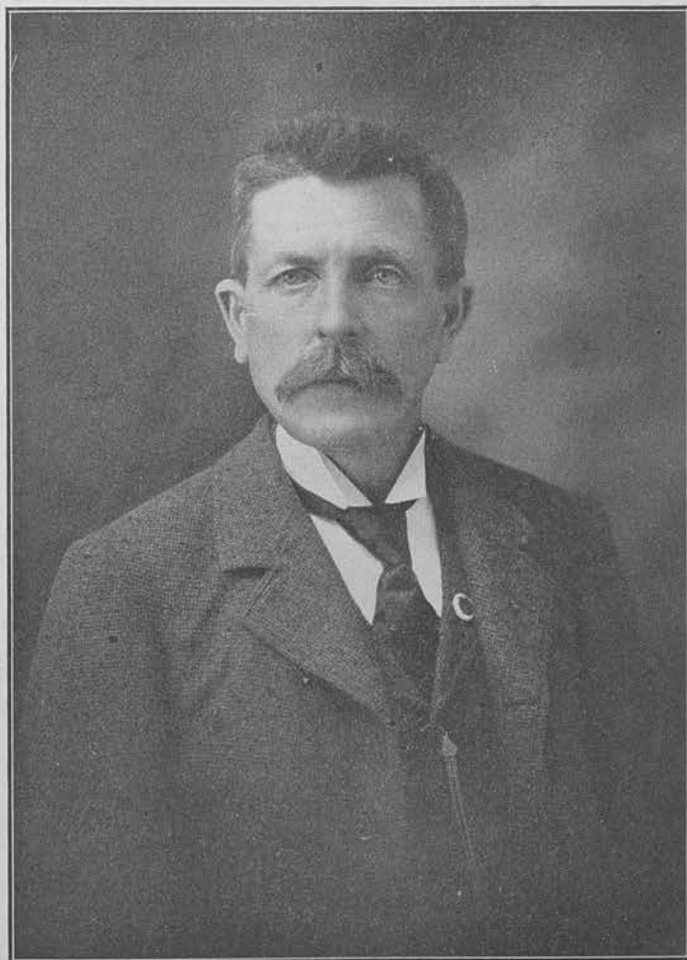
(I) Isaac Cady, great-grandfather of George W., was born in Pennsylvania, where he married Elizabeth Wright. He died in Thamesville, County of Kent, while his widow died in Michigan. His family was as follows: Joseph; Isaac and Jessie, both born in Pennsylvania, where they died; and Tamer.

(II) Joseph Cady, son of Isaac, was a boy when his parents came to Canada, where he grew to manhood. As soon as he was old enough, he drew land in Howard township, County of Kent,

and there married Rachel Miller, who died giving birth to twins, while her husband was away fishing. When the sorrowful news reached him, he walked home across the country, a distance of eighteen miles, and through swamps. Later he removed to Michigan, where he died.

(III) James M. Cady, son of Joseph, was born in the County of Kent, April 17, 1816, and there grew to manhood's estate in the family of a relative, and in Michigan, where he resided in a family by the name of Henshaw. Still later he returned to Canada, and settled in the County of Essex. On April 17, 1837, in Gosfield, he married Rachel Wigle, and he died Jan. 3, 1904. For some time he had made his home with our subject. By trade he was a harnessmaker, and he carried on his business first at Albertville from 1837 to 1850, when he located at Morpeth, and remained until October, 1857, when he settled at Kingsville and was successfully engaged in business there until 1869, when he moved to Windsor and later retired. To himself and wife were born the following children: Joseph H., born March 25, 1838, died May 11, 1838; Joanna W., born Oct. 17, 1839, married Oct. 6, 1858, Edward McVey, and died April 10, 1880; William Bennett, born July 25, 1842, died Oct. 19, 1865; Mary Jane, born Feb. 3, 1844, married Dec. 4, 1861, James Skerritt, and died Feb. 20, 1883; Reuben, born Oct. 29, 1845, died Dec. 30, 1878; Edwin Clement, born Jan. 22, 1848, died Aug. 23, 1901; George W., born Aug. 28, 1850, is mentioned below; Ann Elizabeth, born Nov. 18, 1853, married James Hambley, and died Feb. 23, 1891; James Alexander, born July 5, 1857, resides at Belleville, Michigan.

George W. Cady was born at Albertville, County of Essex, and was three months of age when his family moved to Morpeth, where he first attended a school conducted by the Hon. David Mills. Later he attended the Jasper Golden school in Kingsville. At the age of sixteen years he started out in life for himself, and worked upon the farms of the neighborhood, until March, 1875, when he moved to London, Ont., and there learned the trade of plastering, following it there until 1881, when he came to Kingsville and took up contracting and building. Among other buildings he erected the schoolhouse, the Dejeau block, did the plastering on the "Mettawas" Hotel, and in 1895, he bought the old Noble farm, consisting of sixty-four acres, Lot 8, Concession 2, a fine property.



Geo W Cady

He at once entered into the nursery business, and has since developed it wonderfully, aided by his son. They have a fine fruit farm, and in the nursery have 20,000 apple and peach plants and trees. They make a specialty of the Duke of York peach, and the winter banana apple. For the past two years Mr. Cady has been president of the South Essex Horticultural Society, in which he has taken an active part, and he is a recognized authority upon all matters pertaining to the development and culture of plants and trees. Recently he was further honored by being appointed organizer of the western district. In politics he is a Tory, and since residing in Kingsville, has served as school trustee. In February, 1904, he was elected president of the Conservative Association of South Essex. In religious matters he is a Methodist. Socially Mr. Cady is a member of the Workmen and the Foresters of Kingsville, and the Masonic fraternity, of Kingsville. His father was also a Mason, having joined in 1853, and was undoubtedly the oldest Mason in western Ontario at the time of his death.

Mr. Cady has been twice married, his first wife bearing the name of Amelia Lee, and being a native of Sarnia, Ont. By her he had the following family: (1) Albert M., born Dec. 9, 1871, is a partner of his father, acting as secretary and treasurer, the firm name being Cady & Co.; he married Carrie Scratch, and has one son, Harry. (2) William James, born Oct. 23, 1873, is a Methodist minister, stationed at Stamford, Connecticut; he married Mary Nichols, of Newburgh, New York. (3) Florence Amelia, born Aug. 23, 1876, is at home. Mr. Cady married (second) Louise E. Scratch, a daughter of Harry P. Scratch, and they have two children, Lorne Edwin, born Oct. 22, 1898; and Ella, born July 15th, 1903.

CARL WILLIAM BRAUN, one of the leading residents of Pelee Island, County of Essex, was born in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, June 20, 1860, son of John H. H. and Christina Braun, and one in a family of three children, namely: Carl William, Fred C., of Amherstburg, Ont., and one child deceased.

John H. H. Braun was born in Germany in 1820, and there learned the cooper's trade. He married a Miss Lafeldt, by whom he had two children, one of whom survives—Rudolph, of Cleveland, Ohio. After the death of his first wife, he married the mother of our subject, and

about 1861 he came to the States, and after spending a year in the following-named places—Put-in-Bay, Middle Bass Island, Catawba Island and Sandusky, he, in the fall of 1869, came to Pelee Island, and was one of the first Germans to settle on the island. Purchasing twenty acres in Lot 25, prior to his removal to the island, he had difficulty in getting his deed for the place. He sold ten acres, but in later years purchased five acres additional, making his place fifteen acres in extent. There he resided until his death, which occurred in 1895, when he was seventy-five years of age. While residing in the States he was a Democrat, but took but little part in politics in Ontario. In religious matters he was of the German Reformed faith. He was a man very well informed, and one of the island's most highly esteemed citizens. The mother was born in Germany in July, 1831, and still survives, residing with her son Carl William, now aged seventy-three years.

Mr. Carl William Braun was reared in his father's home, and acquired a fair public school education, and has since added to his store of knowledge by extensive reading and close observation. When seventeen years of age, he commenced to work, being employed on the farm of George Wires, with whom he remained for five years, and then went to Cleveland, where he teamed and was engaged in carpentering. Later for a short time he sailed on the lakes. His stay in the States extended over a period of four years, when he returned home to look after his parents, who had grown old. Some two years later he and his brother Frederick, in partnership, purchased thirty acres of valuable land on Lot 29. In 1901, Mr. Braun purchased Frederick's interest in the farm, and after his father's death, he bought the home farm, where he now resides. Politically Mr. Braun is a staunch Liberal, and takes an active interest in local matters. Fraternally he is a member of Court Pelee No. 3572, I.O.F. While not a member, he attends the services of the Church of England. In all of his efforts Mr. Braun has been very successful, and he is justly ranked among the progressive, ambitious and representative farmers of Pelee Island.

JOHN STEVENSON, who has the distinction of being the oldest pioneer citizen of Mersea township, where, for a half century, his interests have been located, was born April 24, 1839, in County Armagh, Ireland, son of William Stevenson, who was a native of the same locality.

William Stevenson married Margaret Locke, and in 1836, with wife and children, came to Ontario and settled on Lot 2, Concession 8. For many years the pioneer surroundings were those of much hardship, but sturdy perseverance and unlimited energy brought about many changes before the death of himself and wife. Under discouraging conditions, with the help of his two sons, he cleared the land and put it under cultivation. Both he and his wife died here and were buried in the cemetery at Albuna. They were consistent members of the Methodist Church. Their children were: Robert, a retired farmer of Mersea township; and John.

John Stevenson came with his parents to Canada, after a long voyage of eight weeks and three days, landing at Quebec. After settling in Mersea township, he had little educational opportunity, as no schools had yet been organized in this locality. He settled down to farming on the homestead, and remained with his parents, carefully providing for their comfort in old age. After the death of his father he took entire charge of the farm, to which he added 100 acres. At a later date he sold off fifty acres, but still owns 150 acres of well-improved land. His fine brick dwelling, commodious barns and other substantial buildings testify to the prosperity which has reigned for a long period. Mr. Stevenson has passed fifty-four years on this estate, and there are few residents better qualified to tell of the wonderful changes wrought in this half century. In all these changes Mr. Stevenson has borne his part, has encouraged agricultural development, and has been foremost in the promotion of movements for educational and religious advancement.

In politics Mr. Stevenson has ever been a strong Liberal. He has been a subscriber to the *Toronto Globe* for over fifty years, and has kept in touch with all the world's affairs. Fraternally he is a member of the Loyal Orange Association. He belongs also to the Patrons of Husbandry.

In July, 1886, Mr. Stevenson married Elizabeth F. Beacon, daughter of William and Margaret (Rusk) Beacon, the former of whom died in Windsor, and the latter in Sarnia. Both Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson are members of the Methodist Church at Albuna. They have six children, namely: Averil, at home; Effie; Cecelia; Ettie; Margaret and Mary. The family is one which is held in very high esteem by all who knew them.

PETER CORBETT. Among the representative farmers of the township of Maidstone, who have not only looked after their own interests, but have been important factors in the development of the County of Essex, may be mentioned Peter Corbett, who lives on Lot 3, west of the river Puce. He was born in Tilbury East, County of Kent, July 25, 1859, son of Thomas and Janet (Grant) Corbett, old pioneers of Kent.

Thomas Corbett was born in Canada in 1827, and he died in Tilbury West, County of Essex, Ont., in December, 1880. His wife was born in Scotland in 1836, and she came to Canada and settled at Tilbury.

Peter Corbett was the eldest of the family, and he grew up in his grandfather's home in Tilbury, in the County of Kent, receiving a fair education in the public schools. Later he attended the Canada Business College of Chatham, and when only sixteen years of age, he came to Puce, in the County of Essex, where he clerked in the store of his uncle, the late Donald Coutts, continuing there for some eight years.

In 1883 Mr. Corbett married Miss Mary E. Patillo, born July 12, 1858, and reared at the home she now occupies, daughter of James and Mary (Struthers) Patillo, old settlers of the County of Essex, where they settled in 1856. James Patillo was born in Perthshire, Scotland, in 1824, and his wife in Detroit, in 1836. They have two daughters: Mrs. Corbett; and Annie, wife of William M. Anger, who resides on the lake front in Maidstone, and they have two children, Mary L. and Walter J.

Mrs. Corbett grew up at her present home, to which Mr. Corbett has added ninety acres, and upon which he made extensive improvements, the farm now comprising 390 acres. He is engaged in stock raising and grain farming, and has been very successful in all his ventures.

Six children have been born to Peter Corbett and wife: (1) James T., born in 1883, was two years a student of practical science at Toronto, making a specialty of engineering; and he also took a collegiate course at Windsor. He is now at home, an able young man. (2) Charles was born in 1885, and is at home. (3) Annie E. was born in 1888, and is at home. (4) Sarah was born in 1891. (5) Grace was born in 1894. (6) Edith was born in 1899.

Religiously the family are connected with the Presbyterian Church, as are the Patillos. Politically Mr. Corbett has always given his support to the Reform party, and in 1896 he was

elected reeve of Maidstone, which position he held for five years. He is one of the members of the board of license commissioners of the North Riding district for the granting of licenses, and he has been chairman of same for the past two years. Fraternally he is a member of the Canadian Order of Foresters, of Elmsted, County of Essex. As a farmer, business man and public official, Mr. Corbett has faithfully discharged every duty laid upon him, and proved himself a man well worthy of the confidence and high esteem of his fellow townsmen.

GEORGE EEDE, a prosperous farmer of Gosfield South, has the farm upon which his father, George Eede, located shortly after coming to this country, and where he has met with success, due to energy, perseverance and upright dealings.

George Eede was born Jan. 6, 1851, in the house that stood until 1903, son of George and Elizabeth (Arner) Eede, mentioned elsewhere. He received a common school education, and as a boy, with his brothers, assisted his father in clearing the land. Mr. Eede owns 200 acres in Lots 5 and 6, 4th section, 110 of which is cleared. He engages in general farming, and is one of the very thrifty farmers of his neighborhood. In 1896 he erected a large brick house, that would attract attention even in a city, and there he and his family make their home.

In politics Mr. Eede is a Reformer, and he has never aspired to public office. In religious matters he is a member of the Baptist Church.

On Dec. 25, 1878, Mr. Eede was united in marriage with Emily Fox, who was born in Colchester South, Sept. 7, 1856, daughter of Peter and Jane (Stockwell) Fox, farming people of Essex, and members of prominent pioneer families. To this happy union the following children have been born, all of whom are still living and all but one of whom are at home: Annie, Albert, Eliza, Mary and Martha. Albert married Valeria Wigle, and now resides on a part of the homestead farm.

Mr. Eede is very highly esteemed among his neighbors for his integrity and reliable business methods, while personally he endears himself to those who know him by his courteous, genial manner, and kind treatment of all. At the present time he is serving as road commissioner.

JOSEPH McFADDEN, a well-known agriculturist of Tilbury West township, County of

Essex, was born in Kilmore, County Armagh, Ireland, May 13, 1847. His ancestry back to the time of Queen Elizabeth belongs to the Church of England branch of the family.

John McFadden, the grandfather of Joseph McFadden, was also born in Ireland, and there followed farming. He spent his life as a small farmer. He was also a devoted member of the Church of England. He also belonged to the Masonic fraternity and to the Loyal Orange Association. In politics he was a Conservative. James McFadden married Mary Smith, who also lived and died in Ireland. They reared a family of eight children, namely: James, deceased; William John, who died in 1898; James, who resides on the old home; Joseph; Mary Jane, deceased wife of John Mitchell; Elizabeth, widow of William Halligan, of Delray, Michigan; and two who died young.

Joseph McFadden was educated in the parish schools in his native land. He worked on the home farm with his father, and then learned the weaving trade, at which he was employed until 1869, when he decided to find a new home across the ocean. Shipping at Belfast, he reached Liverpool, and then took passage on the steamship "Batavia" for Boston, and when he landed in that city was the possessor of three half-sovereigns. Taking good care of this little capital, he made his way to New Market, New Hampshire, and there found employment in the picking room at the cotton mills, for which he was to receive \$1.20 a day, and there he spent an industrious year. He then went to Rockport, where he was employed four years in cutting paving stones for the streets of Boston, New York and Brooklyn. During his six years in New England he managed to save the sum of \$1,200, a pretty sure indication that he had no bad habits of any kind, and that he had strength of will sufficient to be self-denying. With this capital, so honestly earned, in 1875 he came to Canada and located at Comber, Ont., where he was employed at different occupations in the various mills, for another six years. During this time he purchased his present farm of fifty acres on Lot 8, Concession 8. It was all wild bush land at the time, needing every kind of improvement, and it required years of steady industry to place it in its present fine condition. Mr. McFadden cleared his land, put it under cultivation, erected comfortable houses for his family and his cattle, and for the past quarter of a century has been engaged in successful farming and stock raising.

In politics Mr. McFadden is a staunch Conservative, and takes a deep interest in the party's success. For the past nine years he has been trustee of School No. 4, and his concern in educational matters is so well known that he was chosen one of the members of the building committee that completed the high school at Comber. In 1903 he was elected councillor of Tilbury West. He has always been interested in local enterprises, and was a stockholder and director, and for three years treasurer, of the cheese factory.

In religious belief, like his forefathers, Mr. McFadden is devoted to the Church of England, and is warden in the local church. He is one of the active members of the Loyal Orange Association of Comber, No. 1198, and has been its treasurer since 1882. For several years Mr. McFadden served also as county treasurer of that body, taking a profound interest in it and its principles.

On July 4, 1870, Mr. McFadden married, near New Market, New Hampshire, Mary A. Breen, born in County Armagh, Ireland, Aug. 1, 1845, daughter of Henry Breen and sister of William Breen, a well-known farmer of Tilbury West. Eight children have been born to this marriage: Lizzie, wife of William Henry Wright, a farmer of Tilbury West, and mother of four children, Clayton, Aerial, Emery and Orille; James Henry, on the homestead; William Joseph, a farmer of Tilbury West, who married Luititia Heiser, and has one son, Roy; Isabelle, wife of Samuel Lynn, of Tilbury West township; Albert John; Annie Louise; Sarah and George. Mr. and Mrs. McFadden have reared their children in the faith of the Church of England, and they belong to the congregation at Comber.

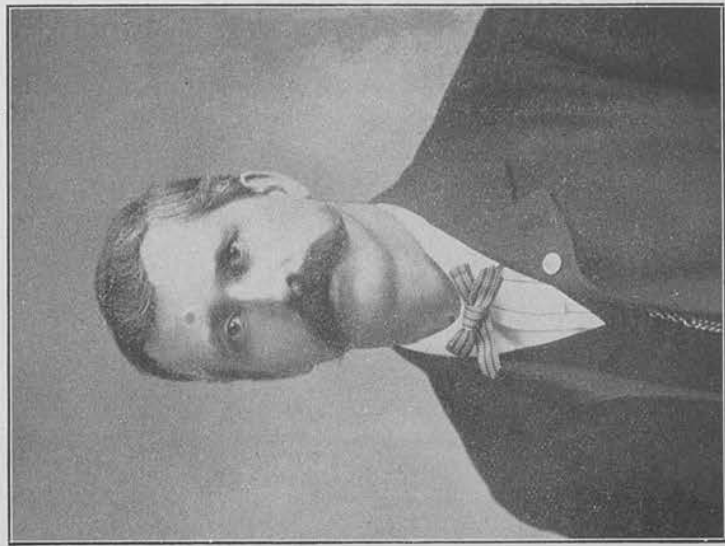
Mr. McFadden is a self-made man, and as such deserves far more attention and respect than one who has had every path made straight for him. The attributes which have contributed to his success are those which redound to his credit, honesty, industry, strict attention to the details of his work, whether for an employer, for the public or for himself, and a provident saving which makes him able as the evening of life approaches, to look about him on most satisfactory accomplishments. He has reared a fine family of children, and has given them educational advantages far beyond any he received himself. Mr. McFadden is one of the first-class citizens of Tilbury West, in every particular, and deserves the esteem in which he is held.

EMMANUEL DESMARAIS, a successful merchant and postmaster at Chevalier, Tilbury North, is one of the self-made men of that section. By his own efforts he has acquired a thorough education and gained a business position second to none in his locality outside of the large cities. He is a native of the township of Tilbury North, born Dec. 4, 1865, at Stony Point, County of Essex.

Francois Desmarais, his paternal grandfather, left the Province of Quebec to buy furs from the Indians in the Northwest Territory for the Hudson Bay Co., remaining there for eighteen years. He then came back to Montreal, was married to Marie Collard, and with his young wife came to settle on Lake Huron, then a wild country where he engaged in the fishery business. Not satisfied with this he took his family to Stony Point, where he bought a fifty-acre tract, which he improved, settling down to farming for the rest of his life. He died in 1849, aged seventy-six years, and was buried in the cemetery of the Catholic Church at Stony Point. Always a member of that church, he attended first St. Peter's and later the Church of the Annunciation. In politics he was a Liberal.

Paul Desmarais, son of Francois, was born at Goderich, on Lake Huron, Feb. 25, 1833, and came with his parents to Stony Point, where he grew to manhood on the farm, assisting with the work at home. In due time he bought a farm of fifty acres in Concession 1, Lot 8, and began life as a farmer on his own account. Living first in a log cabin on wild land, he cleared up his property, improved it, built a good frame house, and is still operating the place himself, although now over seventy-five years old. He is a Conservative in politics, and in religious belief a Catholic, a member of the Church of the Annunciation.

Mr. Desmarais has been twice married, his first union, on Oct. 1, 1853, being to Celina Parent, who was born at Belle River, in Rochester township, this county, daughter of Oliver Parent. She was the mother of twelve children, as follows: Sophie, now the widow of Anthony Morrison; Tarcile, late wife of Norris Winegarden; Onesime, who died young; Nil, a farmer of Tilbury North; Louise, who married Moses Piette, of Detroit; Susan, who died at the age of twenty-one years; Emmanuel; Clovis, a farmer of Tilbury North; Agnes, deceased wife of Charles Dam; Delina, wife of Levi Pangborn, of Windsor; and two who died in infancy. Mrs.



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Desmarais, a hardworking woman who had devoted her life to her family, died on the farm July 15, 1885, aged fifty-four years, and was buried in the Stony Point cemetery. She was a devout member of the Catholic Church. For his second wife Mr. Desmarais married, in 1886, Jennette Miron, widow of Peter Peters, of Pike Creek. No family has come to this union.

Emmanuel Desmarais was born in the old log house built when his father first bought the place. He attended the schools of Stony Point, where he learned both English and French, and was at the same time able to help considerably on the farm. When he was twelve years old he went to the Catholic school at Windsor for one year. This only whetted his desire for a still better education, and he next went to the Assumption College, at Sandwich, Ont., where he spent two years studying, although to do so he was obliged to go in debt to meet his expenses. After leaving college Mr. Desmarais spent one season at home, the fall of 1883, and then secured a position at Pike Creek, Ont., which proved to be the beginning of a prosperous business career. He was employed there for six years as a bookkeeper and confidential clerk to Cada & Mailloux, flour manufacturers, but on account of ill health was then obliged to resign, and for a year was agent for the Chatham Harvester Company. He next held a similar position with John Elliott & Sons, of London, Ont., manufacturers of farm implements, for one more year, and during the next five was agent for Messrs. Harris & Sons, the well-known manufacturers of agricultural machinery. During all this time he made his home at Stony Point. In 1893 he bought out the grocery stock of Ernest Dumouchelle, at Pike Creek, where he conducted a most flourishing business. In 1896, however, he brought his stock to Stony Point and opened up a store, where he has since had a larger trade in general merchandise than any other house in the county outside of the large cities. He carries a stock worth more than \$10,000, comprising dry goods, groceries, boots and shoes, ready-made clothing, hardware, crockery, paints and oils, fencing and fencing wire, cedar posts, coal, etc., in fact everything which should be included in the stock of an up-to-date general store, and much more than the average merchant considers necessary. He conducts his business with great energy, ability and sound judgment, and is well known for his honesty and honorable dealings. His school debt

was soon paid off, he did much to help his parents, and is now well established himself.

On Sept. 18, 1888, Mr. Desmarais was married, at Pike Creek, to Miss Lumina Jacques, who was born in St. Bartholomew, County of Berthier, Sept. 26, 1866, and they have had seven children, namely: Mary Ann, Catherine, Joseph E. (who died in infancy), Marguerite, Laurentia, Joseph Paul, and Celina Ernestine.

Mr. Desmarais is a man of gifts and attainments much above the average, and has inevitably become a leader in the community, where he is held in the greatest esteem and honor. In spite of his extensive business interests, he has always found time to take part in public life, and has filled several positions of trust. A strong Liberal in his views, he was elected to the council of the township for four years, was a school trustee for Stony Point for one year, was a trustee for the village for three years, and in 1902 was appointed postmaster at Chevalier, to succeed H. R. Marion. In the Catholic Order of Foresters he is a prominent figure, as he was one of the organizers of the local court, was chief ranger for four years, and was delegate to the courts at Brantford and Pembroke, Ont. The family are all members of the Catholic Church at Stony Point.

Joseph and Catherine (Roy) Jacques, the parents of Mrs. Desmarais, are both natives of the village of St. Bartholomew, County of Berthier, Quebec, the father born July 30, 1829, the mother Sept. 9, 1830. They were married there July 15, 1851, and there continued to live until 1871, in which year they removed to the County of Essex. Their first location in this county was at Tecumseh, where Mr. Jacques followed his trade of blacksmith for a few years, and thence they removed to Pike Creek, where they have ever since made their home. Here he purchased fifty acres of wild land which he operated in connection with his trade, though his son Eugene now carries on the blacksmithing business. Mr. Jacques is a strong Liberal and an active worker, though not an office-seeker. He and his wife are members of the Catholic Church. The following children have been born to them: Emelina married Lazarre Brule, of Detroit, Michigan; Raymond is a blacksmith at Tecumseh, Ont.; Miss Cordelia lives with her parents at Pike Creek; Alphonsine, a Sister of Providence of Montreal, is deceased; Mederic is a resident of Anaconda, Montana; Emile is at Rat Portage, Ont.; Alexandrine died young; Eu-

gene is with his parents, and operates the home farm; Lumina is the wife of Emmanuel Desmarais; Clovis, of Anaconda, Montana, is a blacksmith; Zenon and Marie Octavie died young.

WILLIAM H. SWEETMAN, a prominent lumberman and farmer on Lot 19, Concession 8, Colchester North, County of Essex, was born April 24, 1853, in Seugog township, County of Ontario, son of William and Ann (Vincent) Sweetman, one of the pioneer families of Ontario.

Michael and Rachel (McCague) Sweetman, paternal grandparents of William H., came to Canada prior to the war of 1812, and of their children, Patrick, still residing in the County of Ontario, is the only surviving member. The maternal grandfather, William Vincent, served as a soldier under Gen. Brock, and was wounded at the river Rouse, near the Detroit river. After the war he settled in the County of Durham, but later removed to the County of Ontario, where he died, leaving a family of sons and daughters.

William Sweetman was born in the County of Ontario, in 1829. For some years after his marriage, he lived in his native county, but in 1870 removed with his family to the County of Essex, settling as a farmer in Gosfield South township. His farm was at that time all wild land, but this he cleared, and lived to enjoy some of its fruits, dying in March, 1898. His widow, Ann Vincent, who was born in Nottingham, England, in 1829, still resides on the old homestead. They had a large family born to them, as follows: (1) Sophia, born in the County of Ontario, is the wife of James Jordan, of the County of Durham. (2) Frederick, born in the County of Ontario, married (second) Mrs. Waltmon, of the County of Essex, and they reside on a farm in Colchester North, near that of our subject; he has had three sons, William, who was accidentally killed; and Oscar and Wyman. (3) William H. is the third child and second son of this family. (4) Hannah is the wife of Oliver Abbott, a farmer in Colchester South; she has four sons and six daughters. (5) John, born in the County of Ontario, married and settled as a farmer in Gosfield North; he has one daughter and four sons. (6) Michael married Elizabeth Elford, and settled on a farm in Colchester North; they have one daughter and two sons. (7) Henrietta is the wife of Edward Lansing, of Colchester North, and has two children, Albert and Elsie.

By a former marriage to Richard Stewart, she had two children, Anne and Richard. (8) Caroline married Joseph Williamson, of Gosfield South, and they have two sons and four daughters. (9) George, born in the County of Essex, married Mary Thorpe, and settled on the old home farm in Gosfield South. They have seven daughters. Almost all members of this family are well fixed in a financial way, and are rearing families of their own.

William H. Sweetman was educated in the Counties of Ontario and Essex, remaining on the home place until grown to manhood. In 1878, in association with his brother Frederick, he embarked in a sawmill business. They purchased land in Colchester North, Gosfield, and other sections, and have followed lumbering and farming up to the present time. Mr. Sweetman owns a large amount of land, probably 800 acres in the County of Essex, all well adapted to his purposes. In 1899 he erected his present comfortable home.

In September, 1899, Mr. Sweetman married Maggie E. Armstrong, of Strathroy, Ont., daughter of Thomas L. and Sarah (Lytle) Armstrong, an old family of the County of Middlesex, who came from Ireland. Mrs. Sweetman had been one of the popular and successful teachers of Strathroy for over ten years, of Gosfield for some years, and she had also been engaged in teaching in Michigan. Since their marriage they have resided upon Mr. Sweetman's fine farm.

Politically Mr. Sweetman is an independent. In 1893 he was elected a member of the Colchester council, and served for one year, but has never aspired for political honors. Both he and his most estimable wife are members of the Methodist Church.

Mrs. Sweetman's parents have both passed away; the other members of the family were: Miss Mary, who has been a teacher at Strathroy for twenty-five years; Sarah, who is the wife of Milton Cummingford, of Strathroy; Edith, wife of Charles Abshear, of Fort Worth, Texas; John, the editor of the *Sarnia Observer*, who married Bessie Steedman; and Irwin, a machinist of Strathroy. Mrs. Sweetman is a refined, cultivated lady. She is a graduate of the Toronto Normal School, and spent seventeen years in teaching, during which time she attracted to her many friends. Both she and Mr. Sweetman are noted for their hospitality, and for the gentle courtesies as well as the sterling virtues which command respect and esteem.

STANISLAUS LASSALINE, who is one of the revered and honored citizens of Sandwich, County of Essex, was born in the town of Sandwich, the capital town of the County of Essex, July 25, 1825, son of Joseph Lassaline, also a native of Sandwich, and grandson of Paul Poisson di Lassaline, a native of la St. Onjue, France, whose birth occurred in 1757. About 1786 the latter emigrated to Ontario, and settled in Sandwich, where he followed milling. During the period of the war of 1812, when the Americans occupied Sandwich, they rented the mill for 100 shillings per week, and the father of our subject ground grain for the American soldiers with his two windmills. At that time flour sold at the mill for a shilling a pound. This historic mill was owned by the grandfather until his death, in 1833, at the age of seventy-six years. He was married in Sandwich to Miss Leduque, a native of Canada, and to this union were born six children: Paul, Joseph, Felix, Archange, Theresa and Phylis.

Joseph Lassaline, the father of Stanislaus, was born in Sandwich in 1788. He served in the war of 1812 as a gunner, and was also in the Rebellion of 1837. Like his father he followed milling, and became a worthy and influential man. In 1824 he married Monique Campeau, by whom he had the following children: Stanislaus, John, Mary Ann, Victoria, Celema, Felix (who died young); and a daughter (who died young, and whose name is not known). Joseph Lassaline died in 1854, at the age of sixty-six, and his wife in 1868.

Stanislaus Lassaline was born in Sandwich, July 25, 1825, and has spent almost eighty years in this his native town. On reaching manhood he learned the cabinetmaker's trade, which he followed for many years, and in connection with which he engaged quite extensively in the manufacture of furniture, in which he was joined by his three sons. After being twice burned out, he transferred the furniture and undertaking business to Windsor, and placed it in charge of his three sons, Victor, Eugene and Joseph, who have developed it into one of the best establishments of its kind in Western Ontario. At present Mr. Lassaline is retired from active business, although he is still to be found in the furniture store, his active mind refusing to allow him to enjoy the ease his years of labor have earned for him.

In 1850 Mr. Lassaline married Miss Roda Poget, daughter of Capt. C. Poget, of the Rebel-

lion of 1837. To Mr. and Mrs. Lassaline were born the following children: Victor, Philip, Anna, Eliza, Eugene, Joseph, Matilda, John and Annie. Victor, who resides in Toronto, married Rose Marentette, and they have six children, Jerry, Eddie, Raymond, Wilfred, Lottie and Paul. Eugene married Bridget Ann Murphy, and has seven children, Marie, Helen, Stanley, Wilfred, Beatrice, Francis and Mary. Joseph married Margarete Hanretty, and has eight children, Catherine, Mary P., Lillian, Phylis, Florence, Margarete, Royal and Joe. Matilda married Adolph Allen, and has three children. Eliza married Thomas Mears, and has four children, their daughter, Etta, being married and the mother of one son; their other children are Ella, Grace and John. Annie is unmarried and resides at home. The mother of this family died May 27, 1901. Politically Mr. Lassaline is a Liberal, and he is a consistent member of the Roman Catholic Church of the Assumption, of Sandwich.

EVERETT M. BEE, a prosperous farmer and fruit grower of Mersea township, who is very prominently identified with its horticultural interests, was born Sept. 21, 1839, in Gosfield township, a son of Edward and Elizabeth (Burrows) Bee.

Edward Bee was born in Nottingham, England, where he was well educated and where he engaged in farming prior to emigrating to Canada. He came to the Dominion on the sailing vessel, the "Ajax," by way of New York, thence to Hamilton, Ont. Soon after he settled in the County of Essex, buying a tract of 100 acres of land in Mersea township. There he erected a log house, and cleared and improved his farm, which he later sold, and, removing to Kingsville, there passed the balance of his life, and there he died at the age of ninety-eight years, at the home of his son William. In politics he was a Conservative; in religion, a Methodist. His marriage was to Elizabeth Burrows, born also in Nottinghamshire, who died at the age of fifty-eight years, and was interred in the cemetery at Kingsville. Their three children were: William, a farmer and business man of Fredericksburg, Iowa; Everett M.; Martha, wife of William Cascadden, of Gosfield township.

Everett M. Bee was born in a log cabin, and was reared on his father's farm under pioneer conditions. His early education was obtained at the district schools, this being supplemented by

a commercial course at a Detroit College. After his return he was offered a position, which he accepted, of bookkeeper with the business firm of Solomon Wigle & Son, being also confidential clerk, and he remained with this firm for ten years in Leamington. In 1873 he embarked in a mercantile business with Alfred and J. H. Wigle as partners, Alfred Wigle soon retiring, and the others carrying on the business for two years. Mr. Bee then purchased Mr. Wigle's interest, and conducted the business alone for eighteen years, with the exception of a short period when Edward Bachelor had an interest in the business.

When Mr. Bee closed out his business in Leamington, he removed to Windsor, and lived a life of ease in that beautiful city for six years. When he decided to return to business activity again, he returned to Leamington and located on the lake front, where he purchased a tract of sixty acres, which he called "Bay Shore," and which he has devoted mainly to fruit and tobacco culture, having twenty acres in peaches, twelve in apples, and a large acreage in tobacco. Here he has erected one of the finest homes in the township, at a cost of not less than \$3,000, which is fitted with hot and cold water, bath and gas, and is furnished with great taste and luxury. Mr. Bee has a gas well on his premises, and has his own private water supply, which is run by a hydraulic engine.

Mr. Bee married Mary Harris, who was born at Kingsville, daughter of Henry Harris, and is a lady of education, culture and refinement. One child was born to Mr. and Mrs. Bee, but it passed away in infancy, and they adopted two orphans, a son and daughter, namely: Earl and Clara, both of whom are receiving educational advantages.

In politics Mr. Bee is a staunch Conservative. He was one of the incorporators of the town, and served for three years as a very useful member of the town council. Fraternally he belongs to the I.O.O.F. and the United Workmen. Mr. Bee is a self-made man, starting out in life a poor boy, and his success is but another instance of the rewards which attend industry, temperance, ability and honesty. He is known to be a man of sterling integrity, and numbers among his friends many of the leading citizens of the town and township.

THOMAS G. FERRISS, the owner and proprietor of the finest and best equipped livery establishment in Windsor, is also one of the

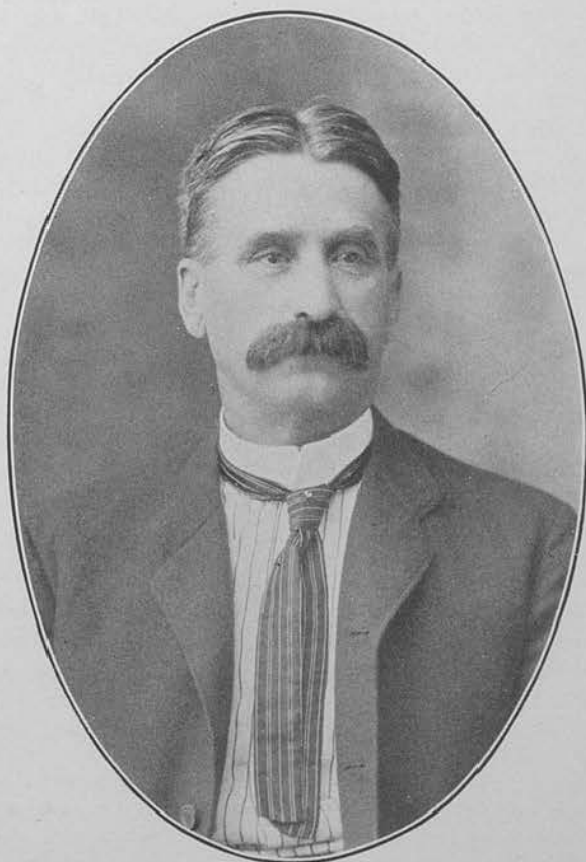
city's leading business men. He is descended from one of the leading families of the County of Essex.

The great-grandfather of Mr. Ferriss was a United Empire Loyalist, having come to Canada from the States about the time of the Revolutionary war, and settled in Bois Blanc, a part of the County of Essex. His family consisted of three sons and two daughters, namely: John, Isaac, Samuel, Polly and Esther.

John Ferriss, the grandfather of Thomas G., was born in 1795, in Bois Blanc, and died in 1882 in Toronto. He married a lady named McCormick, who was born in 1797, in the County of Essex, and their children were: Mathew, who died in 1899, in Manitoba; John, deceased; Mary, the wife of Alexander Quick, of Essex South; Joseph was a farmer and wagon-maker of Essex South; Sarah, deceased, who was the wife of James Waddell; Elizabeth, deceased wife of Charles Wright; and William who died in 1900, in Essex South.

John Ferriss (2), son of John, and father of Thomas G., was born in 1816, in the County of Essex, where he followed farming, spending his whole life in his native country. He became prominent in politics, was for many years a member of the county council, and was also reeve of his township. His death took place in 1897. His wife bore the maiden name of Hannah Renwick, and she was born in 1822, in the County of Kent, of English parentage, and now resides on the old homestead in South Essex. The Ferriss children were a hardy lot, and grew to manhood and womanhood, intelligent and much esteemed. Their names are: Miss Malinda, who resides at South Essex; Malcolm, born in 1849, who followed farming until 1880, when he went to the North-west where he became a land dealer, for nine years was provincial land inspector and is now engaged in a real estate business at Portage la Prairie, Manitoba; Thomas G., of Windsor; and Arthur R., a farmer of South Essex, who married Nora Malott, and they have two children, Eddie and Sidney.

Thomas G. Ferriss was born Sept. 7, 1854, on the old Ferriss homestead, in Colchester township, County of Essex, and remained on the home farm until he was twenty years of age. He then made a trip to the North-west and took up a homestead in Manitoba, to which he gave his attention for four years, at the end of this time selling to advantage. Embarking in the real estate business in partnership with N. H.



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Stevens, of Chatham, and John Rankin, under the firm name of Ferriss, Rankin & Stevens, Mr. Ferriss found a wide field for his energies, and the firm continued to prosper. In 1882 he engaged in the horse business, in which he continued to be interested until 1893, when he disposed of his holdings in the North-west and returned to Windsor. In August of the same year, he purchased the livery property of William McGregor, ex-M. P., which was located on the site now occupied by Lassaline Bros.' furniture store. This property was totally destroyed by fire in April, 1900, and although the loss was great, it was a gain to the city for it caused the erection of the present establishment, which is the most commodious, sanitary and best equipped in all Western Ontario. It is located at the corner of Pitt and Ferry Streets, and is 56 x 90 feet in dimensions, three stories in height, with basement, and accommodations on the second floor for the stabling of sixty horses. On the first floor is located the office, and also a complete line of carriages and conveyances of every style, it being the aim of Mr. Ferriss to suit every taste, and to be able to fill any demand made upon him. In addition to this large livery business he deals in horses, buying and shipping and during the South African War he was particularly busy.

While in the North-west, Mr. Ferriss gave some attention to politics, and served for four years on the council of Portage la Prairie, but since returning to Windsor he has devoted his entire attention to his extensive business. Politically he is a Reformer, and fraternally a member of Windsor Lodge, No. 42, A. F. & A. M., and of the A. O. U. W.

In 1885 Mr. Ferriss was married, in the North-west, to Miss Emma Smart, daughter of W. R. Smart, of Caledonia, formerly of Scotland, and the children born to this union are: Gordon, Josephine, Paul, Alexander, and Helen and Ruth, twins. Mr. Ferriss is regarded as one of the progressive, enterprising and public-spirited citizens of Windsor, fully awake to modern conditions and capable of meeting them.

GEORGE W. COATSWORTH, township clerk and treasurer of Gosfield South, belongs to one of the early settled families of the County of Essex.

John Coatsworth, his grandfather, was born in the County of Durham, England, and was there married (first) to Mary Watson, to whom

were born two children: Joseph, father of our subject; and Hannah, deceased, who married Solomon Iler. He married (second) Ann Russell, and to them was born Ann, who is the widow of John Otis, who resides at Clairville, California. In April, 1817, accompanied by his wife and children, John Coatsworth left England for America. The family resided at Buffalo, New York, for one and a half years, and then came to Canada, settling on Lot 222, Talbot Road South, in Mersea township, County of Essex, drawing this tract through Col. Talbot, in May, 1819. Soon after locating on this land, he was taken with fever, due to the change of climate, and from the effects of which he died in the succeeding December.

Joseph Coatsworth was born June 26, 1805, in England, and was twelve years old when the family came to America. After his father's death he went to Amherstburg, but the other members of the family remained in Mersea. He apprenticed himself to a Mr. Innis, to learn the tanning business. In 1833 he returned to Gosfield township, and settled on Lot 7, Concession 1, Eastern Division, at a village called Albertville, which has since nearly passed out of existence. There he embarked in the tannery business, which he carried on extensively, it being an important industry in that section at the time, but he discontinued it in 1860, when he purchased a farm, thereafter devoting his time to its care and to the duties of official life. In 1848 he was appointed justice of the peace; in 1852-1854 elected councillor; in 1855 reeve; and in 1857 he was appointed township clerk, which office he held for twenty-one years, the office having been in the family for nearly half a century. In 1848 he was appointed postmaster at Gosfield and held that office for twenty years, and the old post office desk is now in the possession of our subject. Until his death he served as a justice of the peace, and even adjudicated a case three days before his death, having remained strong and vigorous to the last. He passed away July 8, 1891, at the age of eighty-six years. He was one of the strong, upright and honorable men of affairs in his locality, was a consistent member of the Reform party, and, according to his character, boldly upheld its principles. Equally zealous was he as a supporter of the tenets of the Methodist Church, serving as its recording steward for nearly fifty years, and actively working in its interest until the close of his useful life.

Mr. Coatsworth married four times. His first union was with Esther Iler, daughter of Jacob Iler, and the children born to this marriage were as follows: Ann, born Oct. 27, 1829, died in 1852, wife of A. M. Wigle, of Ruthven; Miss Elizabeth, of Leamington, was born Oct. 19, 1831; Hannah, born March 6, 1834, died Dec. 27, 1902, wife of Alanson Elliott of Colchester. The second marriage of Justice Coatsworth was to Sarah Wigle, daughter of John Wigle, and their children were: Susan, born May 3, 1835, is the widow of George H. Mills, of Leamington; John, born in February, 1837, died aged eight months; Solomon, born July 4, 1838, married Lavina Thornton, and is a successful farmer in Gosfield South; Lucinda, born June 11, 1840, died May 5, 1880, wife of Enoch Malott; George Watson, born Nov. 27, 1842, is mentioned below; Nancy Jane died in childhood, aged two years and five months; Robert W., born Dec. 26, 1847, died in Gosfield township, April 9, 1879; he married Laura Scratch, and left two daughters.

The third marriage of Mr. Coatsworth was to Jane Godwin, and the two children of this marriage were: William R., born Dec. 29, 1849; and Sarah J., born June 5, 1852, both deceased. Mr. Coatsworth married for his fourth wife Catherine, widow of Michael Fox, and the two daughters of this marriage are both residents of Kingsville—Miss Mary, born Nov. 27, 1855, and Miss Etta, born May 3, 1860.

George W. Coatsworth was born Nov. 27, 1842, on Lot 7, Concession 1, East Division, and he attended the neighboring school when Jasper Golden was in charge, completing his education there. He cared for his parents as long as they lived, following farming as his occupation. Like his father he has been obliged to devote much attention to matters of a public nature, his fellow-citizens honoring him with many tokens of their esteem and confidence. He served as assessor of Gosfield before the division, in 1885, 1886 and 1887. At the division of the township of Gosfield into North and South, in 1888, he was appointed clerk, holding the office ever since. In 1898 he was made township treasurer, and his administration of both offices meets with the approval of the whole constituency.

In the Methodist Church at Kingsville Mr. Coatsworth is much valued and has taken an official part for many years, at present serving as trustee, class-leader and superintendent of

the Sunday-school. For the past twenty-one years he has served as trustee, secretary and treasurer of School Section No. 3, and he is also secretary and treasurer of the South Essex Agricultural Society, an organization he has thus served for ten years. In addition, he is an interested and useful officer of the South Essex Farmers' Institute, of which he is secretary and treasurer. His fraternal connection unites him with the A. O. U. W. of Kingsville. In political views he is a Liberal.

On Dec. 4, 1867, Mr. Coatsworth was united in marriage with Agnes Wilson, who was born in Scotland, and who accompanied her parents in childhood to Canada. To them have been born: (1) Joseph Wilson, born Feb. 27, 1869, in the employ of the Page Wire Fence Company at Walkerville, married Lucy Brundage, and they have two children, Josephine A., born Feb. 25, 1897, and Edith, born Jan. 30, 1899. (2) Mary Agnes died aged fourteen months. (3) Martha Lucinda died when one month old. (4) Hugh, born Jan. 9, 1879, is residing on the home place; he married Edna Malott, daughter of Leonard Malott.

Few citizens of this locality are better known and very few more highly respected than Mr. Coatsworth. The family has long been one prominent in political, religious, agricultural and social circles in Gosfield township.

DENNIS DOWNING, a prominent farmer of the County of Essex, located on Lot 302, Talbot Road, in Sandwich South, was born April 4, 1849, on his present farm, son of Dennis and Hanora (Whoolhan) Downing, both of whom were born in County Kerry, Ireland.

These parents emigrated to the State of Pennsylvania, where they married, and in 1820, came to Canada, settling in Sandwich South. There Mr. Downing became a land agent under Col. Talbot, serving a number of years, and as he was a man of education, he was made superintendent and teacher of the schools in that district for a number of years also. He was the first magistrate of that section of the county, and he was called upon for an extended period to execute wills and all legal papers. Although he lived on a farm, his time was generally occupied in mental instead of physical labor. The death of his wife in 1856 left him with a family of five sons and three daughters, some of whom he survived, living to old age and dying in 1891. In politics he was a Conservative, and he was connected with official life for a number of

years, his offices including that of reeve of Sandwich. His religious duties were never neglected, and he was one of the founders of the Catholic Church in Sandwich. His children were as follows: James married in the States, and settled in Kansas, where he died, leaving one daughter, Catherine; John, born in Sandwich, married and engaged in a grocery business in Detroit, and has three children, Mary, Charlotte and Nellie; Mary, deceased, was the wife of Michael McCarthy, who lives in Sandwich South, and had children, Frank, Arthur, Fred, Nora, Josephine and Victoria; Cornelius, born at the old home, married a resident of Kansas, and has a family of two sons and three daughters; Ellen died in young womanhood; Alexander removed from Sandwich after marriage, to Bay City, Michigan, and engaged in railroading until his death; Hanora, born in 1847, is the wife of Jeremiah Driscoll, of Walkerville, and they have these children, John, Florence, Thomas and Mary; and Dennis.

Dennis Downing was educated mainly by his father, and he became the farmer at the homestead. His father remained in his care during his declining years and received filial attention. In 1880 Mr. Downing married Catherine Burk, a member of a very old county family. Mrs. Downing died in 1888, leaving three children, namely: Gertrude, who died in childhood; Catherine, who resides on the old homestead; and Gertrude (2), who was born in 1886, and is a student.

During the war of 1836-37-38, the father of Mr. Downing was the captain of a company, which he organized himself, and he served all through the war. Like his father our subject has always been identified with the Conservative party. Religiously he belongs to the Catholic Church. Mr. Downing stands very high in public esteem. He is a worthy representative of one of the most prominent and enterprising men who assisted in the early development of this section.

JOHN J. LATAM, a well-known fruit grower and local preacher of Mersea township, County of Essex, residing on Concession 5, was born on the same concession, June 2, 1852.

James Latam, grandfather of John J. Latam, was a native of Ohio, where he was married. Later he brought his family to Ontario, locating in Gosfield township, County of Essex, later removing to Mersea township, the same county.

He was a wagonmaker by occupation, and a most worthy and good man.

Comfort Latam, son of James, was born at Cincinnati, and was brought by his parents to Gosfield township. He received but a limited education, but made the best of his opportunities. Like his father, he later removed to Mersea township, where he engaged in farming, and died at the age of sixty-six years, firm in the faith of the Methodist Church, of which he was an earnest member. During his long and upright life, he made many warm friends, and gained the confidence and respect of all with whom he had any dealings. Comfort Latam married Caroline Fulmer, born in Mersea township, daughter of John Fulmer. She died in 1902, and is buried beside her husband in the beautiful Olinda cemetery. Like him, she, too, was a member of the Methodist Church, and reared her family in the fear of the Lord. Five children were born to this worthy couple: John J.; Francis M., a resident of Red Deer, Northwest territory; Robert, who died young; Henry Wallace, a resident of Leamington; Herman Bruce, on the homestead.

John J. Latam was reared on the homestead with his father, and attended the public school. After he grew to manhood he went to Windsor, and, obtaining a teacher's certificate, he taught school for ten years in Gosfield and Mersea townships, meeting with unqualified success, and becoming one of the popular and well-known instructors of those localities. At the expiration of the decade, he bought forty acres of land on Concession 5, Lot 4, which he converted into a fine fruit farm, making a specialty of peaches. In 1898 he was unfortunate enough to lose 500 trees by the severe frost of that year, entailing a loss of \$1,000. Undismayed, he planted another orchard, and had an excellent orchard of 2,000 trees in bearing condition, until the winter of 1903-04 when he lost 1,500 trees by the hard frost. In addition to his fruit farm, he rents fifty acres, and devotes that property to general farming. Mr. Latam is thrifty, industrious and enterprising, and the success which has attended him is certainly well-merited. In politics he is a Liberal.

It is not, however, as a farmer, fruit grower or public-spirited man, that Mr. Latam is best known, but as a local preacher of rare eloquence and persuasive spirit, that he dwells in the hearts and minds of his neighbors and friends. Converted at the age of twenty-three years, he

embraced the faith of the Methodist church, and ever since he has been one of that church's most active and conscientious workers. For fifteen years he has taught a Bible class, expounding the truth of Scripture as only a man of his learning and deep thought can; he has been one of the best Sunday-school superintendents the township has ever known; he is a leader in all Sunday-school convention work, and always is sent as a delegate to such gatherings; he is trustee and recording steward of the church, and as a local preacher he has few equals, he officiating at Mount Carmel. His eloquence comes from the heart, and few who hear him can resist the power of his logic and the force of his pleading. Mr. Latam is especially successful in revivals, where his words of entreaty and Christian love never fail to bring many into the fold. Not content with resting upon the learning he already possesses, Mr. Latam is a close student of the Bible, and eagerly reads all matter pertaining to sacred subjects, which he believes will benefit him and his followers. The influence exerted by such a man, who carries out in his daily life the faith he preaches, can scarcely be overestimated. Certainly his life has been spent in his Master's work, and he is laying up for himself a rich reward for faithful, unselfish service both spiritually and in a material sense, for his purse is open to the needs of his beloved church. Mr. Latam married Eliza J. Bruner, born in Gosfield township, a daughter of Reuben Bruner. Mrs. Latam is a lady of high principles, who gives her husband the support of her ready sympathy in his work. The children which have come to bless their happy home are as follows: Goldwin H., a dry goods clerk at Toronto; Alaphus Maxwell, a butcher at Essex, who married Ruby Reid, of Leamington; Oliver Lester, who passed the senior leaving or equal to a first-class, certificate at the Leamington High school in 1904, and is now attending the model school in Windsor, preparing himself for a practical teacher; Mahlon, at home; Ada V.; Reuben; John M.; and Jacob S.

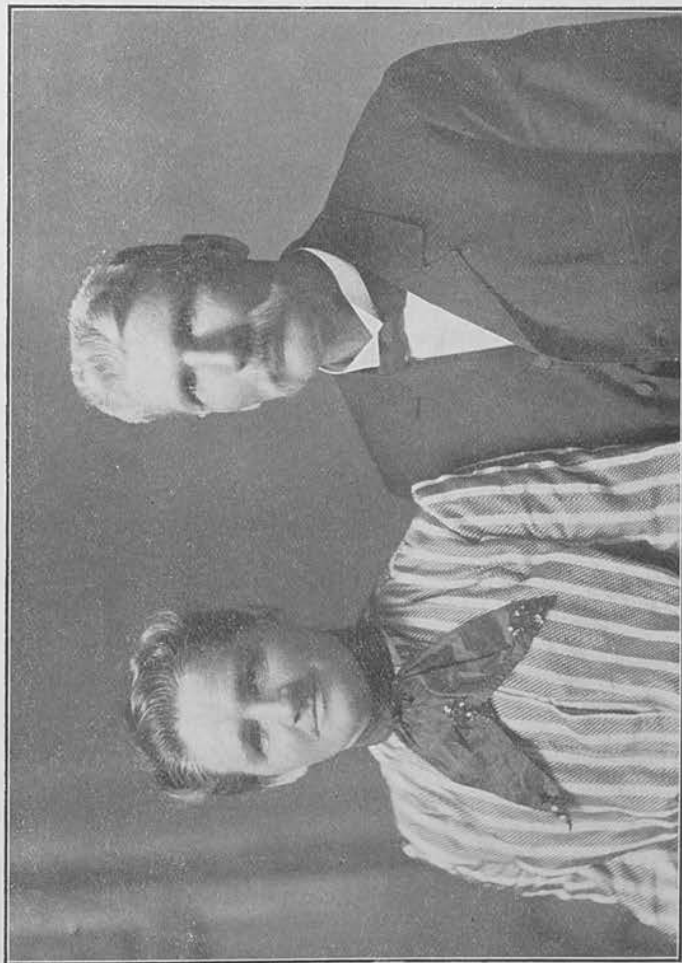
GILBERT DE LAURIER, a well-known citizen of Mersea township, was born there April 7, 1841, of French and English extraction.

Francis De Laurier, his grandfather, was born in France, and was there liberally educated and became a promising artist. Ambitious to see the world, in young manhood he came to America

and located at Detroit, Michigan, where he followed his artistic work. A large number of his fine paintings now adorn the old Catholic churches of that city, being gifts from this devoted son of the Church. His death took place in Detroit, where his memory is still cherished among its early patrons of art.

John Baptist De Laurier, son of Francis, and father of Gilbert, was born at Detroit, and there was educated by his careful and scholarly father. During the War of 1812 he was a volunteer soldier under Gen. William Henry Harrison, who afterward became President of the United States. After the close of the war, Mr. De Laurier came to Canada and located in Maidstone township, County of Essex, where he obtained a grant of land, part of the Col. Talbot grant. Later he came to Mersea township, where he was among the pioneers, purchasing a tract of land on which he lived until the close of his life. His death took place in 1873, and his burial was in Ruthven cemetery. For his services in the War of 1812, he received a pension from the American Government. He married Julia Hazel, born in Mersea township, daughter of Edward Hazel, who had settled in the County of Essex after the Revolution. A family of ten children was born to this union, as follows: Charles, deceased; Sarah Ann, wife of Henry Swatman; Susanna, wife of Thomas Lallie; Agnes, wife of Philip Cofell; John, William and Francis, all deceased; Edward; Richard; and Gilbert. The mother died on the homestead, and she was interred in Ruthven cemetery. She was a most worthy member of the Methodist Church.

Gilbert De Laurier attended the schools of his locality, although they were so limited in advantages that the pupils secured only the most elemental instruction. He kept employed on the homestead until his majority, when he went to Michigan, and there became interested in the fishing industry, in which he engaged for seven years on Lake St. Clair. After his return to Mersea township he followed fishing in those waters, and became possessed of three pounds along Lake Erie. In the meantime he had not neglected to secure some good farming land, and has successfully followed farming during his eighteen years of active life in the fisheries of this township. The present home farm was given Mrs. De Laurier by her father, Alexander Michie. Mr. De Laurier owns a large amount of fine stock, including cattle and horses of



Mary Delaurier Gilbert Delaurier

acknowledged pedigree. Much of his life has been healthfully passed in the open air, and to this he attributes his excellent health. He is a lover and admirer of Nature, particularly as it is found in his native land.

On Oct. 6, 1862, Mr. De Laurier was married, at Detroit, to Huldah Jane Draper, who was born in Newmarket, Ont., Aug. 31, 1843, daughter of John and Fanny (Kelly) Draper, natives, respectively of the County of York, Ont., and Ireland. John Draper was a cabinet maker. Mrs. De Laurier died March 19, 1875, and was buried in Ruthven cemetery. She was the mother of six children as follows: William, a resident of Detroit, married Maggie McComb; Richard died young; Frederick W. is in the fish business at Leamington, married Euphemia Foster, and has three children, Maurice, Otis, and Madeline; Judson, residing in Detroit, married Hila Buckson, and has two children; Julia married Frederick La Marsh, of Leamington, and has four children, Neda, Kathleen, Judson and Annie; and Annie married Thomas Butson, of Detroit, and has three children, Hazel, Alice and Gilbert.

On Nov. 6, 1878, Mr. De Laurier married Mary Elizabeth Michie, of Grosse Point, born March 17, 1856, daughter of Alexander and Catherine (McSpaden) Michie, the latter born in Mt. Clemens, Michigan. Mr. Michie was a man of English birth and large wealth. He resided at Grosse Point, Michigan, and is survived by a number of sons, who have become prominent men of business in various parts of the United States. His brother, Sir Archibald Michie, was at one time the attorney-general of Australia. Mrs. DeLaurier is a lady of many accomplishments and social graces, her education having been pursued under most favorable circumstances. Although an American by birth and a lover of her native land, and proud of the great accomplishments and the sterling character of the native citizens of the great republic, she still entertains a deep admiration for Canadian institutions, and a warm affection for the admirable people by whom she is surrounded. She has been a most devoted mother to a large family, viz.: Catherine, wife of Ernest Wigle, of Detroit; Rudolph, who died young; Hulda, who married George Appleford, of the Northwest Territory, and has one daughter, Mary E.; Jessie, Alexander, Charlotte, Ida and Gilbert, all at home; Sidney, who died young; and Minnie and James, at home. All have been given excellent educational advantages and are bright

representatives of the youth of the Dominion under the best circumstances. The family is religiously connected with the Baptist Church. In politics Mr. DeLaurier is a stanch Conservative, but will not accept the cares of public office. He is a man devoted to his home and family, where he is justly respected and beloved.

DAVID C. DEWHIRST, a prosperous farmer of Gosfield North, residing on Concession 10, Lot 16, has passed his whole life in the County of Essex. He was born in Rochester township Jan. 2, 1854, son of Charles and Julia (Mettie) Dewhirst, early settlers in the county.

George Dewhirst, grandfather of David G., came with his wife, Alice, from England, in 1823, and settled in Maidstone township, where they, with the Robinsons and the McKeons, were the only families. How hard life in the wild was in those days may be inferred from the fact that for some years these sturdy pioneers had to carry all their household supplies on their backs from Sandwich. The parents both died in this old homestead, leaving eleven children, of whom (1) John, and (2) George, settled in Illinois. (3) Jonathan settled in St. Clair, Michigan. (4) Alfred, the only surviving son, lives in Gosfield South. (5) Elizabeth was the wife of Harvey King, of Detroit. (6) Salina married Samuel King, and moved to New Hampshire. (7) Annie was the wife of J. H. Rhodes, and died in Rochester, County of Essex. (8) Maria married David Hensman who resides on the old homestead in Essex Center, and died in 1903.

Charles Dewhirst was born in England in Nov., 1818, while his wife, Julia Mettie, of French and German parentage, was a native of the County of Essex, born in March, 1820. He came to this country with his parents, married and settled on bush land in Rochester township, which he cleared, making a permanent home there. Politically he belonged to the Reform party, and religiously he and his wife were Baptists, and founders of the church in their locality. Charles Dewhirst died in 1871, his wife surviving him for twenty years. Eight children were born to Charles Dewhirst and his wife, as follows: (1) Mary, deceased, was the wife of Anthony Coghill, of Alberta, and mother of Adey, George, Charles, Annie, Burl, Albert, John and May. (2) William, born in Rochester, married Emma Brooker, has three daughters, Laura, Louise and Edith, and resides

on a farm in Gosfield North. (3) Jane is the wife of George Garrett, a retired farmer of Essex, Ont. (4) Daniel married Miss Mattie Simons, of Rochester, moved to California, and there died, leaving six children, Charles, Roy, William, Carrie, Mabel and Myrtle. (5) Julia, the wife of James Scarlett, of Gosfield North, Concession 9, has three children, Charles, Elsie and Ernest. (6) George died when a young man. (7) Albert died in youth. (8) David C.

David C. Dewhirst grew up in the old home in Rochester, attending the district schools. His father died when he was quite young, and left him a farm of some fifty acres, on which he started out for himself, when only fourteen years old. He improved the place, put up good buildings, and lived there for twenty-five years. In 1900 he sold out that place and bought the Charles McFee farm of 150 acres, in Concession 10, where he is at present residing.

Mr. Dewhirst has been twice married. On Oct. 8, 1874, he married Silena Brooker, daughter of John and Esther Brooker, of Rochester township. She died Oct. 18, 1877, the mother of two children, Harrie D., died June 21, 1893; Myrtle E., born Sept. 18, 1877, died Dec. 9, 1877.

On May 8, 1879, Mr. Dewhirst was married to Mrs. Sarah A. (Elliott) Lickman, who was born in Tilbury West in 1840, daughter of Peter and Sarah (Kirk) Elliott. The Elliotts came from England and were a prominent family in Tilbury, where Mrs. Elliott died. Mr. Elliott's death occurred in California. Sarah A. Elliott first married Daniel Lickman, who died leaving her with one daughter, Isabel, now Mrs. Lewis Williams, of Talbot Road, and the mother of one child, Hazel Williams. Mr. and Mrs. Dewhirst have a family of six children: James, born in 1881; Albert, who died at the age of four years; Gertrude was born in May, 1884; Allan and Alvin, twins, born in 1886; and Pearl, born in 1889. All these children are at home.

The Dewhirst family all belong to the Methodist Church, and are leaders in its work. Mr. Dewhirst is one of the trustees, and secretary of the board, as well as class-leader, while his wife is the efficient leader of the Ladies' Aid Society. Politically he has always supported the Reform ticket, and has done his duty at the polls, but his only connection with public life has been in the educational department, as during his residence in Rochester township he serv-

ed as trustee and treasurer of the schools. Mr. Dewhirst is a born farmer, and has worked to such good purpose that he stands among the solid men of the county, while his home shows that he is not only a man of ability in the practical affairs of life, but one of culture also. His upright Christian character and kindly disposition have endeared him to all, and entitle him to rank as one of the best men in the community. Fraternally he is a member of the A. O. U. W. at Woodslee, Ontario.

ALFRED M. LANGLOIS, a farmer of Lot 125, in Sandwich East, on the river front, was born there April 9, 1856. His parents, Jerome and Mary (Ouellette) Langlois, were both born in the County of Essex, he in Sandwich East in Jan., 1823, and she in Sandwich West in Aug., 1832. On both sides he is descended from old French families, on the maternal side being a great-great-grandson of Frank Ouellette, who came from France to Canada as early as 1728. His son, John Baptist Ouellette, was born in Montreal, married Genevieve Janisse, and had a son, Antoine. Antoine Ouellette was a colonel in the War of 1812. He married Catherine Bezaire, and they were the parents of Mrs. Langlois. In general, the Ouellette family were settled in Detroit and Sandwich West.

The paternal great-grandfather of Alfred M. Langlois was Antoine Langlois, who came from France with a colony which settled at Detroit, but he later crossed to the Canadian side of the river. He married, became the father of Julian Langlois, who was born in Windsor, and became one of the first settlers on the River Front, in Sandwich East, where he lived until his death, in 1835. He married Miss Rose Parent, and to them were born: Jerome, father of Alfred M.; Henry, who married and with his family lives on the Tecumseh road; and a daughter, Marcile, who died unmarried. After the death of Julian Langlois, his widow remained at the homestead for some years, and then married James Bellperche, by whom she had one son, Adolph.

Jerome Langlois, the eldest of the family, received a limited education, and after the death of his father became the manager of his mother's farm, which was mostly wild land, and which he helped clear to make the present home. In 1849 he married Miss Mary Ouellette, and they settled at the old homestead, which fell by law to the eldest son. There he erected a brick house

in 1857, occupying same until his death. During these years he added by purchase to the old home until he was enabled to leave separate farms for his two sons. He died at his home Jan. 15, 1898, aged seventy-five; his wife had passed away in 1883, aged fifty-one, after faithfully sharing with him both the hardships of his early life, and the comforts and ease of later years. They were among the founders of the first Catholic Church built at Sandwich, and also of the chapel built later at Tecumseh, and the new edifice in that village, while they also assisted in getting the present Walkerville Church, where Mr. Langlois later worshipped. Politically he was a Conservative.

Of the large family of fifteen children, born to Mr. and Mrs. Langlois, only ten lived to grow up. (1) Rosie, born in 1855, now deceased, was the wife of Stanislas Janisse, who settled in Sandwich East; she left no family. (2) Alfred M. is mentioned below. (3) Miss Helen, born in 1858, lives at the homestead. (4) Louise, born in 1860, now deceased, was the wife of Charles Janisse, who resides in Sandwich West; she left two children, Rene and Loretta. (5) Clara, born in 1863, is unmarried and at home. (6) Zoe, born in 1865, was educated at Montreux Convent and is now a sister in the Lewiston (Maine) Hospital. (7) Ernest, born in 1868, married Miss Mary Marentette, of Sandwich West, and resides on the river front part of the old homestead. (8) Josephine, born in 1870, for a number of years was a nun in the Detroit Convent, but at present is Sister Aurelia of the Holy Ghost, and is established at the old People's Home in Savannah, Georgia. (9) Edmund, born in 1873, married Miss Floristine Parent, of Windsor, and resides in that city, working for the Grand Trunk Railroad Company. He has two children, Josephine and Leo. (10) Ida, born in 1876, resides with her brother Alfred at the home.

Alfred M. Langlois grew up with his grandfather Ouellette at Sandwich, and he was educated in the college of that town. For a few years he resided with his uncle, Father Ouellette, at Port Sarnia, before taking up farming on the home place. In 1879 his father had erected a brick house on one part of the homestead, and there Alfred has lived and followed farming up to the present time. He has never married. Politically he has always voted with the Conservative party. Religiously, like all the family, he is a liberal supporter of the Catholic Church,

where he is a devout worshipper. Fraternally he is a member of the C. O. of F.

The Langlois family are among the well-to-do and prominent French families of their section, and are widely known for their acts of charity and devotion to Christian work, having always been active in everything that promised good for the community in which they lived. The parents of our subject were highly esteemed citizens, lived upright, conscientious lives, and left behind them a record of usefulness that their sons bid fair to repeat.

ALBERT EDWARD SINASAC, who recently disposed of his private banking business at Harrow, Ont., is a grandson of one of the early settlers, and a son of Edward Sinasac, after whom the village of Sackville, now known as Colchester, in this township, is named.

Edward Sinasac operated a hotel at Sackville for about forty years, and the last part of his life was spent retired from active business. He died at Sackville in January, 1884, at the age of sixty-seven. His wife, Anna Beauford, died in June, 1900, aged eighty-six. They were members of the Roman Catholic Church. Seven children were born to them, namely: Adelia, deceased, married John Luther, of Detroit, and had six children; Harriet, deceased, married Abner E. Lidwell, of Pelee Island, and had five children; Daniel, a farmer at Leamington, married Elizabeth Boyle, and has five children; Mary married Walter Boyle, a farmer at New Canaan, and has two children; Anna married Noah Renaud, of Grosse Ile; Albert Edward is mentioned below; and Minnie married Judson Shay, a farmer at Sackville.

Albert Edward Sinasac was born in the old hotel at Sackville, April 10, 1854, and at the early age of eleven years began the battle of life for himself. First he clerked for several years in the Hackett store, and also in the Burk store at Amherstburg for a short time, going thence to the McFee store at Harrow, where he remained for six or seven years, and at the same time he had as an associate O. E. Fleming, now a barrister of Windsor.

The education of Mr. Sinasac was almost entirely acquired by experience. In 1879 he had saved sufficient funds to open a store for himself in Harrow, and continued at that place for five years, when he sold to T. R. Flood. For the next two years he was engaged in handling eggs, and then bought the McLean gristmill in

Harrow, which was burned after five years of successful operation. His next venture was a private banking business, in which he continued until the spring of 1903, when he was bought out by the Sovereign Bank of Canada. At present he attends to his well kept farm, situated on the outskirts of the village of Harrow and also carries on a coal business. In politics he is a Conservative, but has never taken any very active part in politics, although at present he is trustee of the village. Socially he is a member of the Workmen of Harrow, and he was very active in that organization.

In 1878 Mr. Sinasac was united in marriage with Isabella, daughter of Daniel Wright, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere, and one daughter has been born to this union, Lina, now the wife of Harold Ferris.

FRED E. ELLIOTT, Esq., is the oldest living representative of one of the first families of the County of Essex. His present residence was built of brick, by his father, in 1835, on land taken up by his grandfather, the distinguished soldier, Col. Matthew Elliott, in 1779.

Col. Matthew Elliott was born in Ireland and was destined for the priesthood, being educated for that calling. A martial spirit, however, developed, which led him into a military life instead. He accompanied a party of emigrants to Virginia, prior to the Revolutionary War, and joined the British forces, with whom he remained until twice wounded. After the war, he went to Canada, in 1784, taking with him sixty slaves from his Virginia plantation. He secured about 2,500 acres of land from the Government, in the township of Malden, and was the first superintendent of Indian affairs in the Western District of Canada. When the War of 1812 became inevitable, he used his influence with the Indians, and entered the struggle at the head of an Indian contingent, taking part in the battle of the Raisin. He was a friend of Tecumseh, who had presented to him a sword and a dagger, one of which is preserved by the Canadian Historical Society at Quebec, and the other by our subject. Col. Elliott was present at the battle of Queenston Heights, and died a few days thereafter, from exposure, at Burlington Beach, in 1812. He was connected in friendship with Generals Proctor and Brock, and Commodore Barclay, who was defeated by Commodore Perry, on Lake Erie, Sept. 10, 1813.

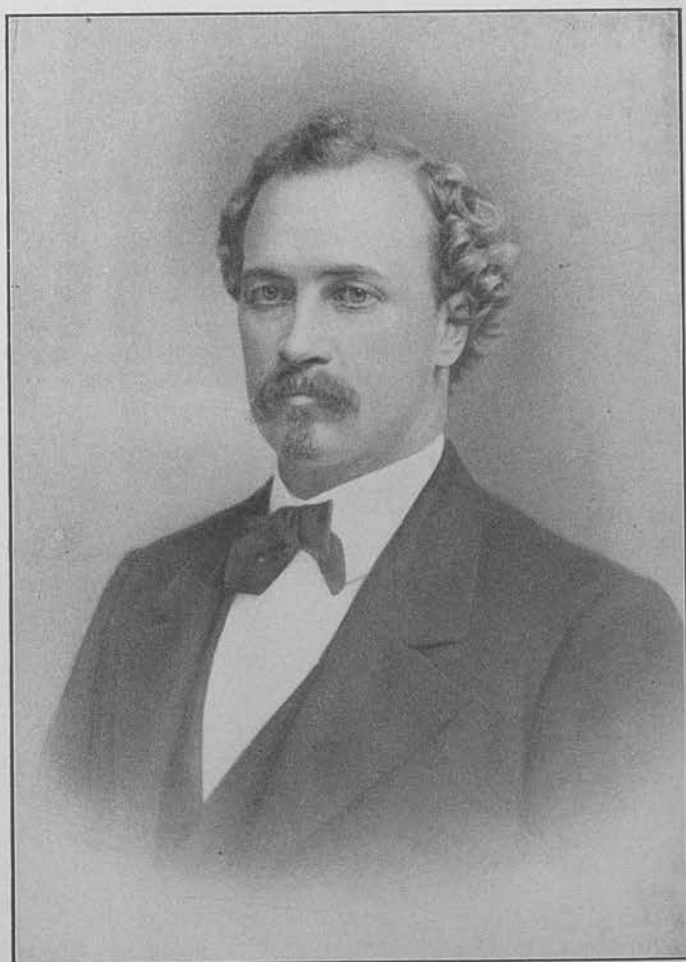
It is a matter of public history that Colonel

Elliott advised Commodore Barclay not to leave the protection of the guns at Fort Malden, but the Scotch sailor, with characteristic stubbornness, followed his own bent, and history records the rest. Chief Tecumseh had crossed from Blois Blanc to Amherstburg with his Wyandotte braves, and when he heard the order of General Proctor to retreat, he loudly protested, and even went so far as to denominate General Proctor a coward. It was Colonel Elliott who succeeded in pacifying the brave warrior, and in preserving the life of General Proctor, which would have been taken by Tecumseh, who could not understand the word "retreat." On more than one occasion the chieftain was the guest of Colonel Elliott, and chose as his favorite sleeping place, a little stone house near the residence of his white friend. The land now owned by our subject is all more or less historic. About seventy-five yards from the residence of Mr. Elliott is Elliott's Point, where the schooner "Anne" was captured in 1838.

In Canada Colonel Elliott married Sarah Donovan, a native of Boston, Massachusetts. Two sons, Matthew and Alexander, were born to him by a former marriage, and two sons were born to this second union: the late Rev. F. G. Elliott of Sandwich; and Robert Barclay, the father of our subject.

Robert Barclay Elliott was born in 1813, on the old Elliott homestead in the County of Essex, and carried on farming on a portion of his father's estate through life. In 1835 he built his substantial brick residence, on Concession 1, Lot 6, in Malden township, adjoining Amherstburg, the quality of the brick being shown by its preservation in perfection to the present day. He did not take as deep an interest in politics as did his distinguished father, who served several times in Parliament, but he was devoted to the principles of the Conservative party, and was influential in its ranks. He was a consistent member of the Church of England. Mr. Elliott married Miss Alice Leggatt, an aunt of the late Judge Leggatt of the County of Essex. She was born in 1818, at Ottawa, and died at the present residence of our subject in 1869, surviving her husband eleven years.

Robert Barclay Elliott was a man of the strictest integrity, abhorring the trickery of politics as was exemplified on one occasion when our subject was interviewed in regard to accepting a nomination for a public office. In wrath he remarked: "I have taught my son to be honest,



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and I don't want him to be turned from that path by the political tricksters of to-day." He died as he lived, a man of such excellent character that his memory is still kept green by those who were permitted to know him. The children born to Robert B. Elliott and wife were three in number, namely: Fred E.; Miss Emily, who resides with her brother; and Matthew Albert, who is in business in Brooklyn, New York, and who married Eva Hamilton, and has children, Frederick Albert, Herbert Hamilton and Corinne.

Fred E. Elliott was born April 13, 1837, in the pleasant old home still his residence. He was educated in the Caradoc Academy of the County of Middlesex. In 1854 he entered the law office of the late Judge Leggatt, at Amherstburg, where he remained one year, and then embarked in the general merchandise business at Toledo, Ohio. There he remained three years, and then transferred it to Detroit, where he continued until the death of his father called him home to settle up the estate. Since that time he has resided at the old home.

On Dec. 6, 1876, Mr. Elliott married Ann Therese Duff, daughter of Alexander Duff, of the County of Essex. Mrs. Elliott died, without issue, March 1, 1900. She was a refined, gentle lady, and a consistent member of the Church of England. Mr. Elliott and his sister Miss Emily, also belong to this religious body. Politically he is identified with the Conservative party.

MARTIN VAN BUREN ORTON, a farmer and stock-raiser of the 4th Concession of Mersea township, is a well-known citizen of that section, and a descendant of one of the oldest families of the county, where for several generations it has been identified with the development of Gosfield township.

The family is of English extraction, but its home has been in America for the past 250 years. The first of the family in Western Canada was Zenas Orton, a native of Connecticut, where many of the name still reside.

The late John Orton, son of Zenas and father of Martin, was born in Gosfield township, on the Orton homestead, Sept. 29, 1836. There his education was procured in the best schools of the locality and he grew up a farmer boy, settling at maturity on a fifty-acre tract of land on Sandwich street. This he worked for six years, and then sold it to come to Mersea township, where he bought a tract of land on Concession 4, consisting of 120 acres. On this

he built a log house, and began his pioneering life. A severe cold terminated his life, eight years later, before he had accomplished all he had planned to do. His death was a severe loss to the township, as he was a man of sterling traits of character and commanded the confidence and respect of all who knew him. He filled the office of councillor for several years, and his influence was felt whenever important measures were brought up for consideration. He assisted greatly in the laying out of the roads and concessions in what is known to-day as the Point Pelee Marsh, the most fertile agricultural region in all the Dominion. He took an active part in educational affairs, and was a strong supporter of the public school system, filling with the greatest efficiency the office of school trustee.

In Gosfield township Mr. Orton married Maria Irwin, who was born in Mersea township, daughter of William Irwin. Mr. Orton's death left seven children fatherless. They were reared and educated by their noble mother. Arvilla Cecilia became the wife of James Jeffery, of Gosfield township. Darius was killed accidentally by a saw at the home of Jacob Fox, March 27, 1894, and was buried in the Lake View cemetery; he left a widow, Laura Quick Orton, and three children, Stanley, Vera and Jennie. Martin Van B., born Aug. 10, 1863, is mentioned below. Herman died young. Emily A. married Scott White, son of George White, of Mersea township. Thaddeus S. is a prominent citizen of Yellow Grass, N.W.T., where he is a coal and lumber merchant, mayor and police justice. Otto Bismark, of Vancouver, B.C., is a millwright.

Too much credit cannot be given to the faithful mother for her efforts to provide for her children and to secure for them the advantages which their father would have desired them to enjoy.

Martin Van Buren Orton was but ten years of age when he was bereft of a kind and protecting father. He remained with his mother, and has been engaged in farming since early youth. He is making preparations to make many improvements upon the homestead, and is building great barns whose stone foundations look as if they were destined to stand for generations. When completed his buildings will be among the finest in the neighborhood. He carries on a general line of farming, raises much fruit and gives considerable attention to first-class stock.

In politics Mr. Orton is a Liberal, and fraternally he belongs to the K.O.T.M. at Leamington.

Always temperate and industrious, he has made a success of his life. His filial care of his mother shows an admirable trait of character. With her he is an attendant of the services of the Baptist Church, of which she has long been a consistent member.

REGINALD WELDON, a prosperous merchant engaged in business at Edgar Mills, Colchester North, County of Essex, was born Aug. 28, 1859, in County Durham, son of Charles and Hannah (Forsythe) Weldon.

The father of Mr. Weldon was born in 1817, and the mother in 1819, in County Tyrone, Ireland, where both were reared, and where they were married. Charles Weldon was a weaver, and also a merchant, in his native locality. In 1848 he came to Canada, settling as a farmer in the County of Durham, where he remained until 1874, when he moved to the County of Essex, locating on the Malden Road, at Gesto. There he cleared up a farm from wild land, made a comfortable home, and continued until his death in 1878. His widow survived until 1898, her death taking place in her home in the County of Essex. Both Mr. and Mrs. Weldon were members of the English Church. Politically Mr. Weldon supported the Conservative party. The children born to Charles Weldon and wife were: (1) George, born in Ireland in 1840, is a telegraph operator and general land agent for the Canadian Government, and now resides in the far North-West, but was formerly a merchant of Essex. In his native land he married Katie Leggatt, and they have one son, Charles. (2) Charles E., born in Ireland in 1842, is engaged in a mercantile business at Sault Ste. Marie; he married Elsie Gardner of Illinois, and they have three children, Elsie, Osman and Inez. (3) Andrew, born in Ireland, married Eliza Marlow, of the County of Durham, and they have one son, Charles. They reside at Minneapolis, where he is very prominent and a member of the Board of Trade. (4) Hannah, born in 1847 in Ireland, married John McLean, a farmer in Colchester South, and they have three children, George, Clara and Hannah Susan. (5) Ellen was born on the Atlantic Ocean, in 1849, and is the wife of Edward Neil, a merchant of Colchester North; they have three children, William, Hannah and Edward. (6) Sarah A., born in 1851, is the wife of George Marlow, a farmer in the County of Durham. (7) Margaret, born in 1853, in the County of Durham, married (first) William

Marlow, a merchant of the county, and married (second) Thomas Swayne, also of the County of Durham; she has children born of both unions. (8) Clara C., born in 1855, in the County of Durham, is the wife of Thomas McLean, of Colchester South, and they have two children, Vern and Cecil. (9) Celina, born in 1857, is the wife of Frederick Sweet, one of the prosperous farmers of Gesto, Colchester North. (10) Matilda J., born in 1861, is the wife of A. H. Anderson, a stock farmer in Northwest Canada, in the vicinity of Prince Arthur. (11) Reginald is mentioned below.

Reginald Weldon completes the family mentioned above—a remarkable one in that its ranks are still unbroken. Mr. Weldon was chiefly educated in the schools of Gesto, in Colchester North, and he remained on his mother's farm until he was nineteen years of age, when he went to lumbering. Nineteen years of his life were spent in the pine woods of Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota. In 1898 he returned to Canada, and engaged in farming, which he continued until 1902, when he embarked in a general mercantile business at Edgar Mills, still owning a part of his father's old homestead. This business was established by Mr. Weldon's capable wife, in 1901, who is not only a most amiable and estimable lady, but is also one of more than usual business ability. The store is designed to provide for the needs of the locality, being well stocked with seasonable articles and daily necessities.

In April, 1901, Mr. Weldon was united in marriage with Miss Hannah Weldon, daughter of the late Andrew Weldon, of the County of Durham. Mrs. Weldon (first) died in the January following her marriage. In November, 1902, Mr. Weldon was married to his present wife, formerly Mrs. Susan Hyland, daughter of William Neil. Mrs. Weldon was born in Ireland, in 1865, and by her former marriage had two children, Ernest and Laura May. To Mr. and Mrs. Weldon has come one child, George Reginald, born April 2, 1904. Both Mr. and Mrs. Weldon belong to the Church of England.

Politically Mr. Weldon and all his brothers are identified with the Conservative party. In 1901 Mrs. Weldon was appointed postmistress of the Edgar Mills office, and her husband acts as her assistant. The service has been satisfactory in every way, and both Mr. and Mrs. Weldon are very popular. They are noted for their hospitality and for their many other sterling

characteristics. Mr. Weldon belongs to a family which is closely settled through this part of the County of Essex, and all are people of substance and respectability. Both he and his wife are public spirited, and are prominent in the business and social life of the village.

FREDERICK A. SCRATCH, of Gosfield South, County Essex, is one of the well-known members of the old and honorable pioneer family of that name, and is a son of Henry Ryan Scratch and grandson of Peter Scratch.

Peter Scratch was born Nov. 29, 1786, in Trenton, Michigan, and was a child when the family settled on the lake shore in Gosfield. At maturity he began farming on Lot 4, Eastern Division, where he erected a log house, and later built a two-story and a half brick residence. In the course of time he became the possessor of 600 acres of land, all in one tract, and in addition owned farms in Mersea township. Although he was an extensive landholder and farmed extensively, he was not intended by nature to be an agriculturist, his inclinations and talents tending toward mechanical work. He was, in fact, a genius, and when it is remembered how few and crude were the tools of that day his manufacture of guns, watches, clocks, wind and power mills was certainly very remarkable. He delighted to puzzle out some difficult machine, and usually succeeded in putting it into working order. During the military occupation of Windsor, during the war of 1812-14, he kept the soldiers' guns in repair. Mr. Scratch laid the brick for the first brick house ever built in this section of the county. In 1831 he received his commission as postmaster of Gosfield and continued in office for a number of years, dying March 14, 1871. On May 3, 1808, he married Mary Wigle, born June 29, 1793, in Gosfield, who died June 3, 1872, and they had children as follows: John, born Nov. 14, 1810, married Sarah Saintsatin; Leonard, born Feb. 14, 1813, married (first) Elizabeth Cole, and (second) Sophia Agla; Judith, born May 25, 1815, married Oliver Kellogg; Henry Ryan, born Oct. 6, 1817, is mentioned below; Mary, born March 12, 1820, married Samuel Bentley; Joseph Benson, born Dec. 11, 1823, married Mary Black; Alpheus, born Aug. 25, 1826, married Nancy Palmer; William Ryerson, born Jan. 4, 1829, married Elizabeth Crow, and they live retired on a part of the homestead farm; Archimedes, born March 25, 1831, (de-

ceased), married Deborah Palmer; Oliver Kellogg, born March 30, 1833, married Jane Fulmer, and lives retired at Leamington; Cyrenus Lyman, born Dec. 20, 1838, married Emma Barnett, and lives at Shelbyna, Shelby County, Missouri.

Henry Ryan Scratch was born Oct. 6, 1817, on Lot 4, East Division, Gosfield township, and received his educational training in the Master McMurray school. When he started farming he bought thirty acres in Lot 4, which is now the G. W. Coatsworth farm. This property had been but little improved, and he immediately set to work clearing the land and erecting buildings, continuing there until 1858, when he had an excellent opportunity to trade this farm for one of 100 acres in Lot 6, Concession 2. Here he built a log house of such a substantial nature that it stood the storms of years, being demolished by our subject in 1872, its site being occupied by his present handsome residence. To his disappointment, Mr. Scratch found, after settling on this farm, that but two or three acres could be cultivated, the greater part of the tract being under water. In the following summer he organized what was called a logging bee, and our subject, then but a boy, recalls that these neighbors were present: Michael J. Wigle, Adam R. Wigle, Dr. Andrew Wigle, John D. Wigle, Alpheus Scratch, Digney Rodgers, Joseph and John Scratch. This gathering of men resulted in the piling up of all the logs lying around, with the exception of those too deeply imbedded in mud and water. Later in the season the father cleared up the wettest place, at which time he left standing a small hickory twig, saying to our subject that he would leave it so that his grandchildren could gather nuts there. It is still standing, long surviving the kind man who was thus thoughtful for his posterity, and is well cared for by Mr. Scratch. The land was finally all cleared and drained by its owner, but the last years of his life were passed on a small place he bought just east of Kingsville, his death occurring Jan. 31, 1901.

Henry Ryan Scratch married Elizabeth Black, who was born Oct. 10, 1823, in Ireland, and died March 21, 1851, and to them were born children as follows: Alpheus married Lucinda Augustine, and had three children, Henry, Ada and Maggie; Thaddeus married Harriet Malott, and had four children, Nellie, Cyrenus, Carl and Zadah; Louis married Clarissa Augustine, and had Amos, Hardy, Hardy (2), Leslie, and

Arthur. The second marriage of Mr. Scratch was to Mary Ann Fulmer, born Dec. 8, 1834, who survived her husband. They had children: Jerome, deceased; Frederick Adolphus; Caroline, who married Robert Augustine; Mary Adeline and Margaret, residing with the mother; and Lucinda, who married A. E. Montgomery, of Toronto.

Frederick Adolphus Scratch was born March 17, 1854, on Lot 4, and was four years old when the family removed to the 2d Concession. Although a mere child, he remembers the prevailing conditions during the first years of their residence there. His school advantages were necessarily limited, but he recalls one teacher with special affection, a Miss Coatsworth, who now resides at Leamington. In time he came into possession of seventy acres in Lot 6, which he has continued to improve and make more and more valuable with substantial buildings, etc. It is almost impossible to realize that the present well cultivated, productive farm was, until 1858, a wilderness. With the exception of two years, when he was engaged in the grocery business at Ruthven, Mr. Scratch has always followed farming and is justly regarded as one of the leading agriculturists of his locality. His interests have been too closely centered in his vocation to admit of any very active work in politics, on which he entertains liberal views. He is thoroughly interested in the advancement of education and served for six years as trustee of School Section No. 3. For many years he has been a faithful worker in the Methodist Church at Ruthven, and for the past twelve years has been assistant of the Sunday-school.

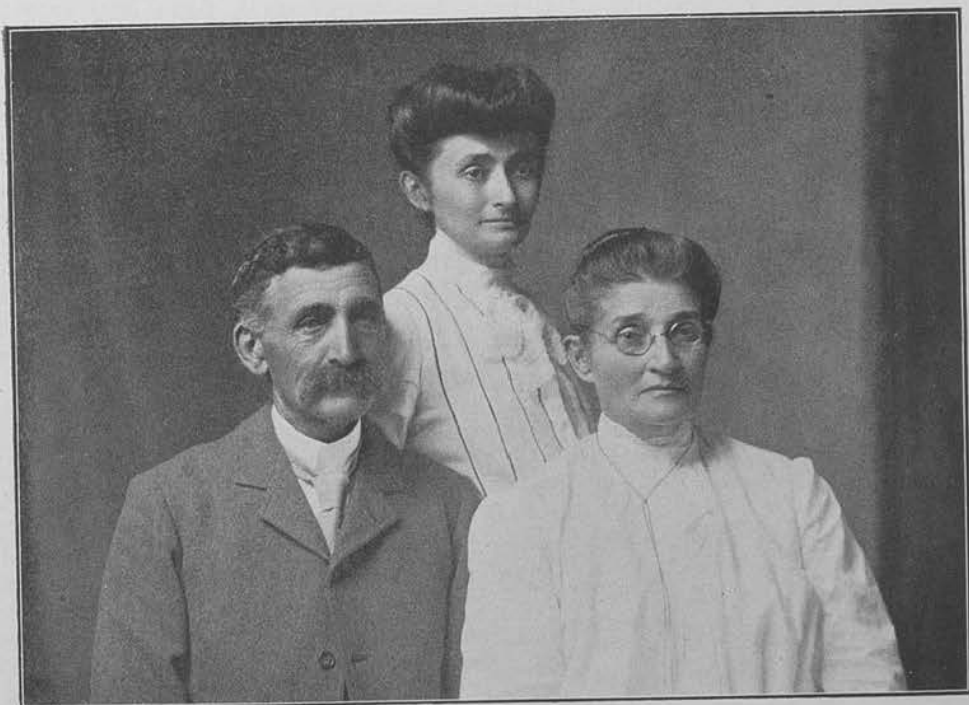
On March 2, 1881, Mr. Scratch married Annabelle Odell, of Detroit, Michigan, who was born there May 28, 1859, daughter of James and Roxie (Palmer) Odell, of Quebec and the County of Essex, respectively. The former was a mechanic in Detroit. Mr. and Mrs. Scratch have three children: Arthur Harrison, born Aug. 18, 1888, who was until some two months ago holding a responsible position at Windsor, when, without any warning, he suffered from a stroke of paralysis, which all of his many friends trust will not be of long duration; Ada Roxie, born March 2, 1895; and Florence Barbara, born July 18, 1899.

GEORGE L. EVANS, a well known farmer and stock raiser of Mersea township, was born March 15, 1836, in the parish of Croxton, Staf-

fordshire, England, a son of James and Sarah (Develle) Evans.

James Evans was born Dec. 15, 1810, in Staffordshire, where he was reared, and was a maltster and publichouse keeper for many years. In 1836, with his family, he set sail for America, arriving safely at New York after a voyage of seven weeks. His objective point was the County of Wellington, Ont., which point was reached via Buffalo. Mr. Evans purchased a farm of 100 acres of land, eighteen years later adding another 100 acres, and this he farmed until 1883, when he retired, going to Guelph, where he died in 1891, followed in May, 1903, by his widow, whose death took place in Toronto; she was born in Staffordshire May 4, 1814. Both were buried in Kirkland cemetery, in the county of Wellington. They were consistent members of the Methodist Church, and he was a staunch Liberal in politics. They had fourteen children (of whom but five are living): George L.; Joseph, who died in 1888 in Mersea township; Smith, the farmer on the homestead; James, engaged in a grocery business at Leamington; Elizabeth, deceased, who married Jeremiah Woodhouse; Sarah, who married William Broughton; Ann J., wife of J. C. McLain, of Toronto; the others all died in infancy.

George L. Evans was three months old when his parents emigrated from England. Settling as they did in a veritable wilderness, the children of the family had almost no educational opportunities. He remained assisting his father until of age, and then went to the County of Oxford and made his home with his uncle, Samuel Evans, whom he assisted for three and a half years, receiving \$150 a year in wages. As he was enabled to save \$100 a year during this time, an idea may be formed of the economy which he practiced. With this capital he came in 1860 to the County of Essex, and found employment with Charles Wigle, of Gosfield township, with whom he remained a year, and then bought a tract of land of fifty acres in Mersea township, which is now the homestead. Twenty acres of this land had been cleared, and here he built a log house and made improvements, clearing up the remainder of the land and later adding fifty acres. Mr. Evans has now one of the best cultivated farms in Mersea township. Much of it had to be drained, at an enormous cost, but in spite of this he has prospered wonderfully. For forty-two years he has lived here, and the result of his hard work and provident saving



Geo. L. Evans Mary. A. Evans.

Ruby S. (Evans) Morse

must be very gratifying for him. In 1871 he built his fine brick residence, which is of handsome and substantial appearance.

On Oct. 29, 1861, in Gosfield, Mr. Evans married Mary Ann Jeffery, who was born in that township, Jan. 25, 1841, daughter of Matthew and Margaret (Thornton) Jeffery, highly respected citizens of Gosfield township, who were born in Nova Scotia and Manchester, England, respectively. Mr. Jeffery died on the Gosfield homestead, and his widow still resides there. Mrs. Evans is a most estimable lady, and has been of the greatest assistance to her husband. Four children were born to them, three of whom died in infancy, the survivor being Ruby Sarah, now the wife of S. G. Morse, a leading business man of Leamington. In politics Mr. Evans is a Liberal, and he has served as school trustee and roadmaster. Both he and his wife belong to the Methodist Church.

The JEFFERY family is of Scotch extraction and was founded in America by John Jeffery, prior to the American Revolution. At the time the Colonies rebelled against the Mother Country he was determined in his loyalty, and about 1775 removed to Nova Scotia. Here he became a soldier in the army of Lord Cornwallis. After the close of the war he settled in Ontario, working at his trade of ship blacksmith and iron worker, later settling on a farm in the County of York, where he died.

Mathew Jeffery, son of John, was born Oct. 10, 1810, while the family resided in Nova Scotia, and accompanied his parents to the County of York. Like his father he showed his loyalty by serving in the army during the Rebellion of 1837-38. Later he removed to the County of Essex and settled in Gosfield township, where he acquired a farm of 500 acres. This was valuable land, heavily timbered, and his whole life was spent in clearing and cultivating the property. He was noted for his industry, sobriety and good citizenship. He was a staunch Reformer and always worked for the success of his party and was deeply interested in the advancement of education and reform. In religious connection he was a member of the Baptist Church. His death occurred in December, 1895.

Mathew Jeffery married Margaret Thornton, a resident of Oakville, County of York, but a native of Manchester, England, born Aug. 6, 1813. She still survives, at the age of ninety-one years, making her home with her son, James P. She is one of the most venerable ladies in

the vicinity, and, with remarkably clear mind, recalls the early days of this section. A consistent member of the Baptist Church for more than half a century, she has reared her children in the same faith. She is the mother of fourteen children, named as follows: Henry died young; Mary is deceased; George is a farmer and stock raiser of Mersea township; Edgar is deceased; Mary Ann, born Jan. 25, 1841, is the wife of George L. Evans, a farmer near Leamington; Henry Perry is a well known farmer of Blytheswood, Mersea township; Edgar is a resident of Mersea township; Josephine is the wife of Peter Hutchinson of Mersea township; John is a farmer of Mersea township; Katherine is the wife of Alexander Lang, of Detroit, Michigan; James P. is on the homestead; Damaris and two others died in infancy.

HENRY B. QUICK, a prosperous farmer of Colchester South, is a descendant of one of the pioneer settlers of the township, Alexander Quick, who left Pennsylvania at the time of the Revolution and settled in Canada.

Joseph Quick, son of Alexander, was a blacksmith by trade, and spent his whole life in the township of Colchester. He owned a large farm there, on which he died in 1845. His son, Alexander, father of Henry B., was born there Dec. 7, 1821. He grew up on the home place, assisting his father, and on reaching manhood began for himself on a lot just west of the family homestead, where he continued farming until his death, March 15, 1886. He married Miss Henrietta Lipps, who died June 13, 1862, when Henry was only three months old. Her husband was left with three children: Charles, a general merchant of Kingsville; Alzora, the wife of Judson Wright, of Windsor; and Henry B.

Henry B. Quick was born in the township of Colchester, County of Essex, March 3, 1862. Owing to the untimely death of his mother, he was brought up in the family of Wheeler Richardson, where he was enabled to enjoy the advantages offered by the home schools. When he was old enough to work for himself he began farming in Lot 3, Concession 2, property which was owned by Joseph Wright but was very little improved. Mr. Quick has cleared it all, erected fine large barns and a good modern house, and made the whole place one of the neatest-looking farms in the township.

On Feb. 7, 1888, in Amherstburg, Mr. Quick was united in marriage with Miss Helen Sellars,

who was born in the township of Malden, daughter of John M. Sellars. To them have been born children as follows: Henrietta, Aug. 26, 1889; Verne, July 31, 1892; Lyle, May 11, 1897; Wayne, April 2, 1902.

Mr. Quick and his wife are members of the Church of England, and are bringing up their children in that faith. Politically Mr. Quick's views are those of the Conservative party, which he always gives his unqualified support. His success as a farmer is assured, and he is characterized by many sterling traits that have given him a firm hold upon the regard of his neighbors.

JAMES A. NEVILLE, a farmer who has lived for the best part of his life on his present homestead, on the Talbot Road South, Lot 271, Gosfield North, was born on that farm May 4, 1849, son of Thomas and Agnes (Beattie) Neville, and belongs to a prominent pioneer family.

On his father's side Mr. Neville is of Irish descent, as his grandparents, Francis and Nancy Neville, came from Ireland to Canada, where they were among the first settlers in Gosfield, and the founders of Methodism in that section. They left nine children, namely: James, Thomas, Edward and Charles, all deceased; Solomon, a resident of Cottam; Mary, who married Charles Gilboe (both are deceased); Abigail, wife of Peter Gilboe, of Gosfield; Jane, who married Joseph Gilboe, of Pontiac, Michigan; and Isabelle, wife of Alexander Neville, of Pontiac, Michigan. Through his mother Mr. Neville is of Scottish descent, her father, John Beattie, having been a Scotchman who settled in an early day in the township of Maidstone, County of Essex, Ontario.

Thomas Neville was born in the township of Gosfield, County of Essex, in 1824, and grew up there working on his father's farm. He married Miss Agnes Beattie, who was born in Scotland in 1832, and they made their home on a part of the Neville farm. The land at that time was not yet cleared, but in Mr. Neville's hands it was transformed into one of the desirable places in Gosfield, and he passed his life there, dying in 1890, while his wife lived until 1897. They both attended the Methodist Church. Politically Mr. Neville was a Reformer. He had seen military service in his day, and was the proud possessor of a medal given him during his enlistment in the North Ridge Rifles, at the time of the Fenian raid.

Thomas and Agnes Neville had two sons and

a daughter: Robert, born in 1847, the eldest, married Maud Upcott, of the County of Essex, and they settled in Gosfield Center, where they remained until 1895; since that year they have resided in South Dakota, with their five children, John, Nora, Peter, William and Frederick. James A. was second in the order of birth. Nancy, the youngest child, born in 1850, married Charles Boorman, of New York State, and they now live in Cottam, where Mr. Boorman is engaged as a painter. Six children have come to this couple, Frederick, Minnie, Burns, Alma, Maud and Edward.

James A. Neville grew up on his father's farm, meeting the usual experiences of the farmer's son. He was sent to the district school and received as good an education as could be given there at that time, one sufficient at least for the practical affairs of life. He remained at home as his father's assistant until he married, and then started out for himself on a farm of his own, on the Belle River Road, near Cottam, where he lived until 1899. He then bought his father's farm, moved there, and has since made it his home. Besides adding to the acreage he has put up a large barn, and made many other improvements.

In 1871 Mr. Neville was married to Miss Frances J. Slater, who was born in Dunnville, County of Haldimand, March 1, 1848, and was educated in Hamilton. Her parents, William and Elizabeth Slater, were born in Yorkshire, England, but passed their last years in Canada. As no children of their own have come to Mr. and Mrs. Neville they have adopted two, who have been brought up with all possible care and attention. One, Charles, their cousin, was the son of Solomon Neville. He married Miss Iva Turner, who died soon afterward, and he again made his home with his cousin until his second marriage, to Ethel Osborne. Lillie was the daughter of Henry Speechley, and is now the wife of Hamilton Orton, of Gosfield North; they have three children, Francis, Oina and Wilfred.

James A. Neville has been very successful in his farming operations, and is one of the prosperous men of his section. As a citizen he is public-spirited, and ever alive to all opportunities for bettering the community. His parents were active in building up the church and school, and their son has helped on the good work they started. He and his wife are both Methodists, and have been leaders in the church's work for many years. In politics Mr. Neville

is a Reformer, and he has served as county constable for the past eight years.

ARTHUR T. ROWELL, proprietor of the "Erie House," one of the leading hostelrys of Leamington, was born in London township, County of Middlesex, Ont., Oct. 10, 1860.

John Rowell, his father, came to Ontario in 1842, from Northumberlandshire, England, bringing with him the first Clydesdale stallion imported into Canada. The first year he was in Ontario he spent in hunting, being a great sportsman, and he sold his game at Toronto. In 1847 John Rowell returned to England with the intention of spending the summer at his old home. He was a powerful man physically, and entered a contest with sixty-one others for the champion belt for wrestling, which he won; this belt he presented to his mother. In 1847 he located some eleven miles out of London, Ont., where he went to work at his trade of shoemaking, but he still spent some time in the woods, and many bears and other big game fell before his unerring aim. Later he purchased a homestead of 100 acres for \$400—now worth \$6,000—which his youngest son now owns and operates. In years following he acquired other tracts of land. His death occurred Jan. 23, 1902, when he was eighty years of age. For a number of years he worked at his trade, but finally abandoned it to devote all his attention to farming and the breeding of registered stock, being specially successful in the latter line. He was a well-known figure at all the fairs, and his stock won many prizes.

In 1851 John Rowell married Miss Mary Walker, daughter of Christopher Walker, of London township, a noted breeder of stock, horses and sheep being his specialty. Eight children were born of this union, seven of whom survive: William of Assiniboia, Northwest Territory; John, of Granton, Ont.; Christopher, of London township; Arthur T.; Edward, of Plympton township; George, of London township; and Anna, who married Max Kohl, of London township. Elizabeth (deceased) married Joseph Peasley. The sons are all over six feet in height, and stalwart, energetic men of commanding presence.

Arthur T. Rowell grew to manhood, acquiring a fair education in the common schools, and remained at home until he was twenty-five years of age, working with his father. At that time he purchased the homestead, for \$5,500. He had

\$1,500, and was given three years to clear off the debt of \$4,000. Later he exchanged this place for another farm owned by his father, where he remained three years, during which time he had paid \$3,000 of his indebtedness. In 1891 he rented his farm and went to London, where he was appointed a member of the police force on May 1 of that year, and he continued a valued member of that body for twelve years and three months. During this time Mr. Rowell purchased the "Queen's Own" inn, situated two miles out of London, borrowing \$200 to make the first payment. This inn he owned for five years. He also acquired the hotel in the village of Birr, which he still owns, as well as residence property in London. On July 15, 1903, Mr. Rowell purchased the "Erie House," in Leamington, the best hotel building in the city, and under his able management it is becoming the best and leading hotel for many miles about, and enjoys a very liberal patronage.

On Nov. 25, 1885, in Trinity Church, at Birr, Ont., Mr. Rowell married Miss Sarah E. Golden, of London, Ont., a daughter of John Golden, a prominent farmer of that locality, now deceased. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Rowell, two of whom survive: Mary E. (who married T. W. Harrison, of Leamington, Ont., and lives at home) and Amelia P. Ethel I. is deceased.

In politics Mr. Rowell is a Conservative. He and his family are consistent members of the English Church. Fraternally he is a member of the Canadian Order of W. O. W.; and of the Canadian Order of Foresters. He is popular among all classes of men, and is an ideal host, his guests feeling thoroughly at home in his comfortable hotel, which is noted for its excellent cuisine and fine service, not only in the surrounding country, but among the travelling public.

HENRY BURK, a prominent retired farmer of Gosfield North, located on Lot 7, Concession 7, South Talbot road, was born Dec. 25, 1838, in the County of Carleton, Ont., son of Henry and Elizabeth (Rutledge) Burk, both natives of Ireland.

Henry Burk and wife came to Canada prior to their marriage, which took place in the County of Carleton, Ont., and later they settled on a farm in that county, where the mother died in 1853, and the father in 1868. He had first married a Miss Mills, of the County of Carleton, and by that union a daughter had been born; Ruth, who is the widow of George Hunt, of that county.

Of the children by the second marriage, Isaac died in young manhood; Isabella married a Mr. Stephens, and both died at Ashtabula, leaving no children; Edward is a resident of Leamington; Mary A. married John Camp, of Prescott, Ont., and both are deceased, survived by one son, Wesley, of Chicago; Eliza, deceased, married John Pearn; Caleb is a farmer in Edwardsburg, Ont.; Letitia married Ethan Cummo, of Ogdensburg, New York. The other members of the family died in infancy.

Henry Burk, the third member of the family and the eldest living son, obtained his education in the schools of the County of Carleton, and entered upon the practical duties of life as a farmer and lumberman. In 1859 he married Miss Jane Johnson, who was born in 1842, daughter of Adam and Jane (Jenkins) Johnson, old pioneers of the County of Carleton. They were both born in Ireland, and both passed away in Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. Burk settled first on the old homestead in the County of Carleton, given to him by his father, and this they occupied until March, 1885, when he sold it and came to the County of Essex. Here he purchased the Joseph M. Wigle homestead in Gosfield North, and since locating on that place has made many improvements, including the renovating of the residence, the erection of two barns, and many other things of minor importance, but all adding to the attractiveness and comfort, as well as to the value of the property. Here Mr. Burk has 100 acres of fine farming land under a good state of cultivation.

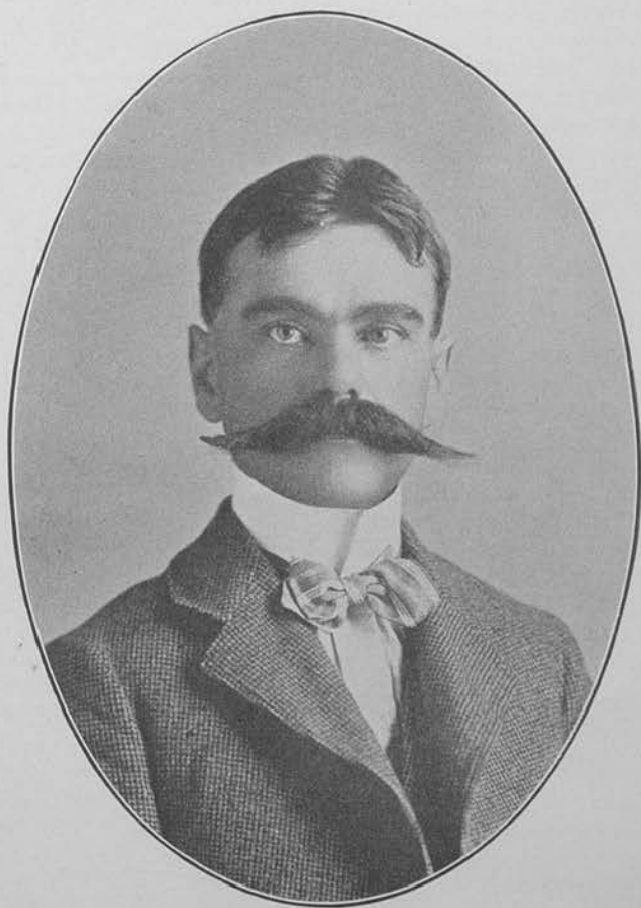
Mr. and Mrs. Burk have had a family of thirteen children born to them, and, what is somewhat remarkable, all but one still survive, as follows: Eliza Jane married Urias Phillips, of Gosfield, and died leaving two children, Mabel and Lena. William H. married Caroline McTavish, and they have two children, Eleanor and Angus; they live on his 100 acre farm in Gosfield South. Sarah married Charles Emsley, a merchant of Missoula, Montana. Thomas, in 1900, went to the Klondyke gold fields, where he prospected one season, and travelled one season, but is now at home. Emma married William Reaves, of Gosfield North, and they have two children, Ella and Viva. Jessie married Peter Fox, of South Gosfield, and they have three children, Emsley, Lillie and Stanley. Mary, born in the County of Carleton, married Sherman Hawks, son of John Hawks, of Gosfield

North, and they have three children, Erie, Forest and Ruby. Ida, a graduate (class of 1895) of the Essex high school, was a successful teacher in the schools of the County of Essex for five years, resigning at the time of her marriage to Edward C. Barrett, a farmer of Colchester North. Kate is a milliner. Eva M. graduated in 1900 from the Leamington high school, and is now one of the popular teachers in the town of Sandwich. Gertrude has had many educational advantages. Almeda, born in the County of Essex, has also been well educated, and is a student of the Essex high school. Herbert H., born at the present home, is also a high school student.

Politically Mr. Burk has always been identified with the old Conservative party. For over forty-five years he has been a member of the Order of Orangemen, belonging to Lodge No. 1218, in the County of Essex. Although not a member of the Methodist Church he was reared in its tenets, and has always been a willing and generous supporter of its work. Mr. Burk is one of the good solid men of his locality, one to whom a stranger is referred as a leading citizen, and one in whom his neighbors have learned to depend, knowing that his judgments will be just, and his advice that of an intelligent, liberal-minded man. He has been deeply solicitous for the welfare of his children, and has given them every educational advantage within his power. He is a self-made man, and has won his comfortable competency through energy and industry, and he is held in general esteem by all who know him.

A. B. HERRING, proprietor of the "Lake-view Farm," Colchester South, which extends along Lake Erie for ninety-five rods, a beautiful farm, is a prominent member of the Tory party in South Essex.

Capt. Henry LeS. Herring, his father, was born in Norfolk, England, and when a young man entered the British army, serving as lieutenant in the Thirtieth through the Crimean war. In 1860 he came out with his regiment, and was stationed at Toronto, Ottawa, Amherstburg, and other military posts. He was later transferred to the One Hundredth Regulars, and as captain sailed with them to Malta, and it was at that place that our subject was born. The Captain returned with the regiment to England, and now lives in retirement near Norwich.



A.B. Herring

He was married in Toronto to Miss Bell, a daughter of John Bell, of Toronto.

A. B. Herring was born on the island of Malta Aug. 11, 1866. In England he received a thorough education, at Haileybury, one of the large schools there, and later he attended Clare College, at Cambridge, England. At the age of twenty he came to Canada, locating in British Columbia, where, with a partner, he engaged in ranching for some five years. In 1890 he became a resident of Colchester South, County of Essex, coming into possession of a large tract of land near the lake, a portion of which was once known as the Stockwill place. Here on a farm of 250 acres he carries on general farming. Since reaching his majority he has been identified with the Conservative party, and was, at the last election, the candidate of that party as provincial member for this riding. Mr. Herring is a young man of wide knowledge, gained by education and travel, and is one of the best posted men in the township. Fraternally he is a member of the Masonic Order, at Kingsville, and the Woodmen of the World, at Colchester village.

On April 4, 1904, Mr. Herring was united in marriage with Olive Maud Oliver, who was born in Toronto, daughter of the late John Oliver, of that city.

EDWARD AND JOHN H. BARNETT, father and son, till the farm that was settled by the family over fifty years ago. John Barnett, grandfather of John H. Barnett, was born in Hampshire, England, and was reared to farm work. He married Eliza Bennett, and in 1849 they set sail for America, and after a voyage of seven weeks landed at New York. From there they came directly to this county and township, settling in Gosfield South, County Essex, Ont. John Barnett bought fifty acres in Lot 1, Concession 2, a perfectly wild tract, and after paying for the land was without a cent. His log house was built on the centre of the lot, and clearing was at once begun. In order to provide for the family while he was doing the first of the clearing John Barnett worked out for the surrounding farmers settled along the lake front. He devoted his entire attention to farming and saw the land brought under cultivation, and also added to the original tract. His wife passed away in 1854, aged thirty-eight years. His death occurred Jan. 22, 1902, when he had attained the advanced age of ninety-two years, and he was

buried by the side of his wife in the English churchyard at Kingsville, that church being the one to which both had belonged. To them were born: Eliza, now widow of John Thurston; Mary, deceased; Thomas, deceased; Harriet, widow of Charles Barnett; Jane (deceased), who married Jacob Granger; Edward; Ann, who married Henry Granger, a farmer of Gosfield South, who settled on his farm some twenty-eight or thirty years ago; and Caroline (deceased), who married William Baldwin, of Gosfield.

Edward Barnett, now at the head of the old farm, was born in Hampshire, England, in 1847, and was therefore two years of age when the family exodus was made. He attended school at Kingsville, and early in life was made of use in clearing off the homestead, and as he grew up he bore a considerable part in bringing the property to its present high state of cultivation. Now with his son, John H. Barnett, he carries on general farming. In the year 1883 he purchased fifty acres in the 5th Concession, and in 1896 the father and son purchased fifty acres joining their farm in the 2d Concession. In the following year a large, commodious barn was erected on the north end of their holding, and it is the intention, in the near future, to erect a house in the vicinity of this barn. The house now occupied was erected years ago, on the highest ground on the farm, but as the land is all drained the proposed location is more convenient, being nearer the road.

In 1874 Edward Barnett was married in County Haldimand to Sarah Ann Granger, and to this union have been born: John H., mentioned below; and Mary, born Nov. 8, 1877, a young lady, at home.

John H. Barnett was born Nov. 10, 1875, upon the old homestead. His education was obtained in the Gosfield South schools, section No. 10. Finishing his education, he returned to the farm, where he is associated with his father, as before stated. In 1899 he was married to May Cascadden, of Gosfield South, and they have one son and one daughter, Wilfred and Florence. The family are all members of the English Church, and are most highly esteemed throughout the township.

DAVID B. REID, a prosperous retired farmer, now making his home at Leamington, and enjoying the comforts procured by years of honest labor, was born in New Ireland, Huntingdon County, Quebec, June 26, 1840, son of James Reid.

James Reid was born in Ireland, in 1801, and grew to manhood in his native land, coming with the family to Quebec, and locating in New Ireland in 1835, where he engaged in farming. There he married Mary McNarlan, a native of Ireland, and to them were born children as follows: David B.; Isabelle, who married Charles Wood, and resides on the 10th Concession, Mersea township; William R., a farmer of the 8th Concession; Sarah, who died in infancy; Sarah (2), who married James Hope, of Blytheswood; Mary, who married Robert Hope, of the same place; and John W., a resident of Mersea township.

The father of this family, with his wife came, with other members of the family, to Mersea township in 1854 and settled on the 8th Concession, where he bought 200 acres of Lot 10, then entirely covered with timber. Erecting a log house, he began the life of a pioneer. Besides clearing his land he found immediate money returns for his labor by making potash, which he took to Windsor, and exchanged for the necessities for the household. By almost constant work, he managed to improve his property and make it very valuable. In personal appearance he was pleasing, his robust frame being large, and his face well featured and usually wearing a genial smile. He always had a pleasant word for everyone, and although he exacted hard work from others, it was no more than he demanded from himself. Throughout life he was a staunch supporter of the Conservative party, and was an active member of the Order of Orangemen. Mr. Reid was one of the organizers of the Reid's Church at Blytheswood, and always supported it liberally, being one of its trustees. This most excellent man lived to the advanced age of ninety years, dying on his farm of which he was so proud; his remains were tenderly laid to rest in the cemetery at Albuna.

The first wife of Mr. Reid died and was buried at Albuna, she having been a true member of the Methodist Church. In 1856, he married Ruth Ogle, sister of Christopher Ogle, a well-known farmer of the township. Their children were as follows: Jane, unmarried; Emma, married to Christopher Coulter; Christopher, deceased; Ida, married to Amos McMullen, of Mersea township; West, who resides on the homestead; Elizabeth, married to Kenneth Steward; Edith, married to Henry Steward; and a boy, who died in infancy. The mother of these children is living on the homestead, aged seventy

years, a consistent member of the Methodist Church.

David B. Reid attended the public schools of his township, but after the family located in Mersea township, he was compelled to work upon the farm. He remained at home until he was twenty-five years of age, helping to clear up the homestead. At that time, his father started him on 100 acres. From the surrounding timber, he built a log house and necessary buildings, and began his work of clearing off the land. In time he added fifty acres more, on Lot 12, 9th Concession, on which, in 1889, he erected a handsome brick residence at a cost of \$3,500, and the entire premises speak well for the energy, thrift and good management of the owner.

In 1903, Mr. Reid retired, and, building a comfortable and pleasant home in Leamington, where he now lives, he is enjoying a well-earned rest. Mr. Reid is one of those whole-souled, genial men who always make friends, are trusted implicitly, and whose word is literally as good as a bond. He is a Conservative, but has never desired office. For a number of years he has been a member of the Loyal Orange Association at Blytheswood. During his years of activity, he became famous as a breeder of Shorthorn cattle, and still takes a deep interest in stock of all kinds. The remarkable success which has attended him may be laid to his strict attention to business, and his reliability in business.

On May 29, 1871, Mr. Reid married, in Leamington, Louise Douglas, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Alexander G. Harris. Mrs. Reid was born in the Province of Quebec, daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Dowler) Douglas, and sister of Mrs. George McMullen, and, like her sister, a member of the Methodist Church and of the Ladies' Aid Society. Mrs. Reid has been president of the latter, and for twenty years has been a member of the Sunday-school, and one of its most active teachers and workers. The children born to this worthy couple were: (1) Alexander Harris died at the age of fifteen years. (2) Effie is the widow of David Robinson, who died in 1896, and was buried in the cemetery at Albuna, and Mrs. Robinson is prominently identified with the Methodist Church, and has been a Sunday-school teacher and treasurer of the Epworth League, as well as an appreciated member and treasurer of the Ladies' Aid Society. She has one child, David Alexander. (3) Willis, who resides on the homestead farm, married Miss Maude Dundas, of Mersea township,

and she also takes an active part in Methodist Church work.

Probably the Reid family is the most prominent one in Methodist Church circles in this portion of the county. They not only give their faith to the church, but are equally liberal with time and money. The ladies all have been especially active in the Aid Society, and nothing is ever broached in the church unless some, or all, of the Reids are consulted. Such prominence comes only to those who deserve it, and their popularity in the church is seconded by the respect they inspire in the neighborhood, where their many kind deeds, pleasing manners and cordial sympathy have made them recognized leaders. The good they do does not rest in the present, but its results influence others until lives yet unborn may be made better and fuller because of the charity and Christian activity of this one family in the Province of Ontario.

DENIS PERRIN, postmaster and successful farmer of Sandwich South, Ont., residing at Fair Play, was born in the northern part of France May 29, 1848, son of Lawrence and Mary R. (Valdenaire) Perrin, born in France in 1823 and 1816, respectively. Lawrence Perrin, Sr., the grandfather, died in France.

Lawrence Perrin, Jr., came to Canada in 1855, and settled in Ingersoll, Ont., where he remained three years, and then removed to the County of Oxford, working at farming for a time. He then settled at St. Mary's, County of Perth, where he lived nine years, when, in 1870, he located in Sandwich South, there purchasing a tract of land, and beginning life as a farmer in the wilderness. This property was cleared up by himself and sons, and there he died in 1877; his wife, Mary R. Valdenaire, is still living, now aged eighty-nine years, and is making her home with our subject.

Lawrence Perrin, Jr., had a brother, Antoine Perrin, who died in Sandwich East, leaving a wife and one son, Denis, of Detroit. Joseph, one of his brothers, is still living, being in Algeria, Africa; he married (first) in France, and had a daughter, and he married the second time in Africa. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Perrin, Jr.: (1) Rosanna died unmarried in Canada. (2) August settled at Windsor, where he worked for the Grand Trunk Railroad Co., and was killed while on duty; he married a Miss Renaud, who survives, and their children were Lida, Clara, Rose, Cora, Lillie and Lawrence. (3) Mary D., born in France,

married John McDonald, now deceased, who came from Scotland, and they came to Sandwich, where he died leaving her with three sons, and all now live in Detroit; these sons are John, Denis and George, all successful druggists of Detroit. (4) Denis completed the family.

Denis Perrin grew to manhood in Canada, where he received the greater portion of his education. When a young man he learned the trade of carpenter with his brother-in-law, John McDonald, and he has been very successful as a carpenter and builder, but after the death of his father he settled upon the farm, and is now engaged in agricultural pursuits.

In January, 1878, Mr. Perrin married Katie Queenan, who was born in the County of Perth, Ont., in 1845, daughter of Patrick and Sarah Queenan, old pioneers of the County of Perth. Mr. and Mrs. Perrin settled in their present home, and have been very prosperous. The following children have come to them: (1) Edmond, born in Sandwich South, was educated as druggist, after taking a full course in the Medical College in Detroit, and he now resides in that city, where he is a clerk in one of the leading drug stores. (2) Mary I., born in 1882, is a well educated young lady. (3) Joseph P. was born in 1884, is unmarried, and a farmer on the homestead. (4) Lewis I., born in 1888, is unmarried and at home.

On May 2, 1901, Mrs. Perrin died, firm in the faith of the Catholic Church, and a good Christian woman. All of the family are members of the Catholic Church. When the post office was established at Fair Play, in September, 1898, Mr. Perrin was appointed postmaster, and he has continued in that office to the satisfaction of all concerned. Mr. Perrin has earned all his property through his own unaided efforts, and is a man widely known in the neighborhood, and deeply respected.

CALEB CURTIS, a prosperous retired farmer of Mersea township, County of Essex, residing on Erie street, in Leamington, was born March 31, 1824, in Mersea, a son of Bennett and Sarah (Sterns) Curtis.

Abel Curtis, his grandfather, was a native of Connecticut, and died in Michigan. His wife's maiden name was Mabel Curtis, and their children were: Reuben, Bennett, Ransom, Miranda and Minerva.

Bennett Curtis was born in New York, and coming to Canada located in Mersea, being one of the pioneers of the township. There he took

up land and spent the remainder of his life, engaged in farming. He served in the militia during the Rebellion of 1837, and died in Mersea township in 1871, while his wife passed away in 1841. Their children were: Caleb; Alice, widow of James Wigle; Minerva, who married John McGaw (both are deceased); Miranda, who died unmarried; William, deceased; and Abel and Sarah, also deceased.

Caleb Curtis was reared to farm life, receiving the somewhat limited education characteristic of his times, and in early life learned the cooper's trade, working at it for a number of years. Subsequently he engaged in fruit culture and farming, and for over fifty years has resided on his present fine farm of seventy acres, all of which is in a high state of cultivation. For fifteen years prior to his removal to this place he was on an adjoining farm. He has redeemed this land from the forest, and is justly proud of his property. Mr. Curtis has served as a member of the council eight terms, for twenty-five years has been school trustee, and township assessor for many years. In politics he is a Reformer, and both he and his excellent wife are members of the Methodist Church.

On Feb. 3, 1850, Caleb Curtis was united in marriage, at Amherstburg, with Ruth Cullen, a daughter of James and Elizabeth (Bell) Cullen, born in Quebec. Children as follows have come to this union: Hilburt married Ellen Lovelace, of Mersea, and they have three children, Maggie, Floyd and Beatrice. Burrit married Alma Fowler, and they have three children, Lorne, Claud and Dott. Cecilia married Sylvester Setterington, and they have two children, Gordon and Harold. Annetta married Richard Cooke, and has two children, Mahlon and Ruth. Howard married Florence Whipple. Leroy and Gordon complete the family.

The Cullen family is of Scotch descent, the father of Mrs. Curtis having been born in Scotland, and he was the only one of his name to come to America. After living in Quebec some years he removed to Amherstburg, and still later to Mersea township, where he spent the remainder of his days, dying in 1849. He was a farmer.

The Bell family came to Canada and located in Quebec at an early day. Mr. Bell, the grandfather of Mrs. Curtis, was a large shipbuilder, having shipyards at Quebec and Amherstburg. The mother of Mrs. Curtis was born in Amherstburg, and died in Mersea township in 1866. Mr.

and Mrs. Cullen's children were: Ruth (Mrs. Curtis), James, Robert and Jessie.

The mother of Mr. Curtis was born at Albany, New York, a daughter of Caleb and Alice Sterns, the latter a native of England, who came to the United States with her first husband, who died in New Orleans. Later she married Caleb Sterns, a school teacher, and they resided at different points in the United States and Lower Canada, about 1819 or 1820 coming to western Canada, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Sarah, their daughter, mother of Mr. Curtis, was born in Albany, and came with her parents to Canada, where she met and married Mr. Curtis.

ARTHUR MONTGOMERY McCORMICK, postmaster and merchant on Pelee Island, is entitled to be classed among the prominent residents of that island for more than one reason. He is the only living child of the late William McCormick, the founder of the family on the Island, and he has done more than lead a life worthy of a descendant of so honorable a family. He has been active in the public as well as the business life of the island, and has been a useful citizen, progressive and enterprising in every respect.

The history of the McCormick family extends back to the reign of James II. of England. In the latter years of the seventeenth century, about 1688, the Duke of Scumburg, was sent on a military expedition to Ireland. In his army were many Scotchmen, who remained, settling in the North of Ireland, and among these was a McCormick, who made his home in County Down. There he reared a family of six children, four sons—Robert, John, David and Alexander, the youngest—and two daughters. Of the sons, John was a surgeon in the British navy, and served in Admiral Boyne's ship, but resigned after the court-martial and death of that gallant officer. John McCormick died in Bath, England. David was a linen merchant, doing business at a place some twenty miles from Belfast, Ireland. Alexander was the ancestor of the gentleman whose name opens this sketch.

Alexander McCormick received such education as the times afforded, mostly in the commercial line, and had scarcely reached manhood when he determined to come to America, one of his older brothers, who shared his adventurous disposition, coming with him. After their



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arrival in the English colonies they separated, the elder brother going to the Carolinas, and he was never afterward heard from by the family. Alexander found a position in business with a merchant in Philadelphia, and remained in the Eastern States for several years. But his restless and roving disposition soon reasserted itself, and presumably, between 1768 and 1770, he joined a company of traders going into the western wilderness across the Allegheny mountains. They carried such articles as were suitable for trade with the Indians, and expected to obtain pelts and furs, then in great demand in Europe. Nothing is known of the size of the party, but their progress must have been slow and laborious, beset with peril and full of adventure. It is supposed that the first white settlement reached was Pittsburg, but there is no evidence of this, and it is not certain that Mr. McCormick stopped there any length of time. The next known of him he had passed over the Ohio river, and on into the vast unexplored region north to the Great Lakes and the Detroit river, known as the western district or the Northwest Territory. It was inhabited by tribes of the Wyandotte, Shawnee, Cherokee, Delaware and other Indians, and Mr. McCormick was living with a band of Wyandottes, but whether as a captive or trader is not known. However, there is no doubt that they did what they could to prevent his escape, and it is also apparent that he was perfectly satisfied with the life, for he must have had opportunities to get away had he so desired. The Indians were pleased with him and made a favorite of him, formally adopting him into the tribe as brother with appropriate ceremony, and the chief gave him his sister, a comely young squaw, for a wife, the young couple marrying by the Indian ceremony. The Indians told McCormick he was of no use in their hunting and war expeditions, but they made it plain that he could be of great service to them writing and figuring, and through him they did their bargaining with the whites at Detroit, and the occasional white traders whom they met in their wanderings. So sure were the red men of his returning to them that they intrusted him to collect cargoes of skins, which he took from the Maumee river on boats to the lake and on to Detroit, disposing of them there and bringing back needed supplies. On these trips he made the acquaintance of prominent white men in Detroit, both French and English, some of whom were very useful to him in later

years. By his Indian wife McCormick had a son, of whom he always took great care, and who came to Canada with him, when, years later, he settled down to civilized life. It is said the mother died a few years after the son's birth.

In his wanderings and trading expeditions, Alexander McCormick often came across white people who took to the Indian life—traders and trappers, or captives—and among a band of Chippewas visiting the Maumee country he discovered a white woman who had, judging from appearances, been with the tribe for some time. Knowing she must be some white girl captured and adopted by the Indians, he became very much interested in her, and taking an opportunity to speak to her found that her name was Elizabeth Turner, and that she had been captured in March, 1780, at Pittsburg, about three years previously, with another young woman named McKern, while assisting their brothers—two lads nearly grown—in a sugar camp. The Indians shot the two young men, and took captive the two girls and a younger brother, who, becoming sick and unable to travel, was soon slain. The girls were separated before long and never met again. Elizabeth, being courageous and blessed with good health, was much admired by the Indians, though she had to do her share of the drudgery left to the squaws. Because of her spirited disposition and readiness to resent imposition, they gave her an Indian name meaning "Chestnut Burr." But with all her share of bravery she never got over her aversion to the Indians and their life, and she was hopeless of meeting her people again, having no prospect of escape, when she met Alexander McCormick. He could give her no information concerning her friends, but he was white, and his interest in her boded well. Before long he asked her to marry him, his Indian wife being dead, but Elizabeth had been promised in marriage to a young man in Pittsburg, and felt that not even a three years' separation ought to release her. Mr. McCormick, however, persuaded her to put aside such scruples, arguing that her lover might have married, and in all probability never expected to see her again, and so she consented to become his wife. Her escape was as romantic as were the rest of her experiences. The Indians refusing to allow her to leave their tribe, or to give her up to the white man, he thought to obtain her by offering a liberal ransom; but when he went to take her away they had regretted their bargain, and would not let

her go. In an historical sketch of Pelee Island and the McCormick family, the following account of the escape is found:

"McCormick's Scotch blood was now roused and he determined to have her, even if he had to steal her and run away with her to Detroit; and he laid his plans with this intention. Circumstances favored his project. He was, that spring, engaged in collecting furs and skins to be loaded in row boats at Maumee City, of which he was to have charge to take them to Detroit, as he had frequently done before. When all was ready, by previous arrangement with Elizabeth, he got her into one of the boats, secreted her in the bottom and completely covered her with skins. When the Indians missed their white squaw they immediately suspected McCormick of spiriting her away, and went to search his boats for her. They removed nearly all of the skins from the boat that she was in, seemed satisfied that she was not there, and left a few skins in the bottom; but these few completely concealed her. When the Wyandottes withdrew without finding Elizabeth, they both felt greatly relieved, for when once on their way in the boats there would be no danger of rescue. The voyage by row boats was a slow one. First down the Maumee river into Lake Erie, thence up the lake, keeping along the shore and camping on land at night, and the same way up the Detroit river, against the current, they at last reached Detroit safely. McCormick took Elizabeth to the house of one of the friends he had made in Detroit on one of his former visits—one Col. Allen. There he bountifully provided her with the dress of civilization, to which she had been a stranger for three years. He also provided her with the best wedding dress and outfit that could be bought in the town, and they were married in the house of Col. Allen in May, 1783, by an English Church minister. Mrs. McCormick often described to her children and grandchildren her wedding outfit in detail and it would now be a curious costume.

"After the marriage of Alexander McCormick to Elizabeth Turner they soon began to make preparation to return to the Indian Settlement in the Maumee country from which he had lately come; and with his young wife and some necessary articles that would be needed, he left Detroit and embarked upon their frail boats in the same way that they had come. It seemed that McCormick preferred to live among the In-

dians and keep up his fur trade. With his Scotch thrift he had made money, and proposed to take up land and establish a more permanent home than he had had with the Indians. They were both familiar with the Indian life, inured to its hardships, and apparently were quite satisfied with it, so it was no great sacrifice to live thus.

"On May 30th, 1784, a child was born to them, whom they named William. The veil of the future of this child has been opened to us, and we know his future career; but at that time the most sanguine optimist could not have predicted that a child born in such unfavorable circumstances would become a prominent man in his sphere—a member of the Canadian Parliament, and the first white owner of Point au Pelee Island.

"A very natural desire came to Mrs. McCormick to visit her old home, Pittsburg, to see her relatives and friends, and to let them know that she was still alive. But it would be a difficult undertaking. Pittsburg was some 200 or more miles distant, and the whole route was through a wilderness without roads and without inhabitants, save some roving bands of Indians. It was not convenient for her husband to leave his business and go with her. But that same indomitable will and spirit that had enabled her to go through so many trials, now came to her aid, and she devised a plan to accomplish her desire and executed it. She selected a trusty squaw to be her only companion on the journey, and McCormick provided them with two horses, and such a small outfit as they could carry with them, of little things that would be necessary to them. Thus equipped, with her young child in her arms, Mrs. McCormick set out on horseback to make the journey to Pittsburg. The journey was long and tedious, and not without thrilling adventures and hardships. No friendly houses along the route to shelter them at night, and for many days' traveling not an Indian wigwam to be seen. When night overtook them they camped in the wilderness. It is hard for us even to imagine a young mother with her babe making such a journey, but Mrs. McCormick's four years' experience of Indian life enabled her to do it successfully.

"She found her father and mother alive, but the appearance of their daughter before them was like one rising from the dead. Four years had passed since she had been taken from them, and they had not heard one word from her. To

see her return with a child, a child of her own, greatly added to their surprise. She found her former lover, who was still unmarried, but he said he did not blame her, under the circumstances for marrying McCormick, and thought she had done right. She remained with her friends a few weeks, and then returned to her husband in the same way that she had come—on horseback with her lone squaw companion."

Mr. and Mrs. McCormick had eight children altogether, William, Alexander, Matthew, John, Elizabeth (Betsy) (who never married), Mary (Mrs. John Ferris), Nancy (Mrs. Stockwell), and Sarah (Mrs. Price).

It is not known just when Alexander McCormick came into Canada. The date is placed variously at 1787, 1788, or the early nineties. McCormick may have fought the Revolutionists with the British, or their Indian allies, but there is no doubt that he sympathized strongly with the British, and had, perhaps, done things which gave the "Yankees" reason to regard him as an enemy. So the circumstances made it unpleasant for him to remain in the States, and the British government, on the other hand, was encouraging Loyalists to come into Canada, by offering 200 acres of land to each family that wished to settle. McCormick selected a 200-acre tract in what is now known as Colchester township, County of Essex, near the shores of Lake Erie, and, gathering up his effects, took them to Detroit and across the river, making his home among the colony of Loyalists. White settlers were quite numerous along the Detroit river, but the country in which he settled was an almost unbroken wilderness. The presence of Indians was enough to restore McCormick to his old element, and there is little doubt that he resumed trading with much success, besides doing a little farming. In 1802 he made a trip to Ireland to visit his people, and he reached a grand old age. His wife, who was much younger than he, having been but eighteen at the time of her capture, survived him many years, her death occurring in 1839, when she was seventy-seven years old. She lived to see her children reach maturity, and to see many grandchildren, to whom she often related tales of her life and sufferings among the Indians. When her son, William, moved to Pelee Island (of which he was the first white owner) she moved with him, and lived there several years, though she died in the township of Colchester, while on a visit. Her sons all married and settled in the county,

and some of them attained old age and raised large families, the name being still well known and respected in the old neighborhood.

William McCormick was a mere child when brought by his parents to Canada, and nothing is known of his educational advantages. His parents may have taught him a little before the removal to Canada, and he may have been sent to Malden or Sandwich, as there were no schools nearer to his home. It is certain he made good use of every opportunity, and as he had to depend upon himself this characteristic had important bearing on his literary and commercial acquirements. He had elevating environments in the society of the Loyalists, who had settled in the neighborhood, and on Jan. 29, 1809, married a member of one of these families, Mary Cornwall, who was born in the County of Essex, July 22, 1792. They settled on the old homestead farm, the original acreage of which had been increased by purchase, finding congenial company among their own people, and among the officials and army officers of the military station at Fort Malden, whose families lived there also. The same sketch mentioned above has this to say of him:

"The north end of the Island was selected for a homestead. Here were two cedar log houses connected by a frame apartment built between, which formed the family residence. It was only a few yards from the bluff at the beach, facing that beautiful sheet of water, the north bay of Pelee Island. Here the mainland was in full view across the north channel of the lake; and as nearly all the shipping and commerce of the lake in sail or steam vessel passes through this channel, it was in plain sight from the house. Almost in front of the house was a good location for a dock, which was afterward built, affording a landing place and safe harbor for boats—a very important consideration, as all intercourse with the main shore and the rest of the world was by boats."

Mr. and Mrs. McCormick were the parents of thirteen children, two of whom died young, the other eleven with his aged mother and maiden sister, Betsy, moving to Pelee Island with him. We have the following record of his family: A daughter, born Dec. 12, 1809, died in infancy; Alexander, born March 18, 1811, died Aug. 24, 1854, in Amherstburg, leaving a widow and two children. John, born May 26, 1813, died Feb. 25, 1856; his wife had died two years before, thus leaving five children to be cared for by the

grandmother. David, born July 27, 1815, died June 6, 1888; he was a captain, and as he never married made the old homestead his quarters when not sailing. William, born April 3, 1817, died Nov. 1, 1887. Robert, born March 7, 1819, died Feb. 2, 1823. Thomas C., born Feb. 11, 1821, died June 12, 1886; he never married and lived on the old homestead with his mother and two sisters. Lucinda L. was born Sept. 22, 1822, and never married. Charles W., born Jan. 21, 1826, died Dec. 18, 1844. Mary, born March 8, 1828, died July 23, 1861. Sarah Ann, born Sept. 18, 1829, died June 5, 1897, unmarried. Peregrine, born Feb. 22, 1831, died Feb. 4, 1902. Arthur M., born April 3, 1834, in Colchester township, is mentioned below.

The McCormicks found Pelee Island in almost its primeval state. They engaged in agricultural pursuits, chiefly stock raising, and they also got out cedar and oak timber, and sold firewood. Canadian French lumbermen, experts in hewing square timber, were brought to the Island, and the huge oak trees were felled and converted into sticks the length of the body of the trees, and as large as possible, sometimes two foot square. When there was snow they were dragged out to the beach by several yoke of oxen, thence floated out to vessels lying at anchor, taken aboard by horse power, and sent to Europe for shipbuilding. In 1836 a sawmill was erected at the southeast end of the island, to cut red cedar railroad timber for shipment to Oswego, and other ports in the States. Many were the experiences of the McCormicks during the early years of their residence on the Island, and in the rebellion of 1837-38 they gathered up their families and crossed to the mainland on the ice, not returning permanently until the summer of 1839. But the disaster so affected William McCormick, that his health began to decline, and he passed away Feb. 18, 1840, aged fifty-six years. His wife survived him many years, dying on Pelee Island in 1891, at a very advanced age.

Mr. McCormick's idea in buying Pelee Island was to provide homes for his children, and he intended them to settle on the island as a family colony. In his will he specially designated where each child was to have a 300-acre tract, and the balance, excepting 100 acres, set aside for school purposes, and ten acres for a village plot and Church, was to be divided equally.

Mrs. McCormick and her family deserve

especial mention. She was the daughter of John Cornwall, a native of Wales, who came to the Colonies in 1772. He was very loyal to King George, and came from Connecticut to western Canada about the time of the Revolution, settling in Sandwich in 1777. His wife and son were left in Connecticut, and it was twenty years before they joined him in Canada, the son by that time a grown man. John Cornwall became prominent and influential in Essex, and was the first representative of that county in the Canadian Parliament.

During the twenty-seven years that the McCormicks made their home upon the farm, Mr. McCormick was obliged to be away much of the time, his varied business interests often calling him from home, and thus his wife had extra cares, no light matter in the rearing of a large family. Losing her husband a few years after the removal to the Island, she found her burdens increasing instead of diminishing, but with a strong mind, a strong body, and an unusually cheerful disposition, she bore up bravely, and with all her trials lived long beyond the allotted span, being almost ninety-nine years of age at the time of her death. Her life was a grand example of Christian faith and work. With all her toil she always found time to give words of comfort and cheer to those about her, and she was no less useful in this respect than in her more material characteristics of thrift and industry. During her long life she saw many changes in the country round about, especially her island home, and, with her wonderful memory, her mind became a veritable storehouse of useful knowledge. She was, indeed, a remarkable woman, and her influence for good, exerted almost unconsciously, and continuously, will survive her many years.

Arthur Montgomery McCormick was but a few months old when the family settled on Pelee Island. Only six years old when his father died, he was reared under the fostering care of a loving mother, who gave him a Christian rearing. He attended a private school on the Island for six months, and when seventeen years old he attended school at Caradoc, a private school taught by a Mr. Livingstone, a Scotchman. Returning home he remained on the farm with his mother, amid primitive surroundings, and worked on the homestead farm. At the age of twenty years he commenced sailing on the lakes as a common seaman, spending one season with his brother, Capt. David McCormick. But not caring for a sea-

faring life, he returned to the homestead and engaged in farming and also fishing, which he continued for six years. In 1879 he started in the mercantile business, being the first engaged in that business on the Island, and during the past quarter of a century he has built up a successful business. In 1901 he took his son, Norman, into partnership, the business now being conducted under the firm name of A. M. McCormick & Son. They also have established a branch store at the north end of the Island, under the supervision of the son. Mr. McCormick is also engaged in farming, owning and operating 175 acres of fine land. In 1878 Mr. McCormick was appointed postmaster of the Island, being the first to fill that office on the Island, and for the past twenty-five years he has performed his duties with general satisfaction to the public in this as in every other trust. When the Island was formed into a township, he was elected its first reeve, and filled that office for two terms. He has taken a deep interest in education, and to him is due the credit of having the public school on the Island established. He, together with his brothers, William and Peregrine, brought the teacher to the Island, and paid the salary, and when the public school was established he was elected a member of the board of education, and was chairman of that board for two years. He also filled the office of assessor of the township and treasurer. He was originally a strong Conservative, but is now a staunch supporter of the principles of the Liberal party. He and his family are members of the Church of England, and he was one of the founders of that church on the Island. In fact, there is scarcely a circle of activity in which he has not proven useful, certainly none on his Island, and he is respected and esteemed accordingly.

Mr. McCormick was married in Colchester township, County of Essex, Ont., Nov. 25, 1856, to Esther McCormick, who was born in Colchester township, daughter of the late Alexander and Mary (Lidwell) McCormick. Ten children have blessed this union: (1) Blanch married Capt. John McCormick, captain of the steamship "Lincoln." (2) Frederick resides in Wilkesbarre, Pa. He married (first) Irene Drake, by whom he had one child, Violet B., and (second) Miss Emma L. Myers, and has three children, Donald M., Gordon and Marguerite. (3) Cora married J. H. C. Atkinson, customs officer on the Island. (4) Edith married Dr. Thomas H. McKee, of Buffalo, and has one son, McCormick H.

(5) Arthur O. died in 1889, of smallpox. (6) Norman is in partnership with his father, and is treasurer of the township and assistant postmaster. He married Ada Harris, daughter of James Harris. (7) Maude, who resides at home, is organist of the Church of England on the Island. (8) Augusta M. is at home. (9) Gertrude, a music teacher, resides at home. (10) Clyde resides at home.

Mrs. McCormick is an intelligent woman, devoted to her home, husband and family, and is a good Christian. She is also a descendant of the McCormick family, her father, Alexander McCormick, having been a son of Alexander, the first settler, and brother of William, who settled on Pelee Island. He was a farmer and land owner of Colchester township, where he was engaged in general farming and stock raising, owning a tract of 400 acres near Oxley, where he spent his life, and where he married Mary Lidwell, who lived to the ripe age of ninety-seven years. She died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Huffman, of Oxley. Their children were as follows: (1) Nancy married Walter Grubb, of Colchester, and is deceased. (2) William I. died at Yale, British Columbia. (3) Elizabeth married Henry Wigle, of Essex. (4) Mary Jane married Walter Grubb, of Pelee Island. (5) Eliza married Angus Huffman, of Colchester township. (6) Thomas resides on Pelee Island. (7) John is in the Yukon district of Alaska. (8) Esther married Arthur M. McCormick, of Pelee Island. (9) Robert D. resides on Pelee Island. (10) Lucinda, widow of Florin F. Mickle, resides in British Columbia. (11) Margaret S. married Samuel Huston, and resides in Detroit.

W. H. McEVOY has been identified with the interests of Amherstburg since 1876, and has not only given his hearty support to every enterprise for the development of the place, but has been the successful promoter of movements which have established here those necessary enterprises of modern life, the water system and the electric light.

Mr. McEvoy's ancestors were natives of the Emerald Isle. His great-grandfather was the founder of the family in Canada, having located in Prince Edward County, Ont., at a very early period. The succeeding generation also followed agricultural life in Ontario, and the grandfather, who was born in Prince Edward County, passed his entire life there. His wife, Nancy, was also

a native of Ontario, and she is buried by the side of her husband on the old farm in Prince Edward County. Their son, Bartholomew, the father of our subject, was born in Prince Edward County in 1824, and in young manhood settled in Belleville, Ont., where he engaged in the furniture business. There he married Margaret Madden, a native of Ontario, and their family of seven children was born in Belleville. About 1865 Bartholomew McEvoy settled in Stratford, where he continued in the furniture business, and there he died. Their children were as follows: Henrietta, who is deceased; Minnie A., wife of J. F. Smith, of Buffalo, New York; W. H., our subject; Charles B., deceased; Alexander S., who has been for many years with the United States printing bureau, in Philadelphia; George, a travelling salesman in the United States; and Alice, widow of Joseph McConnell, ex-general ticket and passenger agent of the Chicago & Alton railroad.

W. H. McEvoy was born Oct. 12, 1853, in Belleville, Ont. His education was obtained in the public schools of his native town and in Stratford Grammar School. On the completion of his course in Stratford he served a three-years' apprenticeship to the jeweller's trade in Belleville, and then went to Toronto, where he worked at this business for one and a half years, going from there to Rochester, New York, where he remained one year. In the fall of 1876 Mr. McEvoy came to Amherstburg to take the position of assistant postmaster under Postmaster E. G. Park, and also to become manager of Mr. Park's jewellery store. In 1877 Mr. McEvoy purchased an interest in the business, in 1881 buying out his partner, and not long afterward became the owner of the building, thus becoming the sole owner and proprietor of the entire property. Mr. McEvoy has prospered greatly in his business, and has expanded not only the jewellery trade, but has added a fine line of stationery, fancy articles and wall paper, his establishment being one of the most attractive in the city. In 1884 he became agent for the Canadian and American Express Companies, and also for the G. N. W. Telegraph Co., and still retains all but the American line.

It was in 1894 that Mr. McEvoy established the incandescent electric light system in Amherstburg. In 1896 a stock company was formed and the plant was enlarged, Mr. McEvoy holding the majority of the stock and being managing director. In 1891 the present thoroughly practical waterworks system was introduced in the

city, and in this movement Mr. McEvoy, as mayor, was one of the leading organizers, and it was mainly through his untiring efforts that it was brought to completion. This enterprise is of untold benefit to the town. Prior to its introduction the people had water delivered to them in barrels, in consequence of which they found it almost impossible to enjoy a cool glass or obtain sufficient for the ordinary needs of sanitation or the uses of the household; it even precluded the use and luxury of a bathroom. If cleanliness be next to godliness, as we are told in Holy Writ, then, indeed, must the citizens of Amherstburg hold Mr. McEvoy in high esteem for what he has accomplished for their redemption. In 1894 he constructed the dock just below the water plant, at which the Windsor and Detroit boats land their passengers. He was also one of the original promoters of the Extension of the Sandwich, Windsor & Amherstburg Electric Railway, from Windsor to Amherstburg. He and a few other prominent citizens secured a government charter and got liberal franchises from the different municipalities, selling them to Evert & Moore, the largest electric road syndicate in the United States; this firm also acquired the Windsor Street Railway, and the new line is now in full operation, running cars hourly. Mr. McEvoy is also local representative for the company at Amherstburg, and also local ticket agent for the Grand Trunk Railway system.

It is not only in a business way that Mr. McEvoy has become so prominently identified with Amherstburg. He has ably occupied the honorable position of mayor of the town for five terms, 1889-90-91-92-97, and for three of these terms was elected by acclamation, there being no opponent willing to take the field, so great is his personal popularity. Perhaps this general feeling of good-will has never been approached except in the case of Mayor John Davis, a valued citizen of Windsor. Our distinguished subject also served in the council, in 1885, prior to taking the mayor's chair. In 1888 he was elected deputy reeve and was thereby a member of the county council. The prominent position taken by Mr. McEvoy in political matters has made him well known throughout the county. In 1895 he declined Parliamentary honors at the hands of the leaders of the Conservative party. He is noted for the hearty support he is ever ready to give to laudable enterprises and is justly regarded as one of the most representative citizens of his section of the country.

On Feb. 21, 1878, Mr. McEvoy was united

in marriage with Miss Mary A. Kane, who was born in Amherstburg, daughter of J. A. and Mary A. Kane, and to this marriage have been born children as follows: Maude, a graduate of the Amherstburg public schools and the Loretta Abbey school at Toronto; Irene; and Henry C., who is still a student in the public school. Mr. McEvoy and his family are members of the Roman Catholic Church. Fraternally he is connected with the A. O. U. W., the I. O. O. F., the Chosen Friends and the C. M. B. A.

The family residence is located in one of the most delightful spots in the city, on the banks of the Detroit river, with a fine view of the commerce of the lakes. Its hospitality is equally delightful, Mr. McEvoy and family enjoying the visits of their wide circle of friends and their entertainment in a social way.

JAMES BAIN, who for a number of years filled the office of town treasurer, is one of the prominent citizens of Gosfield North. He was born in the County of Lanark, Oct. 4, 1841. The family originated in Scotland, where both his father and grandfather were born.

The first of the family to come to this country was Alexander Bain, grandfather of James, and he established himself as a merchant at Bolton's Mills, in the County of Lanark, where he lived and died. His four sons, all now deceased, were: John, of Grand Rapids, whose two sons are still residents of that city; Archie, of Ottawa; Alexander, of Bolton's Mills; and William, who died in Michigan, leaving a family.

Alexander Bain, father of James, was born and educated in Scotland, and came to America with his father. He married Miss Susan Bolton, a native of the County of Leeds, Canada, but at the time of her marriage a resident of the County of Lanark. Mr. Bain was a merchant and lumberman, owned a general store and several mills, and for many years was one of the wealthy and influential men of the county. In his religious faith he was a Presbyterian. Politically he belonged to no party, but voted independently. His death occurred in 1889, and his wife survived him only three years. A family of eleven children was born to Alexander and Susan Bain: Jane, the eldest, married John Jack, and settled in Michigan, where she died leaving a family. Alexander settled in Morley, Michigan, where he died in 1896, leaving a family of four children. Susan was the deceased wife of William Rodgers, of Carleton, and died leaving a family

of six children. Samuel, a miller of Carleton, Ont., is married and has four children. James is mentioned below. Eliza, born in 1843, is unmarried, and resides in Michigan. John, born in 1846, married and lives with his family at Morley, Michigan, on a farm. Agnes, born in 1848, is the wife of James McManis, has a large family, and resides in Michigan, near Morley. Henry, born in 1851, a lumberman of the County of Lanark, married and has a family of five children. Mary A., born in 1853, is the wife of Patrick Rodgers, a farmer of Morley, Michigan, and lives there with her family. Maggie, born in 1860, is the wife of Joseph Avery, a ranchman of North Dakota; she has nine children.

James Bain attended the district schools of the County of Lanark, and after finishing his education worked in his father's mills or as a clerk in the store until he was ready to mark out an independent career. For ten years he was engaged as a foreman for William Lee, a prominent lumberman of the county, but in 1872 he moved to the County of Essex, and was employed again as a foreman for James & Noble, an old lumber firm of Cottam, controlled later by Mr. James alone. In this position Mr. Bain remained eight years. From 1889 to 1899 he was treasurer of Gosfield, in the latter year resigning and moving to Guelph. He spent the next year on a farm there, and then purchased the John F. Clark place, on Talbot Street, where he has since lived, engaged in fruit raising and general farming.

In 1862 Mr. Bain was married to Miss Lizzie Slater, who was born near Niagara, daughter of John Slater, an Englishman. They had no children of their own, but a nephew of Mrs. Bain, Noble B. Slater, was brought up by them like a son. He was given a high school education and is now living in New York City, being a clerk in a music factory. Mrs. Bain, after thirty years of married life, was taken away in October, 1893, dying at her home in Cottam. For his second wife Mr. Bain chose Miss Kate Johnston, of the County of Carleton, who was born in October, 1865, daughter of Robert and Eliza J. (Coleman) Johnston. Her parents were both born in Ireland, but met and married in Canada. In 1875 they removed from the County of Carleton to Essex and settled on the Talbot Road, where they remained till 1898, when they took up their residence in Guelph. There Mr. Johnston died in 1900, leaving his wife and two children. The elder, George E., lives at Cottam,

unmarried. Mrs. Bain was the only daughter. The children of Mr. Bain's second marriage are as follows: Lulu G., born in 1896; James D., in 1898; Ella G., in 1900.

The religious affiliations of Mr. Bain and his wife are with the Methodist Church, of which they are prominent members. On political questions he has always been a Reformer. During his long period of service he made such a record for faithful and efficient discharge of duties that on his removal to Guelph two members of Parliament, John A. Auld, of Amherstburg, and M. K. Cowan, of Windsor, presented him with a gold watch engraved with his name, as a token of their appreciation. The sterling qualities displayed by Mr. Bain in his official capacity mark his career throughout and he is as highly esteemed as he is widely known throughout the county. His life has been one of great usefulness both in private and public affairs, but of late ill-health has compelled him to take a less active part in the life about him, a deprivation which is deeply deplored by all. Fraternally he is a member of St. George's Masonic Lodge, No. 41, of Kingsville.

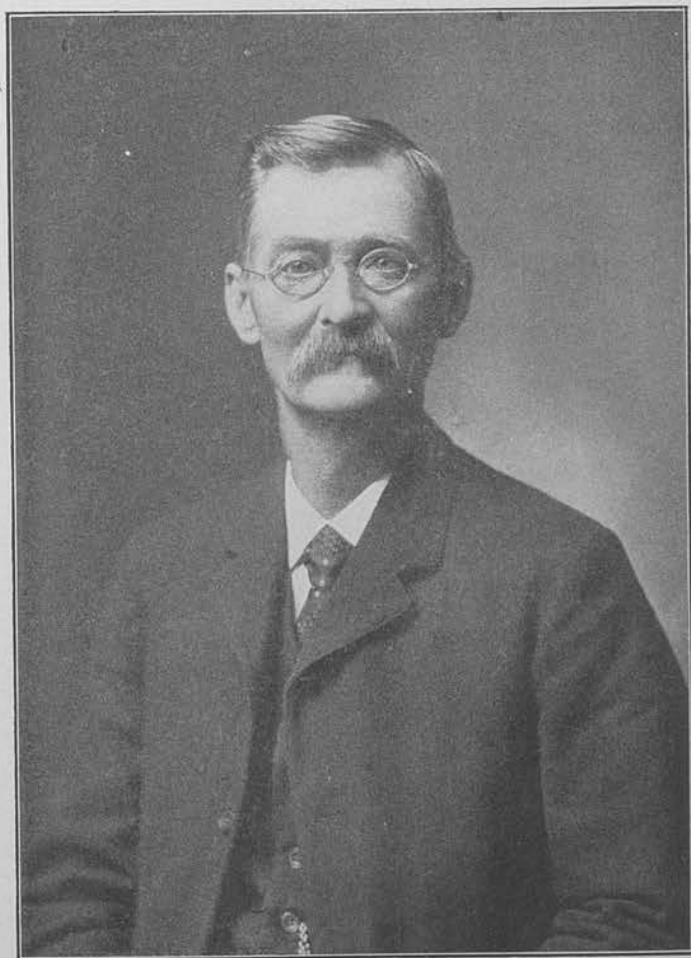
JOSEPH LOOP, one of the well-known citizens, and the largest landowner, of Mersea township, comes of a family which is one of the oldest settled in the township. The family is of German origin, but for many generations has had its home in the New World.

Grandfather Benjamin Franklin Loop was born in New York State, to which place his father had come from his home in Germany. During the Revolutionary war Benjamin Franklin Loop remained loyal to the British flag, and after the colonies gained their independence he moved to Canada, and located in the County of Middlesex, Ontario, among the first settlers in that Province. He married, in Canada, Agnes Jane Kennedy, and they had the following children: Joseph, John, Jacob, Henry, Warren, Ann, Sarah, Margaret, Mary, Elizabeth and Hannah. After a time the family moved to the County of Essex, and lived for a while at Point Pelee, where Mr. Loop obtained some land by squatter's right. They then moved to Michigan, and located in Flint, where he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives. Both were members of the Methodist Church, and both died and are buried in Flint. Mr. Loop took part in the war of 1812, serving in the ranks.

John Loop, son of Benjamin Franklin, and

father of Joseph, was born near London, Ont., and there grew to manhood. As a young man he moved to the County of Essex, and settled on a 65-acre tract, at Point Pelee, where he spent all of his active life engaged in farming. After coming to Point Pelee he married Lucinda Roberts, the ceremony being performed by Elder Harrington. To this union were born the following children: Lovisa, who married Michael Mooney, both of whom died at Point Pelee, where they are buried; William, who lives in Leamington (he married Sarah Dellyor); Joseph, who is mentioned below; Henry, who was for many years a fisherman, and now resides in Kingsville; Ellis, who died in infancy in Gosfield township; Charles, who died in Michigan (he married Mary McBrayne); Benjamin Franklin, who is a farmer of Mersea township; Ira, who lives in Kingsville (he married Clara J. Gauvereau); and Uriah, who lives in Kingsville, Ont., and who married Mary Gardiner. In later life the father and mother left their farm, and came to spend their declining years in the home of their son, Uriah, in Kingsville. There they died, the father at the age of eighty-two, the mother at the age of seventy-two, and both are buried in Lake View cemetery. They were members of the Methodist Church. John Loop was a Conservative in political principle, but never in any sense an office-seeker. He served as a volunteer in the British army during the Rebellion of 1837-38.

Joseph Loop, son of John and Lucinda (Roberts) Loop, was born Oct. 20, 1839, in a log cabin on the farm at Point Pelee. His educational advantages were very limited, being merely those afforded by the district schools of his native place, and of Colchester, but having a natural desire for learning he has given himself a very good education by means of observation and extensive reading. He has been a hard worker all his life, beginning when a small boy to help on the farm, and remaining with his father until he was sixteen years old. He then started out in life for himself, shipping as seaman on the schooner "Sweeper," of Toledo, in the coasting trade, on Lake Erie. For eleven years he followed the water, part of the time being employed by a wrecking company on Lake Erie. He then entered the fishing industry, with his brothers Henry and Ira, locating first at Point Pelee, where they operated one pound, and later at Kingsville, where they had three pounds. This business was continued for fourteen years, the brothers supplying both wholesale and retail



Joseph Loop

dealers in Detroit and adjoining places. Mr. Loop then returned to Mersea township, and bought 100 acres in Lot 19, Concession 2, where he made extensive improvements, and cut some of the timber. His fondness for the water soon drew him back to the fishing business, and he established himself on the east shore of Point Pelee, beginning with one pound, and finally controlling four. He spent ten years in this industry, and then sold out to Frederick Kline, of Sandusky, and settled down to farming on Lot 20, 3d Concession. There he put up a comfortable dwelling, barns, etc., and has made his home there ever since, carrying on the farm of 200 acres. He also owns 150 acres near his home farm, 150 acres more in the 2d Concession, and 105 acres on Talbot road, all of which is under cultivation. Mr. Loop is the largest land owner in Mersea township, as well as one of its most prosperous business men, and he owes all his success to his own unaided energy and industry. He can look back with justifiable pride to his early struggles and hardships from which he has won such prosperity and success. In addition to his interests as a farmer and a fisherman, Mr. Loop has been a noted hunter and trapper, and found much enjoyment in that occupation. In politics he is a Conservative, but in local affairs is determined more by the character of the men to be voted for than by party lines. He is a great student and reader, a broad-minded man of liberal opinions, and noted for his charity. His religious faith is centred in the Golden Rule, whose teaching he endeavors to follow in his life. Although he has never married he is domestic in his tastes, fond of his home, and devoted to children. He adopted George Henry, son of William and Sarah (Wingrove) Menary, and has brought him up from his early boyhood. Mr. Menary still makes his home with his foster-father, and, like him, is a Conservative in politics, and a member of the Methodist Church. Mr. Menary was united in marriage with Sarah Loop, daughter of Benjamin Franklin and Josephine (Fox) Loop, and they have two children, Elsie Mae and William Franklin.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN LOOP, father of Mrs. Menary, and brother of Joseph Loop, was born at Point Pelee, in September, 1847, and as a boy attended the district schools of that region. While still in his teens he shipped as a sailor on Lake Erie, but later settled down to farming on land in the 2d Concession. There he has ever since resided, a fine brick house having been

erected in recent years to replace the original home which was destroyed by fire. Like his brother he is a Conservative in politics. He married Josephine Fox, daughter of Theodore Fox, and they have nine children, as follows: Matilda N., who married Frederick Johnson, of Mersea township; Emily Lucinda, who married Arthur Brown, and lives in Kingsville; Sarah, who married George Henry Menary; Joseph Andrew, who married Kate Holt, and lives on the homestead; Amos Alvin, who married Emily Crompton, and lives in Kingsville; John Theodore, who married Ellen Middleton, and lives on the homestead; Charlotte L., who married Halton Hickson, a farmer of Mersea township; Bertha L., who married George Campbell, of Mersea township; and William Albert, who lives at home. Mr. and Mrs. Loop attend the Universalist Church.

ARCHIBALD COULTER, for twenty-one years railway mail clerk on the St. Thomas and Windsor postal route, is descended from Scotch ancestry.

William Coulter, his father, was born in 1812, and in 1830 settled in the County of Elgin, Ont., where he followed farming until his death, in 1880. His brother John died in Toronto in 1897. His two sisters, Mary and Ellen, married John and Robert Lindsay, who resided in the same neighborhood, Concession A., Southwold township, in the County of Elgin. His widow, whose maiden name was Margaret McIntyre, now resides in St. Thomas. She was born in 1823, the youngest child of Archibald and Isabella McIntyre, of Argyllshire, Scotland, whose children were as follows: Archibald, at one time license inspector of West Elgin for many years, and once the Liberal candidate for Parliament; Neil, Hugh and Donald, farmers in Elgin; John, a minister of the Church of England in New Zealand, where his family now lives; Mary, who married David Palmer, a farmer in West Elgin; Isabella, who married John McTavish, a farmer in Yarmouth township, Elgin; and Margaret, Mrs. William Coulter.

William and Margaret Coulter had eight children: Mary married Charles Saywell, a farmer; John married Ellen Bowlby; Daniel married Elizabeth Carswell; William married Emma Fowler; Archibald married Clara Clinton; Sara, unmarried, is a nurse in St. Thomas; Enoch married Catharine — — — —; George

married Nettie Luce. Mary's children are: Sherwood (deceased), Etta, Mabel, Blanche, Etoile, Claire and Eleanor. Daniel's child, whose name is Erie, was born in 1898. William's children are: Elva, Herbert, William, Eva, George, Archibald and Douglas. Enoch's children are: Iola, Rhea, Macdonald, Gladys, Aileen, Ina and Nellie. George's children are: Ivan, Margaret and Grace. Archibald's children are: Charis (aged eleven), Stanley (six), Hugh John (four), and Clinton (one).

Archibald Coulter followed the profession of teaching for five years, and then became a railway mail clerk. He is a member of the A.O.U.W. and also of the Free Library Board of Windsor.

The sturdy farmers, the country's pride, deserve much from us for making a wilderness blossom like a rose, overcoming difficulties by sheer force of personal merit, wreathing the home with flowers, studying the good of the household; for their cheerfulness that caused them to look on the bright side of things—and if there was a bit of blue in the sky they ever turned their eyes to it; for their labors that won high names in their neighborhood; for the kind, courteous manners shown to those whose claims ran counter to their own; for their liberal and enlightened patronage of learning, the promotion of religion without a trace of bigotry, good, upright, honorable citizenship, the devotion to sovereign and country; and for the happiness of their lives that they were permitted to enjoy. The school life of those mentioned in this sketch was fortunately not too lengthy, for school training does not always teach enough thinking and observing, on the formation of good character, qualities that go far to make life worth living. Their disputes and battles with their school companions show that there is much of the wildcat nature in their make-up. Papers, magazines, and books were not the least part of their education. They soon learned that worth is simple goodness, and true honor is acting well your part; that ignorance is one of the sources of evil; that the value of authority depends on its worth and truth; to study about nature and our relation to nature; to know the great facts about the things that surround us, such as astronomy, geology, history, temperance, self-respect, self-restraint, consideration for others, kindness to animals, honesty and truthfulness in all the relations of life; to gain an insight into things, to impart to others what they know; to frame lucid sentences the mean-

ing of which can be seen at a glance; to lay the axe to the roots of the trees of lying and superstition; to give battle to humbug in all its forms; to be mentally trained in order to climb the ladder of wisdom as high as possible, or as circumstances will admit, the high white star of truth ever guiding; the enjoyment of doing duty, knowing that truthfulness is the heart of morality; never sharpening the beak and claws to be in readiness for the fray of political or religious battles, but always prompted to the doing of good because it made others happy; to possess humility because there are a number of things of which we can know nothing, as they are out of the reach of the human faculties (for instance, the nature of matter is as much a mystery as the nature of the mind). They learned to believe that knowledge should rest on observation and experiments, and not on signs and wonders. Blind faith is the unpardonable sin, for there is greater ease in having faith in some one else's faith—listening to addresses if not sleeping—draughts drugging the reason, they only excite the emotions. We should not be influenced by opinions that fall in with our own wishes, and oppose ever, tooth-and-nail and with intellectual dynamite, all hot-beds of corruption, whether socially, politically or religiously, for one may be deeply religious without subscribing to any creed. Beware of self-advertisement, which often passes by the name of success. Prize the members of the home and never let fade the memories of the family circle, and let them be an inspiration to brothers and sisters for all time. As brevity of life is a great spur of duty, therefore one should waste no time in thinking or talking about a present-past, a round-square, or an intersection of parallel lines. Follow your reason as far as it will take you without regard to any other consideration, fearing not social ostracism, secular arm, or even eternal punishment; never believing in conviction without the evidence that would convince a jury, always lending a helping hand in taking people from the darkness of sorrow to the light of joy. Shun vagueness of thought and laxity of speech. Our ideas should be thoughtful, and our work an ever pleasant duty. Have sympathy with suffering, and hatred for cruelty and injustice, ever cheering those who have burdens too grievous to be borne; helping others to know the truth about things, and helping them to see through the veil that has obscured so many things so long; always trying to awaken

the best in other natures, while cultivating the best in ourselves; to lessen wrong, increasing joy, scattering a few rays of sunshine and flowers in each other's pathway; to give battle to those who oppose veracity of thought and action. We should hope for the time when each will be for, not against, all, when none shall die of neglect and none fall in battle, none corrupted by luxury or starved by poverty. "Love that which is of good report" should inspire our efforts to do some good to society or to be character builders. The triumph of truth will be assured if we knock falsehood on the head wherever and whenever it asserts itself. Neither affirm nor deny what you do not know, as a false creation of the mind is as foolish as an idol made by the hands. Knowledge has not told us whether there is anything behind force, whether the future is a dreamless sleep, or of rewards or punishments. Still our religion of faith will ever cause us to be full of hope, trust and belief in a Supreme Being and a future existence. Hoping that we have not taught error or discontent, that we have made our own and other lives better and truer, that we have rooted out some ignorance and promoted a little intelligence, that we have injured none and benefited some of our associates, and a hope or wish that our lives have not been utter failures, we conclude by quoting lines from two poets about the true rulers of the country and the morality of the nation, and the queenly love and self-sacrifice of women, "God's last and best gift."

Her prentice hand she tried on man,
And then He made the lasses, O.

DAVID J. WHITNEY, a general merchant and prosperous business man of Essex, County Essex, was born in County Grenville, April 18, 1856, a son of David and Diana (McCalvey) Whitney, of the same county.

David Whitney, the father, was a son of Comfort Whitney, who came to Canada from the States, and he came of English parents. Comfort Whitney settled as a pioneer in County Grenville, where he reared the following family: Augustus, on the old homestead; Chauncey, a merchant of County Grenville; Erastus, of Prescott, Canada, now deceased, who left a family; Lavina, who married Ambrose Newman, of County Grenville; Lonna, who married George Smith, of County Grenville; and David, father of our subject. The latter grew to manhood in County Grenville, where he worked as a farmer

until he started in life for himself. After his marriage he cleared up a farm in County Grenville, on which he resided until 1869, when he purchased a farm in Maidstone, County of Essex, and resided there until a few years ago. He then came to Essex, and is now living retired from active business life. To himself and wife were born children as follows: Mary J. married Albert Rowe, of Maidstone, and has one son, Elgin. Anne married Alexander Douglas, a carpenter of Maidstone, and has three children, James, Irene and Winnie. Ida married first William Hicks, of Maidstone, by whom she had two children, Annie and Lena, and she later married Arthur Snyder, of the Northwest Territory, where he is a ranchman; they have no children. Joel married a Miss Reaves, and they are settled at present on a farm in Gosfield township; they have had children as follows—Lillie, Frederick, Emerson, Verna (who died at the age of sixteen years), Delmar, Fay and Curley. David J. is mentioned below. Adaline, born in 1858, married Walker Gardner, of Walkerville, a lumber manufacturer of that place, and died leaving two children, Violet and Herbert. Verneceia, born in 1860, married Edward Lovelace, a prominent business man of St. Catherine's, and has one son, Stanley. Lillie, born in 1863, married Harvey Sharp, a resident of Walkerville, and has one son, Clayton. John, born in 1866, married Flora Bickle, of Canada, and resides at Wheatley, where he is the largest merchant; they have two children, Gerald and Dorothy.

David J. Whitney received his early education in the Maidstone district schools, and later studied at the London Business College. In 1882 he began keeping store in Essex, and thus continued until 1892, when he sold his interest and moved to London, Ont., engaging in commercial life until 1896, when he returned to Essex. He occupied a position of prominence among the successful business men of the place, being one of its largest general merchants.

In 1882 Mr. Whitney was married to Miss Elizabeth Powell, of County York, Ont., daughter of the late Capt. Joseph Powell, of Toronto. Mrs. Whitney's aged mother, two sisters, Miss Agnes and Miss Maggie, and one brother, E. J. Powell, live in London, Ont., while her brother, Joseph B. Powell is a resident of Mexico. Mr. and Mrs. Whitney came to Essex after their marriage, and resided at their home on Talbot street until Mrs. Whitney's death, in January,

1901. She left no family. Having been a lady of many Christian graces, cultured and well educated, she also possessed those qualities which were calculated to endear others to her, and she left many to mourn her loss. For many years she, like her husband, was a consistent member of the Methodist Church, and he is now one of its trustees; his father was a class-leader in the church until his death, which occurred Jan. 13, 1904.

Politically Mr. Whitney has always been identified with the old Liberal party, but never desired office, preferring to exert his influence in private life. He is a member of the Order of Odd Fellows, uniting with Essex Lodge, No. 118, and also belongs to Lodge No. 10, United Workmen, at Essex. In every capacity Mr. Whitney has been called upon to fill he has proven himself trustworthy. The success which has been his came of steadfast effort, intelligently directed along legitimate lines. His business methods are honorable, his stock first-class in every particular, and thoroughly modern, suited to his customers. Such is the brief record of David J. Whitney, who is living up to the high standard set by his parents, and continuing their efforts in behalf of progress and higher civilization.

JOSEPH CLEOPHAS LE BLANC, one of the rising young merchants of Comber, and a member of the township council, was born in what is now Tilbury West, in the County of Essex, Oct. 10, 1877.

The Le Blanc family were among the old French settlers of Acadia, Nova Scotia, where their descendants have lived for the past two centuries. Armable Le Blanc, the grandfather of Joseph C., removed from Nova Scotia to Quebec when a young man. He married and engaged in farming and lumbering at St. Polycarpe, County of Huntingdon, Quebec, where his life was passed. He was a member of the Catholic Church.

Henry Le Blanc, the pioneer of the family in the County of Essex, was born on the farm in St. Polycarpe, and in the French schools there received a limited education. Anxious to see more of the world, he left home at the age of eighteen and came to Ontario, where he bought a tract of fifty acres in Tilbury West, Concession 5, Lot 4. He erected a log house and began the life of a pioneer in a country which was almost an unbroken wilderness, with no

roads and no bridges. Gradually he got the land cleared and later built a good frame house. The remainder of his life was spent in farming, but he was cut off in his prime at the age of forty-three years, after a sickness of only eight days. He died from typhoid fever Dec. 19, 1898, and was buried in the Stony Point cemetery. He was a member of the Catholic Church at that place. In politics he was a strong Liberal, but took no active part in such matters.

Henry Le Blanc married Miss Mary Castanier, who was born in St. Anicet, Quebec, daughter of John B. Castanier, who was a well-known farmer of Tilbury West. After her husband's death, she continued to reside on the farm where she had shared the hardships of pioneer life. She was left with eleven children, most of them too young to care for themselves, so that she has had the responsibility of bringing them up, besides the care of managing the farm. We have the following record of this family: Joseph Cleophas is mentioned below; Telephore, of Tilbury, married Eliza Bricette, sister of his brother Joseph's wife; the other nine, Analda, Eugene, Alma, Alcide, Tancrede, Leontine, Stephanie, Edward and Blanche, reside together on the old homestead in Tilbury West.

Joseph Cleophas Le Blanc was born in the log cabin which was the early home of the family. His time during boyhood was divided between attendance on the district schools and work on the farm. In 1890 he went to Windsor and attended the high school for a year and a half. He then returned to the farm, but continued to study, as he was preparing himself to teach, and later, during a period when he was a pupil at the model school in the County of Prescott, he passed the examination and secured his certificate. For six years and a half he taught in Tilbury North, giving instruction in both English and French with great success.

Even while engaged in teaching, Mr. Le Blanc began his agricultural career, as he dealt then in cattle and horses. After he gave up his profession he bought a farm in Rochester township, farmed there for one year, and then sold the place. After another year on the farm at Tilbury North he sold that also and bought the place where he resided until November, 1903, when he sold that place and purchased his present general store in Comber, from G. W. Wray. The place comprised 115 acres in Concession 2, Lot 1, with a commodious brick dwelling and other improvements of various kinds, and here



J. C. LeBlanc

Mr. Le Blanc successfully engaged in general farming and stock raising. It was formerly the property of Peter Grener. Mr. Le Blanc's store contains a complete assortment of clothing, hats and caps, groceries, dry goods, boots and shoes, men's furnishings, everything, in fact, included in the equipment of a representative general store, and he does a business which justifies the carrying of such a large and varied stock. The store itself is a large, substantial brick building.

On Jan. 16, 1899, Joseph C. Le Blanc and Miss Marie Bricette were married, at Stony Point, Ont. Mrs. Le Blanc was born in Tilbury North, Jan. 10, 1878, daughter of John B. and Victoria (Lemerise) Bricette, prominent farming people of that township. Mr. and Mrs. Bricette were both natives of Quebec, the former born in 1851, the latter in 1854, and came to the County of Essex with their parents when quite young. They were the parents of twelve children: Malvina, Mrs. Peter Simon Fletcher; Glorvina, who married Alfred Mailloux, of Stony Point; Marie, Mrs. Le Blanc; Jane, Mrs. Lawrence Leoloque; Henry, who married Josephine Dumouchelle; Eliza, Mrs. Telesphore Le Blanc; George, still at home; Minnie, Mrs. Andre Roy; and Alfred, Arthur, Emile and Corinne, all at home. The parents are members of the Catholic Church.

To the union of Mr. and Mrs. Le Blanc three children have been born: Donas, Omer and Aurore. Mr. and Mrs. Le Blanc are members of the Church of the Annunciation at Stony Point, and are both earnest Christians of the most exemplary character. Mr. Le Blanc is broad-minded, a man of wide reading and well posted on current events. He is proficient in both French and English. An ardent Liberal in his political views, he has been somewhat active in local affairs, and in 1903 was elected councillor for the township, being the youngest man that ever sat in the township council. He is one of the most prominent young men in the locality, and is well thought of by all who know him.

KNISTER. There are no better citizens of Canada than those who have been transplanted from the German Empire. The elements of thrift and unwearying industry characteristic of that race were the very necessary requirements for success in pioneer days, and are no less essential at the present time. Among the worthy representatives of this desirable class are the Knisters, who have been residents of Roches-

ter township, County of Essex, for nearly seventy years, and have ever during that period been foremost in her progress and welfare. The name is held in high esteem for the many worthy members who have so ably sustained its reputation, and the family ranks among the oldest and best in their section.

Adam Knister, the head of the first family of the name to settle here, was a native of Hesse-Cassel, Germany, and grew to manhood in the country of his birth. He learned the trade of carpenter and joiner. Being ambitious, and feeling that he could better his circumstances by settling in the New World, he came to America with his wife and family, consisting of four children, in 1834. They took passage on a sailing-vessel from a German port, and after a nine weeks' voyage landed at New York City, thence continuing their journey by canal to Buffalo, where they took a Lake Erie vessel to Detroit, and from there came to their new home in what was then a wilderness—Rochester township, County of Essex, Ont. The father obtained 100 acres of land (known as the Col. Talbot land) on Lot 9, Middle Road, erected a log house and commenced the clearing of his land. He was one of the first settlers in that region, and the very first of his nationality. He labored on his land with perseverance and well-directed energy, but he survived the hardships of pioneer life only nine years, and by the time of his death had succeeded in clearing but a small portion. He passed away in 1843, at the age of fifty-eight, and his remains were interred on the farm. In his native land Mr. Knister was identified with the German Reformed Church, and after settling in Canada he became associated with the Methodist Church. He was a good man and worked hard all his life. Mrs. Knister shared with her husband the privations innumerable which life in such an unsettled region entailed, and did her duty as a Christian wife and mother. Like her husband she united with the Methodist church. She attained a ripe old age, dying on the farm at the age of eighty-seven and a half years, and her remains rest in the cemetery at Rochester. The four children born to Adam Knister and his wife were: Conrad, who died in Rochester township; Elizabeth, who married George Geisel (both are deceased); Catherine, who married a Mr. Vitter, and died in Sandusky, Ohio; and John.

JOHN KNISTER, the youngest child of the family of Adam Knister, was born in Hesse-

Cassel, Germany, in October, 1829, and was therefore but a child when brought to Canada with the family. He grew to manhood in the township which was ever after his home, and it was his lot to witness the transformation of a primitive region, without roads, bridges, schools and churches, into a fertile farming country, divided into profitable farms, and dotted with comfortable homes. During his boyhood flour, cornmeal and such other necessities of life as the pioneer could not furnish at first-hand were brought from Detroit, whence they were carried by water as far as Belle River, and thence shouldered through the woods to the pioneer's home. The boy's opportunities to acquire an English education in such a section were naturally limited, and his knowledge of the English language was acquired by association with English-speaking people. He was but fifteen years old when his father died, and from that time he not only had to support himself, but also to assist his mother and sisters. Taking up the work of clearing which his father had begun, he pursued it with all the vigor of youth and hardihood, and he not only succeeded in putting all the land under a profitable state of cultivation, but also made extensive improvements on the place, among other things erecting a fine frame dwelling, barns, etc. He continued to farm all his life, engaging in general agriculture and stock-raising, and by good management was enabled to purchase another tract of 100 acres, which he also cleared and put under cultivation. His death occurred when he had scarcely passed middle life, on May 25, 1887, and he was laid to rest in the cemetery at Rochester. Like his parents, he held membership in the Methodist Church. He was a staunch Liberal in politics, and was actively interested in good government in his locality, serving seven years as a member of the township council of Rochester, and for a number of years as township school trustee, taking especial interest in educational matters. His reputation for honorable dealing was above reproach.

Mr. Knister was married, in Rochester township, to Elizabeth Hedrick, who was born in 1834 in Hessen-Cassel, Germany, daughter of Henry and Barbara (Bost) Hedrick, and was but one year old when brought thence to Canada. She has a remarkable memory, and retains a vivid recollection of the many hardships and drawbacks encountered in the early days, the want of even the common necessities, the lack of religious and educational advantages, and

many other privations. During her childhood the country was still in such a wild state that she remembers seeing wolves roaming near her home, and she also remembers the construction of the Middle Road, and the building of the first school-house and church. In fact, she has a fund of interesting reminiscences. Though now nearly seventy, she is still active, and she is a devout member of the Methodist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Knister had a family of twelve children, all of whom grew to maturity, and eleven of whom still survive, viz.: Henry is a merchant at Ruscom, Ont.; Catharine first married William Hudson, and after his death John Ellis, who is also deceased, and she is now residing at Grand Rapids, Michigan; John Wesley is mentioned below; Adam is a farmer in Rochester township; Mary married Orlo Hill, of Rochester township; Matilda is the wife of Robert A. McNaughton, of Rochester township; Elizabeth married George Thompson, and is deceased; Rachel married John Goatbe, a manufacturer of Comber, Ont. Esther is the wife of Parker Bolton, of Ruthven, Ont.; George Edwin resides in Wisconsin; William is agent at Iona, Ont., for the Lake Erie Railway Company; Robert Walter is a farmer in Rochester township. All of this family are doing their part as substantial citizens of the various communities in which their lot has been cast, and are a credit to the stock from which they spring.

JOHN WESLEY KNISTER was born on the old homestead, Middle Road, Rochester township, Aug. 21, 1856. The district schools of the neighborhood afforded him his educational advantages, and the clearing and cultivation of the home farm assisted materially in his physical development. He remained with his parents until he was twenty-one, when he started out for himself. Going to Colchester township, he worked on a farm near Lake Erie for six years, receiving at first \$12 a month, and later \$15. The privations of pioneer life had taught him frugality, and he carefully saved his means, so that when he returned home, at the end of his six years' work in Colchester, he was able to purchase fifty-three acres of bush land on Lot 13, North Rear Road. Erecting a frame house, he at once set about reclaiming his land from the wilderness, and in time purchased 100 acres more, which he cleared and improved. By subsequent additions he now has 153 acres of fine land. In 1901, at a cost of \$4,500, he erected one of the finest brick dwellings west of London,

planned by himself and wife, and fitted with all the improvements modern ingenuity has contrived for the comfort of man. Mr. Knister has won his success by his own work and good management, and he has so ordered his life that he has the good-will, as well as the unbounded respect, of the people of all classes.

On Oct. 17, 1883, in Rochester township, John W. Knister was united in marriage with Miss Mary Thompson, daughter of John and Catharine (Crawford) Thompson, of Norfolk County, Ont. She has been a true helpmate to her husband, and has devoted herself to her home and family. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Knister, namely: Ethel and Adela, young ladies of exceptional musical ability, at home; Cecil Augustus, at home; and William V. and John P., who both died in infancy. The family are all connected with the Methodist Church, and take an active interest in its work. In his political belief Mr. Knister is a Conservative, but is independent in voting in local affairs.

HEDRICK. Among the early settlers who cleared up the forests of Rochester township, County of Essex, and converted them into smiling farms and comfortable homesteads, were many of German nationality, and no other country sent colonists who took higher rank as substantial citizens. The Hedrick family was among the earliest to come to that section from the Fatherland, and they have ever been entitled to rank among the foremost in point of public spirit and enterprise.

Henry Hedrick, a native of Hessen-Cassel, Germany, grew to manhood in the locality of his birth, and there learned the blacksmith trade, at which he was occupied while in the Fatherland. There he married Barbara Bost. Like many of his countrymen, Mr. Hedrick concluded to try his fortune in the western world, and accordingly, in 1835, he set out from Germany with his wife and only child. After a nine weeks' passage on a sailing-vessel they reached New York, and thence proceeded by canal to Buffalo, where they took a lake vessel for Detroit. From that port they came into the County of Essex, Ont., making a location in Rochester township, on a tract of 100 acres located on what is now the Middle Road. The region was then a wilderness, but by hard work Mr. Hedrick succeeded in clearing his land and making a good farm out of unpromising material.

He had a source of revenue in his trade, and he also engaged in repairing wagons, etc., and in the early period of the settlement of the township he often found work in Detroit, leaving his wife and family to look after the crops. Thus by thrift and good management he was enabled to make extensive improvements on his place, and he also bought a second tract of 100 acres, which he divided among his children. He was a man of ability and resource in many ways, being able to turn his hand to almost anything in the line of mechanics, for which he had positive genius, and his versatility in this respect helped him to surmount many of the difficulties to be overcome in the clearing and cultivating of a new farm. His character was honorable, and he was a good man, much respected for his temperate habits. In spite of hard work he lived to the advanced age of seventy-four years, and his remains lie in the Rochester cemetery. Mr. Hedrick's religious connection was with the Methodist Church, and in politics he was a Liberal. Mrs. Hedrick died at the age of seventy-five. She shared the high esteem in which her husband was held wherever known, and was deservedly honored as a worthy Christian woman. She is also buried in the Rochester cemetery.

Six children blessed the union of Henry and Barbara (Bost) Hedrick, viz.: Elizabeth, who is now the widow of John Knister; Catherine, who married Henry Zumstine; Conrad, deceased; John, who died at the age of thirty-three years; Matilda, who married Robert Nichol, of Detroit; and Henry S., who makes his home in Rochester township.

EDGERTON SCRATCH, local preacher of the Methodist Church in Mersea township, County of Essex, and a man widely known and deeply beloved for his many excellent traits of character, is a son of Rev. Alexander and Ann (Adams) Scratch, mention of whom may be found elsewhere.

Mr. Scratch was born in Gosfield township, this county, March 17, 1851, and acquired a common school education in his native township. From early boyhood he had to assist his father in the work of the farm, and he also learned the trade of a carpenter, during his active life alternately farming and working at his trade. In 1882 he was appointed a local preacher of the Methodist Church. He has taken an active part in the welfare of Mersea township. In 1892 he was elected councillor for the township of

Mersea, and served for two years; in 1894 he was elected deputy reeve, in 1895 and 1896 was reeve, and in 1897 was elected district representative to the county council of the County of Essex, on the Conservative ticket. He is an estimable citizen, and is one of the most highly respected men of his community.

On Jan. 1, 1871, Mr. Scratch was married, in Gosfield township, to Eliza Jane Jeffery, who was born in the County of Halton, Ont., Jan. 1, 1850, daughter of George and Mary Ann (McGuffins), and they have had children as follows: Eugene S., born Oct. 14, 1871, married Sarah Gulliver, daughter of Joseph Gulliver, on March 13, 1893, and their children are Bernice, Clement, Clifford and Beatrice. Alfred Salonis, born May 28, 1873, married Lettie Jane Reid July 28, 1885, and they have had three children, Erie, May and Clare. Harrison Perry, born July 26, 1875, married Carrie Shelston, and they have one son, Addison. Acle Carman, born July 10, 1877, married Edith Calder April 18, 1903, and they have one daughter, Etta Delma. Elsie Lena, born Sept. 25, 1879, married John T. Crossley May 9, 1895, and has two children, Wilhelmina and Sabina. Edith was born May 3, 1882; Orla Lillian, June 5, 1884; Eldis Elden, Dec. 18, 1886; Ettie Jane, May 19, 1889.

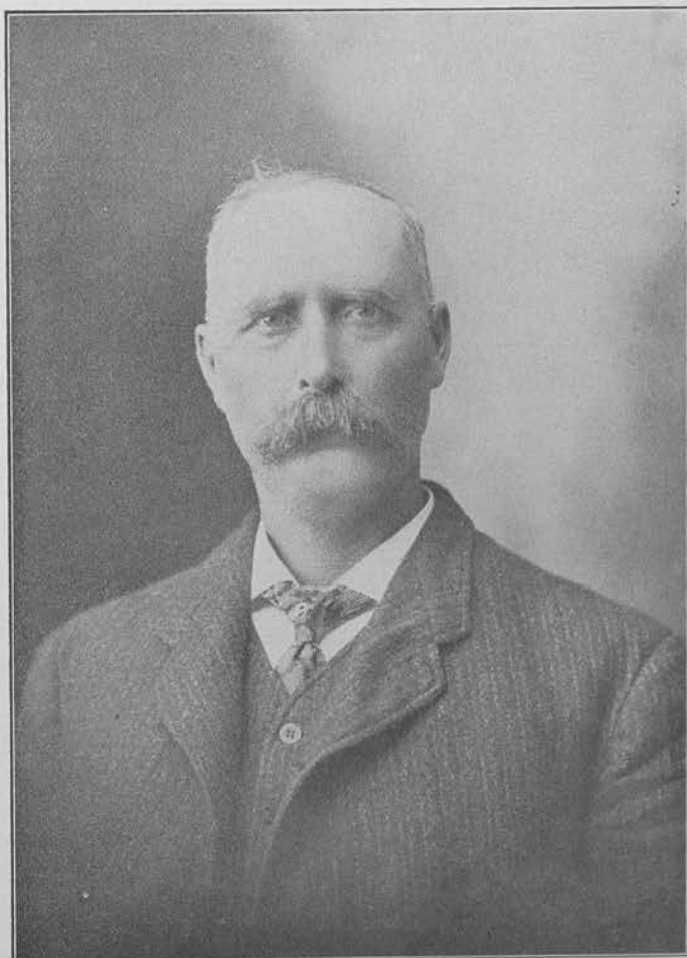
GEORGE JEFFERY, Mrs. Scratch's father, was born in Nova Scotia and was married in Ontario to Mary Ann McGuffins. They were early pioneers of Mersea township. He was a shoemaker by trade, and also followed farming. He died on his farm in Mersea township in 1876, and Mrs. Jeffery, who long survived him, passed away in Michigan in 1891. To their union were born the following named children: John was killed on a street car in Detroit, of which he was conductor; James is a farmer in Blenheim, Ont.; George, now a resident of Leamington, served in the United States Rebellion; Malinda first married John Van Buskirk, and after his death became the wife of William Peterson, and she now resides in Ionia County, Michigan; Mary married Thomas Wilkinson, a farmer of Mersea; Eliza Jane is the wife of Edgerton Scratch; Rev. Alfred, a minister of the Disciples Church, is a farmer in Michigan; Isaac, of Walkerville, Ont., is engaged in the livery business; Maggie, of Milwaukee, Wis., married Thomas Stewart; Wellington is in the hotel business in Michigan.

JOHN MACDOUGALL, who, as mayor of the town of Essex, has given an honest and able

administration of public affairs, is successfully engaged in business there as liveryman, blacksmith and carriage builder. He was born in the County of Hants, Nova Scotia, July 13, 1851, son of John and Margaret (McHardie) MacDougall, both of whom were born in Scotland, and came to Nova Scotia at an early day.

John MacDougall came with his father, Donald MacDougall, to the County of Hants, Nova Scotia, where he married and engaged in farming. Prior to his marriage he engaged in shipbuilding. His death occurred on the old Donald MacDougall homestead in February, 1900, when he had attained the remarkable age of ninety-one years; his wife died Feb. 18, 1890, aged sixty-nine years. They were both members of the Presbyterian Church, and descended from the founders of the old Highland-Scotch Presbyterian Church. Nine of their children grew to maturity: Donald is living on the old homestead, unmarried; Janet, born in Nova Scotia, married John Saunders, a leading business man of San Francisco, and has no children; Margaret, born in Nova Scotia, married Andrew Lamphier, of Halifax, and has no children; Evan, born in 1849, became a seafaring man in young manhood, but has not been heard of for a number of years; James, born in 1856, is unmarried and is a blacksmith of Detroit; Elizabeth, born in Nova Scotia, married William Powell, of Nova Scotia, and has no children; Mary J., born in 1860, is unmarried, and lives at the old home; Dougal, born in 1862, died unmarried in Oregon, where he worked as a miner and prospector; John is our subject.

John MacDougall was reared at the old homestead in Nova Scotia, where he received a fair education. When a young man he learned the trade of blacksmith, and in 1870 went to Boston, Massachusetts, where he remained five years. In 1875 he worked in Pittsburg at his trade, continuing there only one year, when he moved to Chicago, and after a time removed to Canada, settling down at his trade in Wheatley. There he lived until 1877, when he purchased real estate in Essex, and has continued at blacksmithing to the present day. When he first came to Essex Mr. MacDougall commenced the building of carriages and wagons, in which he also deals extensively, and operates a livery and sales stable in conjunction with his other lines of business, he having founded the latter in 1890. He has gradually increased his various enterprises, until he is one of the leading dealers in the County of



John MacDougall

Essex. When first wedded Mr. MacDougall started in life in Wheatley, but later came to Essex, where he has erected a fine home on Nelson avenue.

In 1876 Mr. MacDougall married Miss Laura Jane Julien, who was born in the County of Essex in 1857, daughter of Jacob and Julian (Fox) Julien. Four children, now living, have blessed this union: Maggie, born in 1878, is at home and acting as bookkeeper for her father; Bessie is now living in Michigan; John works in his father's carriage factory as foreman; Archie, born in 1892, is a student in the Essex schools.

Politically Mr. MacDougall is a Liberal, and he has served most ably as a member of the council for the past ten years, and is at present a member of the council and mayor of Essex. He has filled the office of county reeve for five years, was deputy reeve and a member of the county council for many years, and has always been very prominent in party matters. His good judgment and superior business ability make him an ideal public servant, and he never fails to give satisfaction to his constituents. In their religious affiliation Mr. MacDougall and his family are members of the Methodist Church, and are extremely active in church work. Fraternally Mr. MacDougall is a member of Masonic Lodge, No. 402, of Essex; he has been an Odd Fellow for the past twenty-five years, and he also belongs to the Maccabees. He is one of the leading business men of Essex, although he started out in life with but little capital, having been enabled to attain his present prominent and responsible position by his industry, enterprise and thrift.

Jacob Julien, father of Mrs. MacDougall, was born in the County of Kent, of Pennsylvania ancestry. By occupation he was a farmer, but later in life he operated a hotel in Wheatley for thirteen years, and he was also postmaster and a school trustee there, being very active in public affairs. His death occurred in Wheatley in January, 1877, when he was fifty-three years of age. His wife, Julian Fox, who was born in the County of Essex of German parentage, died June 22, 1861, aged thirty-three. They were members of the Baptist Church. Their children were: Mary A., who married Oliver Hyatt, a farmer in the County of Essex; Henry, a farmer in Dent County, Missouri; Christina, deceased, who married Abraham Hyatt; Joseph, a farmer at Wheatley; Daniel and John, both deceased; Laura Jane, wife of John MacDougall; and

Elizabeth, who married Edward Gibson, postmaster at Wheatley.

THOMAS FAIRBAIRN, in his lifetime one of the leading farmers of the County of Essex, was located on Lot 16, Concession 7, in Sandwich South. He was born in September, 1824, in Edinburgh, Scotland, son of Robert and Ellen (Milne) Fairbairn.

Both Robert Fairbairn and his wife were natives of Scotland, from which country, in 1836, they emigrated to America, settling at Detroit, where the father followed his trade of carpenter. Later they moved to Windsor, and in a few years settled on farm land in Sandwich South. Mr. Fairbairn's first purchase was wild land, on which he erected a log cabin, and there he lived almost secluded from the world, in a wilderness to which few settlers had yet penetrated. He worked hard and for the times waxed wealthy, becoming prominent in his locality on account of his sterling character, and because he had received better educational advantages than many of the others of his later neighbors. For many years he was justice of the peace at Sandwich, and was commonly known as Squire Fairbairn. His death occurred in 1864. He was married thrice, but his children were all born to him by the first marriage, this wife, Ellen Milne, dying in 1856. Their children were: Thomas is mentioned below; Peter, born in 1826, unmarried, resides with his brother Thomas; Robert, born in 1829, died in 1840; Christiana, the only daughter, born in 1831, died Sept. 10, 1895 (she married Nicholas Hurst, now also deceased, their children still residing on their old homestead); John, born in 1834, and now a resident of Ola, South Dakota, married a Miss McDonald, of Canada, and they have two children, Alexander and Maggie; George, born in March, 1838, married Jane McDowell, of Maidstone, and they settled in Sandwich South until 1903, when he removed to the town of Essex, where he now lives retired, and his children are John (of Dakota), Robert and George (of Sandwich), Peter (of Dakota), Thomas (of Sandwich South), Jane (wife of James Kendrick, of Maidstone) and Grace.

Thomas Fairbairn obtained his early education in the schools of Edinburgh, and although his attendance was limited to those of his district, they were very thorough, as is the custom in that intellectual center, and as his memory was excellent and his ambition great he became

well informed. After coming to Canada he worked at the carpenter's trade until his father bought the farm, when he dutifully assisted in its clearing and cultivation.

In September, 1860, Mr. Fairbairn married Mary Middlemiss, who was born June 16, 1841, in Roxburghshire, Scotland, daughter of Walter and Mary (Dods) Middlemiss, a prominent family which has been established in Canada since 1859. Mr. Middlemiss purchased the farm opposite to that of our subject, and there he and his wife lived until advanced age, when they removed to the home of their daughter, where in time they paid the debt of nature. Mr. and Mrs. Middlemiss were most estimable people, sincere Christians, and valued members of the Presbyterian Church. They had seven children born to them as follows: Walter, born in Scotland, married, lived and died in Detroit, (he left no family); Janet, born in Scotland, is the widow of William Ramsey, of Detroit, and has one daughter, Agnes; William died young; Robert, born in Scotland, married Margaret Hyde, of Woodstock, and they reside on Lake Superior, where he is superintendent of large copper mines; Margaret, born in Scotland, is the wife of William Mitchell, a coal and wood dealer in Detroit, and they have these children—Janet, Benjamin, Walter, William, Agnes and George; Agnes, born in Scotland, is the wife of Thomas Clancy, who resides in Pittsburg, and has had children—Mary, Maggie, John (deceased), Louisa, Annie, William and Katie; Mary became Mrs. Fairbairn.

Mrs. Fairbairn was born in Scotland, and was eighteen years old when she came to Canada. She is a woman of culture and refinement.

Prior to their marriage, Mr. Fairbairn purchased the present home farm, which with the assistance of his sons he cleared up, and all of the excellent improvements here were made either by him or his family. His death took place at the home which his industry had provided, May 24, 1900, and he was sincerely mourned by a large family, and by those with whom he had had business relations for years.

A family of eleven children was born to Mr. and Mrs. Fairbairn, as follows: Janet, John and Margaret died aged eleven, seven and four years, respectively; Mary, born in 1861, for the past fifteen years has been one of the most capable salesladies in the great dry-goods house of Lord & Taylor, New York City; Ellen, born in 1863, is the wife of John Banwell, of Sandwich, now

a farmer near Mackinac, Michigan, and they have children—Thomas, Wallace, Pearl, Charles, Russell, Harley, Albert and Alfred; Miss Christiana is in New York; Robert, born in 1867, resides on his own farm in Sandwich; Walter, born in 1868, married Edith Sanford, of Michigan, and they now reside in Alanson, that State, where he is engaged in the hardware business (their children were Eva, Wayne, Clifford and Lillian); Thomas, born in 1870, manages his mother's farm; Peter, born in July, 1875, married Iva Moose, of Michigan, and they reside on a farm in that State (they have one daughter, Beatrice); Georgiana, born March 19, 1882, was educated in the school for deaf mutes, at Belleville, Ont., graduating there after an attendance of ten years, showing a wonderful cultivation, possessing not only a thorough knowledge of all practical branches, but also of the accomplishments, and she is, withal, of an extremely lovable disposition.

In her early home in far-off Scotland Mrs. Fairbairn united with the Presbyterian Church, which her husband also attended, and to it he liberally contributed. Mr. Fairbairn was no ardent politician, but he was always interested in the success of the Government party, and voted for its men and measures. He was one of the successful farmers of this locality, and was a man whose word bore weight, being noted for his honesty of speech as well as his integrity of character. He represented the industry and thrift which makes an independent man from the smallest beginnings, and in leaving a large family he also left an honorable name.

RICHARD ALLEN, a prominent farmer of Colchester North, located on his fine farm on Concession 13, Lot 8, was born Jan. 23, 1843, at Tonawanda, Erie County, New York.

Isaac and Rachel (Lacey) Allen, his parents, located in Canada after their marriage and a short period spent in New York. The father was a native of Vermont. Martin and Benjamin Allen still reside in New York, while another brother, Charles, died at Ottawa, Canada. Isaac Allen settled in County Monck as a lumberman and farmer. His wife died there at the age of eighty-four years. Both were prominent in religious work and were most highly respected people. For many years Mr. Allen served as a county councilman and he was an active supporter of the Conservative party. The children

of Isaac Allen and his wife were eight in number: Samuel, born in New York, is a farmer in County Monck; Martha A. married Jacob Franklin, of County Haldimand; Ethranis is a farmer in Haldimand; Jeremiah, born in Canada, is a contractor and builder of Toronto; Isaac is a resident of County Haldimand; Rebecca married Abram Miller, and they live at Burt, Michigan; Millard, born in 1846 in Canada, resides on the old homestead, and our subject, Richard, is a resident of Colchester North.

Richard Allen was reared and educated in County Monck and there engaged in lumbering and farming. In 1868 he married Elmira Fraylick, who was born in Cambria, Canada, daughter of Benjamin Fraylick, of one of the old families of that section. She died at her home in County Welland, leaving two children, Monroe and Edward. The former married and settled at St. Thomas, and has two daughters, Pearl and Stella. Edward is a farmer in Maidstone township; he married and has four children, Clara, Clarence, Gerald and Florence E.

In 1878 Mr. Allen married (second) Mrs. Margaret Clark, who was born in 1851, in County Lincoln, Ont., daughter of James and Martha Tinlan, both of whom are now deceased, old and esteemed residents of County Essex. Mrs. Allen was educated at Port Dalhousie, County Lincoln, and in 1871 married Thomas Clark, who was born in 1850, in England. They settled at Port Dalhousie. He was a sailor on the Lakes and lost his life during a great storm on Lake Ontario. He was survived by his widow and three children, namely: Thomas H., born in 1872, in County Lincoln, married Ida Medow, of County Essex, and they now reside at Sault Ste. Marie; they have one son, Cameron. John, born in 1875, has been lost sight of, at last accounts being a lumberman in the forests of Minnesota. Martha, born in 1878, married George Mulcaster, and they reside at Walkerville, where he owns a fine livery business; they have two children, Karl and Russel.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen settled in County Welland; where he was employed in getting out lumber and in work connected with the Welland Canal until 1880, when he removed with his family to County Essex. Here Mr. Allen invested in fifty acres of wild land and settled down to make a comfortable permanent home in Colchester North. At that time and in this locality the forest growth was still so close and vigorous that before he could build even his

modest first home he was obliged to cut down considerable timber. It seems marvelous that but so few years have intervened since then to the present time, when Mr. Allen's surroundings are now considered. The land is all cleared and under profitable cultivation, fine stock roam over his pastures, and commodious and suitable buildings show that this is a farm where thrift and plenty reign. He is noted for his excellent farming methods and is credited with owning one of the most valuable properties in the township.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen have had three children born to them, viz.: Cornelia died in childhood. Annie F., born in January, 1884, is the wife of Robert Shuel, and they reside on his farm in Anderdon township; they have one son, Orvil F. Bertha M., born in November, 1889, has been well educated, and is the loving companion of her parents in the old home. The religious association of the family is with the Church of England. Although he has never desired any political notice, Mr. Allen has always been an active and interested supporter of the Conservative party. He is one of Colchester's good citizens as well as one of its pioneer settlers. While working hard for the advancement of himself and family, he has never been blind to the best interests of the section and has done his full duty in all public-spirited movements.

JOHN DOUGLASS, a well-known farmer and stock raiser, located on the Leamington side road on Concession 11, is one of the highly regarded and representative citizens of Mersea township. Mr. Douglass was born June 8, 1839, in Godmanchester, County Huntingdon, Quebec, a son of Robert Douglass, who was born in County Derry, Ireland, son of John Douglass, and a brother of Benjamin Douglass, mentioned elsewhere.

Robert Douglass was still young when he came to Canada, to join his brother Benjamin, who had settled in the Province of Quebec some years previously. He purchased a farm of 100 acres in Godmanchester, near his brother, and settled down to pioneer life. Here the years of his most worthy and useful life were spent, industriously and usefully, becoming a man who commanded the respect of all who knew him. In politics he was a Liberal. His religious connection was with the Church of England. In Godmanchester, Quebec, he married Martha Monteith, daughter of William Monteith, and they had these chil-

dren born to them: Mary, deceased wife of George Bell; Margaret, still living on the old homestead; John; Matilda, deceased wife of Charles Hardy; Elizabeth, wife of Alexander Kilpatrick; Ellen Jane, wife of George Dunsmore; Louise, wife of Mathew Boyd; Sarah Ann, wife of Robert Furey; and Benjamin, who resides on the old homestead in Godmanchester. The mother also died on this farm, and was laid to rest by her husband's side.

John Douglass attended the schools in his locality and assisted his father in operating the farm until he was twenty years of age, when he started out for himself. The first wages he earned at farm labor amounted to \$12 a month, and after working two years and providently saving his money, he was able to purchase a tract of fifty acres of land near the homestead. He built a log cabin on his little farm and worked here four years, then sold out and removed to Mersea township, County Essex. In 1876 he settled on Concession 9, where he secured fifty acres of wild land, which he improved for seven years, and then also sold it to better his condition, moving then to his present farm. This land is situated on Lot 7, Concession 11, a fertile tract of forty-two acres. Here Mr. Douglass has made many substantial improvements, and has added an additional fifty acres, in another part of the township, which is under the management of his son. Mr. Douglass is an excellent farmer, raises some of the stock which has made County Essex famous, and has been very successful also in growing tobacco.

On Oct. 11, 1864, Mr. Douglass married Margaret Douglass, daughter of Benjamin Douglass, and they had a family of eight children born to them, namely: two babes who died in infancy; Frank and Martha, both at home; William, a farmer on the second farm, in the 10th Concession, who married Alberta Griffin; Eva E., who died at the age of twenty years; Ella, who died young; and Maggie, still at home. Mrs. Douglass is a lady of Christian character, and possesses all the amiable qualities which make her a devoted wife and beloved mother.

Politically Mr. Douglass is stanch in his support of the principles of the Conservative party. He has taken a deep interest in local matters, and has willingly served on the school board at Staples, and has in every way promoted the welfare of the community, to the best of his ability. He is one of the prominent members of the Loyal Orange Association, being an

honorary member of Staples Lodge, No. 617, of which he was one of the organizers and charter members. He has served as deputy master of the Lodge, and has been a delegate to both district and county lodges.

ALFRED HAIRSINE, one of the most popular officials of Mersea township, whose courtesy and general kindness of heart have won for him the respect and esteem of a large constituency, has for ten years been clerk of the township, which position of trust he has filled with credit to himself and with satisfaction to the general public. He was born on the Hairsine homestead, Lot 231, Talbot street, in the township of Mersea, Nov. 19, 1852.

Thomas Hairsine, father of Alfred, was born in Yorkshire, England, and was one of thirteen children born to Charles and Mary (Shipley) Hairsine, both of whom were natives of Yorkshire, England. They, with their family, came to Canada in 1818, landing at Quebec after a voyage of two months, and from that city they came by water to the County of Essex, locating in Mersea township, where they drew a tract of 200 acres, Lot 231, in the Col. Talbot grant. On this property the grandfather erected a log house. The country was a perfect wilderness for many miles, and wild animals were on every side. The roads and bridges of to-day, as well as the modern means of transportation, were all in the future. Amid such discouraging conditions these brave pioneers cleared up their land, and lived honorable, upright lives, the grandfather attaining to the age of eighty-two years. In politics he was a Conservative, while in religious matters he was a member of the Church of England. Both he and his wife were interred upon the farm.

Thomas Hairsine, father of our subject, came to the County of Essex with his parents, and settling in Mersea township in 1818, spent the remainder of his life in that locality. At that early day there were no public schools, and his only educational advantages were those afforded by a private school held during the winter in a log house, where the seats were made of slabs, and everything was of the rudest description. Settling upon the 200 acres of the homestead, he made many improvements and was the pioneer in tobacco growing in the township. He led a useful, hard-working life, and until within a few days of his death, which occurred in 1896, when he was eighty-five years of age, he was ac-



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tively engaged in looking after his affairs. In religious matters he was a consistent member of the Methodist Church, while in politics he was a Conservative. While he took a deep interest in township affairs, he was not an office-seeker.

In Mersea township, Aug. 1, 1836, Thomas Hairsine married Margerie Robson, born in Northumberland, England, daughter of Joseph Robson, and sister of James Robson, of Mersea township. Mrs. Hairsine died on the homestead in 1901, aged eighty-eight years, firm in the faith of the Methodist Church. These worthy people were interred in Lake View cemetery. Ten children were born to them, as follows: Charles died at the age of seventeen; James died at the age of six; Mary died young; Joseph resides in the Klondyke; Jane married E. B. Stewart, and resides at Detroit; Leonard resides in California; Rebecca, deceased, married Louis Wigle, mayor of Leamington, Ont.; Thomas M. is a farmer on Talbot street, near the homestead; Alfred; Gow-an operates a portion of the homestead.

Alfred Hairsine received his education in the public schools of the township, and added to his store of knowledge by additional study and extensive reading. He grew to manhood on the homestead with his father, and when the latter retired from farming, Alfred obtained 100 acres, on which he erected a fine brick home, and made other improvements. He has been successfully engaged in farming and stock growing, raising tobacco and fruit, and is one of the substantial men of the township.

In politics Mr. Hairsine is a staunch Conservative, and was honored by election to the township council. Following this he was made deputy reeve, which gave him a seat in the county council. He then served for seven years as reeve of the township, and in 1894, was made warden, since which time he had been township clerk, succeeding Niel Rolfson. Fraternally he is a member of the I.O.F., of Wheatley. Although not a member of any religious body, he attends the services of the Methodist Church, and endeavors to follow the teachings of the Golden Rule, being very liberal in his ideas with regard to such matters of conscience.

On Nov. 9, 1887, Mr. Hairsine married, in Mersea township, Jennie Coulter, who was born in Ireland, June 18, 1864. She came to the County of Essex in infancy with her parents, William and Martha (Thompson) Coulter. Four children have been born to this marriage: Milton, Mildred, Harry Leonard, and one who died

in infancy. Mrs. Hairsine is a member of the Methodist Church, and is a lady of charming personality, greatly beloved by all who have the pleasure of her acquaintance.

JOHN HALFORD, Sr., one of the substantial and representative farmers of County Essex, located on the Talbot Road, in Sandwich South, was born in December, 1825, in County Meath, Ireland, a son of John and Mary (O'Brien) Halford, both of whom were natives of Ireland.

John Halford (1) came to Canada and settled in Sandwich South in 1825, the same year our subject was born. The long voyage was made on a sailing-vessel, by way of New York. They settled on land donated by the government through Col. Talbot, and here the father of our subject lived and died, leaving children from two marriages, those of the first being as follows: Annie (deceased) born in Ireland, married Michael Cavanaugh, who settled and died in Maidstone township, leaving a family; Abraham, born in Ireland, married Ellen Flynn, of Ireland, and they settled on land adjoining the old homestead, where both he and his wife died, leaving a family which is scattered through Canada and the States; James, born in Ireland, settled on land in Sandwich, and engaged both in farming and in a sawmill business for many years, leaving also a family when he died; Thomas, born in Sandwich South, was drowned in young manhood, in Michigan; Robert, born in Sandwich South, moved to Minnesota, where he married, and thence to Los Angeles, California, where he died, leaving a family of daughters; Mary (deceased), born in Ireland, married James Redman, who settled in Detroit, where she died in 1864, leaving a family of daughters; John is mentioned below. The second marriage of Mr. Halford was to Mrs. Catherine Flynn, who was born in Ireland, and the two children of this marriage were: Richard (deceased), and William, the latter living on the old homestead, with a family.

John Halford (2), son of John, attended the subscription schools in his boyhood, this being long before the present admirable system of free schools had been organized, and he grew to stalwart manhood on the old homestead, learning the practical side of farming. In 1848 he married Ellen Barrett, who was born in 1830, in Ireland, a daughter of Richard and Mary (Hollan) Barrett, pioneers of this township. Mr. and Mrs. Halford settled on a farm adjoining

his father's property, it being at that time still wild and uncleared. He first built a log house in which he and his wife started housekeeping in a very primitive way, but ere long the cabin gave place to a large frame dwelling, in which he still resides, in the enjoyment of the peace and plenty which his industry has brought to serve his age. With the assistance of his industrious sons he cleared off his land and has long been regarded as one of the most successful farmers of his locality. Mr. Halford suffered a severe bereavement in the death of his wife, which occurred in 1893. She was a woman of exemplary life, the possessor of amiable qualities and Christian virtues. She was the loving and attentive mother of fourteen children, two of whom died in infancy. The twelve survivors are the following: (1) John, third of the family name, born in October, 1850, attended the best schools the locality afforded, and remained at the homestead until 1884. Then he purchased a farm located on the south of his father's homestead, erected commodious buildings thereon and owns one of the best cultivated farms in Sandwich South. Although he has never married, he has kept up his own establishment and is one of the leading and reliable men of the township. In 1902 he was elected councillor of Sandwich South, and in 1903 was elected reeve, an office which he fills with the greatest efficiency, having been re-elected in 1904. Mr. Halford is a Liberal in political sentiment. (2) Agnes, born in 1852, married John Keane, of Chicago. (3) Theresa, born in 1854, married Daniel Brazil, of South Sandwich, and they have these children—Mary, Daniel, Carmel, Blanche, Monica, Nellie, Celine, Patrick and John. (4) Annie, born in 1857, the wife of Jerry Sullivan, lives in Sandwich South. They have three daughters, Ethel, Nora and Vera. (5) Ignatius, born in 1859, married Christine Rourke, and is engaged in a mercantile business at Maidstone Cross, Sandwich South. They have had five children, Margaret, Burnadette, Frank, Agnes, and Gertrude, who died in 1904. (6) Ellen, born in 1861, is unmarried and at home. (7) Maggie, born in 1863, after serving as a teacher for some years at Mt. Hope, London, is now Mother Vincent at the Walkerville Convent. (8) Matilda, born in 1866, was for some years a successful teacher in the schools of the County of Essex and is now Mrs. Stephen Ryan, of Chicago; she has children—Rena, Margaret, Robert H., Genevieve and Earle. (9) Julia, born in 1868, married (first) Charles Sexton, who was killed near Duluth, Minne-

sota, and had two children, Madge and Charles; she married (second) John Dunn, of Sandwich South, and they have two children, Llewellyn and Bernadine. (10) Robert, born in 1869, has always remained on the old homestead. He married Lizzie McCloskey, born in 1873, in Sandwich South, and they reside on the homestead, which Robert ably manages. They have a family of hearty, healthy children—Clotilde, Robert, Evangeline, Angela, Genevieve, John (4) and Charles E. (11) Ada, born in 1870, is the wife of James McAuliffe, treasurer of the town of Sandwich South, and has one child, Patrick. (12) Irene, born in 1872, is the wife of Thomas Jobin, and they reside in Sandwich South, and have children, Aglee, Frank, Hilary and Leo.

Mr. Halford has always been a voter in the Liberal party, but he has never aspired to public office, although well qualified to perform official duties, being a man of capacity and of the highest integrity. With his most creditable family he belongs to the Catholic Church, which he has liberally supported. As one of the oldest pioneer settlers of this section, he is held in the highest esteem. Although advancing years have silvered his head, they have not impaired his mental faculties, and, while still interested in all the happenings of the present day, with wonderful memory he can go back to the days of early pioneer life. His tales of the wilderness rival those of romance and make the younger generation look with added respect on those who, through their energy and industry, have so encouraged the comfortable civilization of to-day. Mr. Halford is a man of genial presence and sunshiny disposition, and his pleasant laugh, as he looks on the bright side of life, is infectious. His advice has long been sought by his neighbors and his judgment has often urged measures which have healed their differences. Personally he enjoys the respect as well as the affection of his large family and the universal esteem of the neighborhood.

REMI MONFORTON, one of the public-spirited citizens and successful farmers of the County of Essex, located in Sandwich West, on Lots 8 and 9, was born on the farm he now occupies, Feb. 22, 1852, son of William (2) and Angeline (Gignac) Monforton. The Monforton family came from France originally, and for five generations have resided on the river in Sandwich West.

William Monforton, the grandfather of Remi, was a soldier in the war of 1812. He married

Catherine Cabana, and their children were: William (2); Frank, deceased; Henry, now a wealthy ranchman of Montana; Grigway, deceased; Noah, who emigrated to the States in young manhood; Catherine, deceased, wife of Alexander Ouellette; Phoebe, deceased, wife of Alexander Beneteau; Odeile, deceased, wife of Esdras Ganisse; and Zoie, who married Ephraim Charette, of Anderdon township.

William Monforton (2) was born in Sandwich West Oct. 22, 1819. He settled on the old original homestead and spent his life in farming. He was one of the founders of, and a large contributor to, the first Catholic Church at Amherstburg. Later, one was erected in the vicinity of his own home, now known as St. Joseph's, and to this he was also a liberal contributor. His death took place at this home, in October, 1898. He married Angeline Gignac, who was born Feb. 25, 1819, daughter of John B. and Angeline (Boufford) Gignac, of a pioneer family of Sandwich West, and of French ancestry. She died in March, 1902. Both were among the most highly respected residents of this locality. They left a family of six children, as follows: (1) James, born in 1846, was educated in the district schools, and now resides on his farm in Anderdon township; he married Miss Selina Dumuchelle, of Sandwich West, and has a family of eight children, Tancred, Adele, Azedella, Georgianna, Alma, Leo, Wilfred and Edmore. (2) Balthilde, born in 1848, married Hilaire Gignac, of Anderdon township, and they have four children, Albert, Willis, Louisa and Erba. (3) Joseph, born in 1850, resides on a farm in Sandwich West; he married Hannah Goyeau, of Sandwich West, and has nine children, William, Frank, Ulice, Beatrice, George, Armand, Edna, Corinne and Thomas. (4) Remi was next in the order of birth. (5) Peter, born in 1854, settled on a part of the old homestead, where he died Dec. 25, 1902; he married Delima Charette, who with six children, Almeda, Alena, Blanche, Ernest, Remond and Eaddy, survives. (6) Frank, born in 1856, resides on his farm in Anderdon township; he has been thrice married, his present wife being a Miss Bezaire; his children are: Edmond, Adolphe, Theophile, Louis, Clare, Paul, Eliza, John and Evangeline.

Remi Monforton obtained his education in the district schools of Sandwich West, and later became a student at the Sandwich College, where he remained for three years. He then engaged in farming on the old homestead, and had charge

of the same prior to the death of his esteemed father. His father erected the old house which still stands on the property, but our subject built a new one in 1877, a year after his marriage to Miss Virginia Nadeau, who was born at Monroe, Michigan, Feb. 24, 1858, daughter of Helire Nadeau, who died in Sandwich West. Mrs. Monforton was educated in the schools of Sandwich West, where she grew to womanhood. Their family of thirteen children, four of whom are deceased, have all been born on the family homestead, a heritage cherished by them all. The surviving children are: Victorine, born in 1879; Hedwidge, born in 1882; Eva, born in 1884; Eliose, born in 1885; Edmond, born in 1887; Carine, born in 1890; Adolphe, born in 1893; Ovila, born in 1895; and Louise, born in 1897. All of these have been given good educational advantages, and make an unusually bright, intelligent and attractive family circle. Ernest, Remond, Arthur and Maria are deceased.

Politically Mr. Monforton has always identified himself with the Liberal party, a political faith in which he was reared by his father. He has held the office of assessor for fourteen consecutive years, and he is also secretary and treasurer of the school board of Sandwich West, a position he has ably filled for the past twenty-four years. His prominence is recognized in the locality on every public occasion, and he is justly regarded as one of the township's representative men. In religious life both our subject and his wife are consistent members of the Catholic Church, an organization with which the family has been prominently associated for the past five generations. Mr. Monforton belongs to the C.M.B.A.

There are four children in the sixth generation of the Montfortons in Sandwich West, and they can look that far back to honorable ancestors. The family has consisted of men and women of solid worth and all have contributed to the progress and development of their section of County Essex, and none in higher degree than has the subject of this sketch, Remi Monforton.

ALEXANDER C. ATKINSON, town clerk of Colchester North, and one of the prosperous farmers of that locality, resides on his fine farm in Lot 28, Malden Road, County of Essex. He was born in the County of Durham, in December, 1862, son of Edwin A. and Ann J. (Cairnes) Atkinson, old pioneers of Durham.

Edwin A. Atkinson was born in Ireland in

1838. He came to Canada in 1860, settling as a farmer in the County of Durham, where he still resides. His wife, who was also a native of Ireland, died in June, 1903, aged sixty-five. The following children were born to this worthy couple: Alexander C. is mentioned below; Maggie, born in the County of Durham in 1864, married Thomas Crawford, and has one son; Elizabeth, born in 1866, married Alexander Hoskin, of Durham, and died leaving two children, Edna and Delmar; Martha, born in 1868, married D. A. Brush, a resident of the Malden Road in Colchester, and has no children; Charlotte, born in 1870, married Herbert Sisson, a farmer of the County of Lambton, and they have no family; Emily, born in 1873, married Frank Johnston, of the County of Huron, and has one daughter, Edith; Joseph, born in 1878, unmarried, resides at the old homestead in Durham; Mabel, born in 1882, married a Mr. Kerr, and resides in Lindsay, Ont.

Alexander C. Atkinson received his early education in the district schools of Durham, and later took a course at Port Hope high school, from which he was graduated in 1880. His first work was that of teaching, and for three years he was thus engaged in the schools of the County of Durham. He then took a course in the Ottawa Normal School, and secured a second-class certificate. In 1886 he came as a teacher to the County of Essex, and taught for one year at Woodslee. In 1887 he removed to Colchester North and taught the Gesto school, teaching in all some twelve years in the Colchester schools, but in 1898 he retired from this profession.

On July 11, 1888, Mr. Atkinson married Miss Annie M. Brush, born and reared at Malden, County of Essex, daughter of Rudolph Brush, one of the pioneers of Ontario, whose family belonged to the United Empire Loyalists, and originated in Pennsylvania. Mrs. Atkinson's people are residents of Colchester North. Three children have come to Mr. and Mrs. Atkinson: Jennie, born in June, 1891; Vera A., born in March, 1896; and Ruby, born in April, 1898.

In 1889 Mr. Atkinson purchased his present farm on the Malden Road, and has cleared up the greater portion of it. He erected the pleasant home and all the other buildings, and now has one of the most desirable farms in Colchester. Starting out in life a poor boy, he has made progress, and has gained the entire confidence of his neighbors. Being a man of education and unusual ability, he is especially fitted to dis-

charge the duties of his important office, and the future is very bright before him.

Politically Mr. Atkinson is an independent. He was elected a member of the council, but after serving five months resigned to accept the position of town clerk, which he has held since 1897. Mr. Atkinson is also holding a three-years' appointment as school trustee of Colchester North. The religious affiliations of Mr. and Mrs. Atkinson are with the Methodist Church. Fraternally he is a member of Court Gesto, Independent Order of Foresters.

HYPOLITE MAILLOUX, a retired farmer on the River Front, Sandwich East, was born April 29, 1830, in Stony Point, Tilbury West, County of Essex, Ont. His parents were Peter and Tharaize (Janisse) Mailloux, pioneers of Essex County, the former born in Windsor in 1790, while the latter was born in Sandwich West in 1794. She came of very old French stock, and members of this family were in the war of 1812. Peter Mailloux was a son of Joseph and Moneque (Draître) Mailloux, who came from France at a very early day, and Joseph was a Revolutionary soldier. He had a very large family, several of whom settled along the Detroit and St. Clair rivers. In this family there were seven sons, four of whom were in the war of 1812. We have mention of Joseph; Antoine, who died at the age of eighty-six years; Louis, who lived to be eighty; Charles, who lived to be seventy-seven; and Peter, who died at the age of sixty-nine.

Peter Mailloux, the father of Hypolite, first located on the river Thames, where he remained for a few years, and then removed to Tilbury West, where he lived until 1835, at which time he settled upon the old homestead of his father in Windsor, the latter having died in 1832, leaving the mother alone. She died in 1839, and Peter came into possession of the home for a few years, after which Charles and Louis entered into possession of same. He was a very prosperous man, buying land when prices were low and selling on a rising market, and at one time he owned 220 acres of as fine farming land as could be found in the County of Essex. Peter Mailloux and his wife had five sons: Francis settled in Tilbury township, and died there in 1900; he married Felice Langlois, and left four children—Alway, Peter, Felice and Charlotte. Clovis died unmarried in 1864. Hypolite is mentioned below. Patrick, born in Tilbury in 1832, married and settled in Tilbury township, where he still



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resides; he married Miss Agnes Lesparence, of Sandwich, and they have four children—Albert, Esvenne, Edith and Minnie. Peter, born in 1834 in Tilbury, settled for a time in Sandwich, and subsequently engaged in buying and selling land in Rochester township, County of Essex, where he still resides; he married Mary A. Louzon, and has five children, Barney, Louise, Ernest, Tharize and Anna.

Hypolite Mailloux grew to manhood at the Sandwich homestead, and had but a limited education, there being no schools in the vicinity at that time, but he has since added materially to his store of knowledge by reading and close observation. On Feb. 20, 1855, he married Miss Archange St. Louis, who was born in Sandwich East in June 1838, daughter of Peter and Victoria St. Louis, old settlers of Sandwich East. They were among the earliest settlers of the county, Mr. St. Louis farming a place adjoining the one where Mr. Mailloux resides, and he died there in 1842, aged sixty-five years; Mrs. St. Louis survived until 1888, reaching the age of eighty-six. They were Catholics in religious faith. Archange, Mrs. Mailloux, was their only child, but Mr. St. Louis had the following-named children by his first union with Archange Mailloux: Joseph; Peter; Zoie, Mrs. Charles Longtaine; and Anna, who died unmarried, in young womanhood. The other members of the family are also deceased.

Mr. Mailloux took his bride to the handsome brick house he had erected upon his property in 1853. This house was destroyed in May, 1897, by a cyclone, as were his barns and outbuildings. He had barely remedied this damage, when, in 1900, his barns, with their contents, were again destroyed, but once more he rebuilt, and now has as fine a property as can be found in his section. He has prospered, and at one time owned 900 acres of fine farming land, which, with the exception of 100 acres which he sold, he has distributed among his children.

Eleven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Mailloux, three of whom died young. Rose, born in 1861, married Joseph St. Louis, resides on a farm in Sandwich East, and has twelve children, Oscar, Eva, Armand, Gaspard, Columbus, Lorette, Denice, Albenie, Ida, Violy, Dora and Rufus. Alfred, born in 1863, married Edwige Janisse, of Sandwich, and settled on one of his father's farms in Sandwich East, where he died in July, 1900, leaving a wife and ten children, Remo, Lotta, Leda, Harry, Corinne (de-

ceased), Wallie, Walter, Cecile, Alpha and Rosa; they reside in Windsor. Ferdinand, born in 1865, married Anna Maddam, and lives on one of the farms of his father near Tecumseh; they have four children, Alma, Edmond, Josie and Fred. Adolph, born in 1868, married Thresa Lauzon, and settled on one of his father's farms in Sandwich East; he has four children, Beatrice, Ellen, Ernest and Leo. Dolphine, born in 1869, married Isadore Gouin, a farmer of Sandwich East, and has four children, Clara, Emma, Amedie and Dianna. Sophie, born in 1872, married Henry Cecile, and resides on one of her father's farms in Sandwich East; they have four children, Alphonse, Vaudrile, Vallerie and Ome. Minnie, born in 1874, married Lawrence Parrin, of Sandwich, resides on a farm in Sandwich East, and has two children, Corinne and Dora. Eugene, born July 14, 1878, married Miss Josephine Dougal, of Tecumseh, and they reside on the farm with his parents; they have three children, Teddy, Joseph and Clarence.

Politically Mr. Mailloux has always been identified with the Conservative party, and has been a member of the township, county and district councils for over twenty-one years. He was first township councillor, then deputy reeve, reeve six years, and district councillor for two years. He has also served as trustee of the schools for many years. In every relation of life Mr. Mailloux has proven himself a man of strict integrity, uprightness of living and high purposes. His remarkable success is due to his industry and thrift. His children, who have grown up to be a credit to him, have all been abundantly provided for, and are themselves prosperous and happy. The name of Mailloux is one which is held in high esteem throughout County Essex, while the worthy man who is the head of the family is one who has the entire confidence of his neighbors and friends, and deserves all the success which he has attained. All the family are members of the Catholic Church, and Mr. Mailloux affiliates with the C. M. B. A.

PETER FORD, a very prosperous farmer of Leamington, County Essex, was born in Mersea township March 26, 1844, a son of George and Rebecca (Wilkinson) Ford.

The Ford family is of English extraction, and George Ford was born in England, but came to America in boyhood, settling with his parents in Gosfield township, where his father engaged

in agricultural pursuits. When a young man he removed to Mersea township, and engaged in farming, but was accidentally killed by falling from a load of stone he was hauling on Middle Bass Island, about 1861 or 1862. George Ford was married in Mersea township, and the children born of this union were: Theodore (deceased), married Clara Randall; Peter is mentioned below; Maria married William Getty, of Leamington; Olive (deceased), married Mathew Sheridan, and left one daughter, Lulu, and one son, William, the latter residing in Detroit; Oliver (deceased), married Sarah Wright, also deceased; William Leonard married Ann Gillespie, and they reside at London, Ont.; Robert married Eliza Lot, and they reside at Detroit; Edith married Thomas Shuttlesworth, and they reside at Detroit; Arvilla is deceased; Ida is unmarried.

Mrs. Ford subsequently married George Neville, and they had two children: Emily, who resides at Detroit, and a son who died in infancy. For her third husband Mrs. Neville married George Powers, by whom she had no children. She died in Mersea township.

Peter Ford was reared upon the farm and received a limited common school education, and as soon as old enough took a position as clerk in a store at Leamington, which he held for twelve years, being a faithful employe for James Evans. After leaving this gentleman he engaged in draying for eight years, and in 1898 purchased his present farm of eleven acres, on which he has since been engaged in farming and fruit growing.

Mr. Ford has been twice married, his first wife being Eliza Jane Wride, of Mersea township. Two children were born of this union: Mary Elizabeth, who died in childhood; and Ernest, who married Grace Wilkinson and resides in Mersea township. Mr. Ford married, Nov. 4, 1885, Elizabeth Preston, daughter of Richard and Alice (Barron) Preston, and four children have come to them: Albert J., born Aug. 15, 1886; Harry Scott, April 11, 1889; George B., March 2, 1891 (died in childhood); and Clarence, Aug. 7, 1893. Mr. Ford has adopted the daughter of his sister, Lulu Sheridan, who was born Aug. 16, 1881. The family life of the Fords is delightful, and their pleasant home is a favorite gathering place for their many friends. Mrs. Ford was born in Nafferton, England, Jan. 6, 1851, came to Quebec in the steamer "Anglo-Saxon" when seven years of age, and was brought by her parents to Mersea township.

Mr. Ford is a member of Leamington Lodge, No. 990, A. F. & A. M., and the A. O. U. W. Both Mr. and Mrs. Ford are consistent members of the Methodist Church. In political views he is a Reformer.

JOHN B. MAYVILLE, of the 4th Concession, Lot 7, in Anderdon, is one of the substantial farmers of that township who have worked their way up from small beginnings to positions of prominence. Mr. Mayville was born on the 3rd Concession in Anderdon, Feb. 26, 1850, son of James and Sophia (Jubenville) Mayville, one of the prominent pioneer families of the County of Essex.

James Mayville was born on the River Canard, in Anderdon, in 1830, son of Isaac and Theresa Bell Mayville, who came to Canada from France and settled on the Canard river. During the war of 1812 Isaac Mayville volunteered on the American side, and was killed while in the service. His widow married a man by the name of Ruby and moved to Michigan. Isaac Mayville left two sons, Isaac and James, of whom Isaac died in Michigan, while James grew up in the Beneteau family. He had no chance to secure an education, and started out when only a boy to earn his own living, working for farmers until he earned the means to buy a bush farm. In 1847 he married Miss Sophia Jubenville, who was born in Malden township in 1830, and they settled on a farm located in the 5th Concession and began their married life in a little log cabin. Mr. Mayville cleared up and developed his farm and there brought up his family of fourteen children, thirteen of whom are still living. Both parents died at the home, the father in 1894 and the mother in 1898. They were among the founders of the first church in Anderdon, where they worshipped for many years. (1) Catherine, the eldest of the children, born in 1848, is the wife of Daniel Bartley, who resides in Colchester North. By a previous marriage to Henry Long she is the mother of five children, James, Albert, David, Dora and Thomas, but she has no family by her present union. (2) John B. is the eldest son. (3) Archie, born in June, 1852, married Adelaid Charette, of Anderdon; and they reside on a farm in Colchester North. They have eight children, Remi, Richard, Acie, Mary, Eddie, Edna, Rose and Telius. (4) Israel, born in 1854, married Julia Brothers, and lives on the river front in Anderdon. His children are Maurice, Laura, John, Ida, Lottie, Eddie, Louise, Rosie and an

infant. (5) Sarah, born in 1856, now deceased, was the wife of Alexander Boufford, who settled and died in Malden township. They left one daughter, Annie. (6) Joseph, born in 1858, married Miss Rose Ouillette, and they reside on the Ouillette farm on the river front in Anderdon. They have two daughters, Hattie and Viola. (7) Thomas, born in 1860, married Miss Maggie McCaffery, of Anderdon, where they reside on a farm. They have two sons, John and Frederick. (8) Daniel, born in 1862, has never married and resides in Anderdon. (9) Alexander, born in 1864, married Miss Cecilia Mayville, and resides on the old homestead. Their two children are Clyde and Florence. (10) James, born in 1877, has never married. (11) Fredrick, born in 1879, married Miss Olive Jubenville, of Anderdon, where they reside on the 5th Concession with their three children, Myrtle, Pearl and Everett. (12) Maggie and (13) Mary are twins. Maggie is the wife of Patrick Paquette, who lives in Anderdon, and has one daughter, Orelie. Mary is the wife of Cheffeld Gemifield, who lives on the 6th Concession in Anderdon and has five children, Minnie, Elmer, Ernest, Herbert and Rosie.

John B. Mayville grew up at the old homestead, and was educated in the district schools of Anderdon. He remained on the farm until he was twenty-two years old, when he purchased twenty-five acres of bush land on which he started life for himself as a farmer. In June, 1875, he married Miss Caroline Long, who was born in Anderdon, July 10, 1856, the estimable daughter of John and Lydia (Hickmott) Long.

John Long and his wife were both born at Kemptville, Lower Canada, the former in May, 1823, the latter in 1831. John Long came to Anderdon, with his father, William Long, among the early settlers. In his time he served as magistrate of Anderdon and was a prominent Odd Fellow for many years. He died at the old Long homestead in 1882. His wife is still living in Essex. They had children as follows: (1) William Long died in the Rocky mountains, where he was working on the Pacific railroad; he left a wife and three children, who live in Windsor. (2) Charles married and lives in Brandon, Manitoba. (3) Christina is the widow of John Hoskin, of Missouri. (4) Caroline, the wife of John B. Mayville, was educated in Anderdon. (5) Emily is the wife of William McCaffrey, of Essex. (6) Edward lives in Anderdon and has a family. (7) Morley, of Manitoba, is unmarried.

John B. Mayville and his wife first settled on his original purchase of twenty-five acres, where they lived some six years in a little log cabin. In 1882 he purchased fifty additional acres of wild land, his present home, which he cleared up from the bush, and on which he has erected a good house and barn, with all other necessary buildings, now having one of the fine farms of that section. To him and his wife have come six children: Gordon, born in March, 1882; Maud, in February, 1885; Leroy, in September, 1888; Ada, in April, 1890; Flossie, in August, 1894; and Carrie, in May, 1896.

Mr. Mayville and his wife are both members of the Church of England. In his political views he is naturally a supporter of the Conservative party, for both he and his father were prominent workers on that side. Mr. Mayville is one of the school trustees and has served as such for seven years, while he was one of the founders of the present school, situated near his home. John B. Mayville and his worthy and estimable wife are among the prominent and well-to-do pioneer families of Anderdon and are highly respected by all who enjoy their acquaintance.

FREDERICK T. McGEE, a prominent farmer of Colchester North township, located on Malden Road, Lot 24, County Essex, was born April 15, 1860, in Anderdon township, a son of Alexander and Ellen (Wright) McGee, both members of pioneer families of this county.

Alexander McGee was born in 1828, at Amherstburg, a son of William and Margaret McGee, who came to Amherstburg, from the town of Belfast, County Antrim, Ireland, at a very early day. William McGee built a mill there and died in Malden township, on the farm now occupied by Alexander McGee. The three sons of William McGee still surviving are: George, of County Lambton; Samuel, police magistrate at Amherstburg; and Alexander, the father of our subject. Alexander McGee married Ellen Wright, who was born in 1834, in Malden township, daughter of the late Henry Wright, and died in 1872, leaving nine children: William, born in 1851, is now a resident of the United States. Alexander E., born in 1853, in Anderdon township, is a farmer in Malden township; he married Annie Atkin, daughter of Gore Atkin, and they have children—Allen, Arthur, John, Maggie, Mary, Lucy and Thomas. Annie, born in 1856, married George Atkin, now of Detroit, and they have children—Charles, Frank, Horace, Robert, Mark, Ethel, Grace and

Hannah. Frederick T. is mentioned below. Harriet, born in 1861, married Thomas Graveline, of Amherstburg. Ellen, born in 1862, is the wife of Robert Atkin, of Malden township, and has children—Maurice, Fred, Kate, Walter, Ina, and Annie. Amanda, born in 1864, in Malden, is the wife of Clarence Wright, of Colchester South. Walter, born in 1866, is unmarried, and is a superintendent of the delivery business of James McCreary & Sons, of New York City. Albert, born in 1869, married Katie Sellers, daughter of Robert Sellers, of Malden township, and they reside on a part of his father's farm; they have three children, Norma and Earl and Pearl, twins.

Frederick T. McGee received his education in the district schools and assisted on the home farm until he had attained manhood. In November, 1881, he married Miss Sarah Bratt, who was born Oct. 24, 1859, in Colchester South, daughter of George and Sarah Bratt, of Malden township, where the latter died. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. McGee settled first on his farm in Malden, which he continued to improve until 1889, when he sold it advantageously and purchased the Robert Hamilton farm, on Malden Road. He has cleared a large portion of this place and has put it under cultivation, and has erected commodious and comfortable buildings and made many other improvements. A family of seven children has been born to Mr. and Mrs. McGee, two of whom have passed away, but the following survive: Barbara E., born Dec. 30, 1885, a student of the Essex high school; Martha E., born in October, 1887; Ida B., born July 26, 1889; Mina M., born June 19, 1893; and Sarah W., born May 11, 1899. Sarah E., born in 1882, died Jan. 9, 1884, and Gordon D., born in 1884, died in 1886.

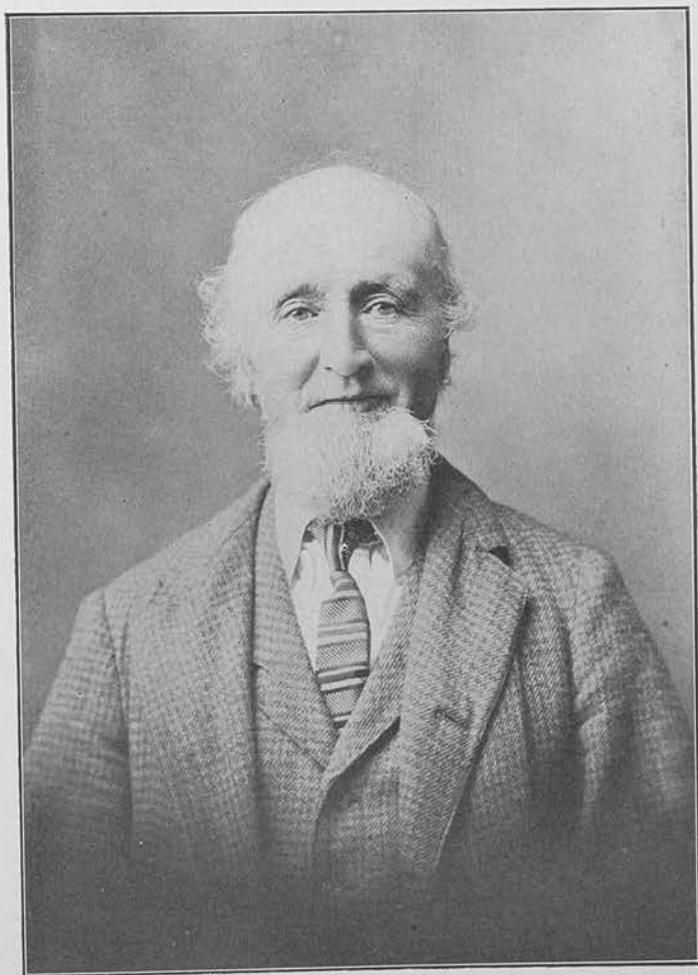
Mr. and Mrs. McGee and their children belong to the Methodist Church at Gesto, where he has been a member of the board of stewards of the church for a year. Of this religious body his parents and grandparents were also consistent members, all good, worthy, exemplary people. Politically he and his father have always been followers of the Reform party. For four years he has served as school trustee, and is at present a member of the board. He is also a member of Enterprise Lodge, No. 218, I. O. O. F., of Essex.

It is always interesting to trace the career of a successful man from a boyhood which called out the best and most manly qualities. Like many others, Mr. McGee was reared in a family

where circumstances were limited at the time, and he was thrown upon his own resources when he approached manhood. His success has thus been the result of his own endeavors and excites admiration and respect. In his public life he is known to be honorable and upright, always working for the best interests of the community. In the domestic circle and in his church associations he is prized for many most admirable traits of character.

WILLIAM MILLEN, reeve and farmer of Gosfield North, in the 9th Concession, Lot 13, is of English birth, but belongs to a family largely represented in the County of Essex, and one of whose members are uniformly prominent in their several localities. Mr. Millen was born in Westwell parish, County of Kent, England, June 25, 1836, son of John and Jane (Foster) Millen.

John Millen was born July 11, 1808, in the County of Kent, England, where his parents, Thomas and Ann (Godfrey) Millen, lived and died, he and his forefathers having lived on the same estate more than two hundred years as farmers. Mrs. Jane (Foster) Millen was born Aug. 13, 1814, in the same place, and belonged to an old English family. John Millen came to Canada in 1849, with his wife and eight children, reaching Hamilton in June. He settled near the village of Stony Creek, on a farm in the township of Saltfleet, County of Wentworth, where he remained till 1861, in that year removing to the County of Essex and settling in Gosfield, where the rest of his life was passed. He died in January, 1888. His first wife dying in 1854, while they were living in the township of Saltfleet, near Hamilton, he subsequently married Miss Sarah Canada, of Saltfleet, by whom he had two daughters, Jane and Catherine, both of whom died young, in the County of Essex, and one son, Francis B., now living on the family homestead. Mrs. Sarah Millen died in 1899, eleven years after her husband's death. By his first wife, Jane (Foster), John Millen had eleven children, of whom (1) William was the eldest. (2) Elizabeth, born in 1838, is the deceased wife of E. Gammon, of Plympton township, County of Lambton, by whom she had one daughter, Louisa, now Mrs. Richard Avery, of Gosfield. (3) Thomas, born in 1839, lives in Gosfield North, with his wife and family. He is mentioned elsewhere. (4) Ann, born in 1842, is the wife of George Gammon, of Aldborough,



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County of Elgin, and has a family of ten children. (5) John, born in 1843, married and settled near Hamilton, where he died in 1902, leaving a wife and seven children. (6) Richard, born in 1845, is unmarried and lives at Saltfleet, Ontario, where he is a prosperous manufacturer. (7) Stephen, born in 1846, married Miss Louisa Hepburn, of Yarmouth, County of Elgin, lived on his home place in Gosfield, and died there in 1901, leaving four children. (8) Samuel and (9) James died young. (10) George, born in 1849, married Caroline Havon, and has one son, James. He settled at Saltfleet, where he is a prominent citizen and farmer, at present serving as county councillor, and he previously served as reeve. (11) Isaac, born in Canada in 1852, married Miss Louisa Heaycock, of Gosfield, and lives on a farm in Gosfield North, with a family of five children.

William Millen went to Gosfield in January, 1861, bought wild land of the Canada Company, and settled down on it in a log cabin, while his father joined him during the first year there and bought land adjacent. His present commodious brick house was built in 1876, and a year earlier than this he put up his large barn; all other needful structures have been erected, and the place has been improved till it is now one of the finest farms in that part of the county. The log cabin which Mr. Millen first built is still standing and is well preserved, being used as a workshop. He was obliged to make a clearing for it, and it was the first house to be built on the east side of the road, between Cotnam and the town line. At that time game was very thick in this region.

In political principles Mr. Millen has always upheld the old Conservative party, and has been elected to several offices, serving as councillor from 1874 for Old Gosfield for years; he also filled the office of assessor for two years for the same township, and was councillor and assessor off and on for both the old and new townships of Gosfield. He and his family are of the Methodist faith, and were of the founders of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of Gosfield in their settlement. Mr. Millen is unusually well versed in Biblical history, having always been a careful Bible student. He is a man of culture and education, fond of history in general, and thoroughly posted on all local subjects. He is a citizen of exemplary character, public-spirited in the fullest sense of the word, and his long life of

industry, integrity and usefulness may well be marked as worthy of imitation.

Mr. Millen was married March 2, 1858, while living in Saltfleet, to Miss Rachel C. Lambier, who was born in Saltfleet, July 4, 1842, daughter of James and Rhoda (Pettit) Lambier, of Montreal, originally. On her mother's side Mrs. Millen is related to the Pettits, a United Empire Loyalist family from the States. Mr. and Mrs. Millen have only one son, John F., born Jan. 5, 1864, in the little log house his father put up first. This son was sent to Hamilton to be educated, was graduated from the Hamilton high school and a business college, and returned to Gosfield North to make his home. After farming until 1902, he removed to Sandwich, Ont., where he has remained. He has been quite successful in public affairs, having served as township councillor, deputy reeve, and county councillor five years; and in June, 1902, he was elected county clerk, continuing since in that capacity. When a young man he was elected township auditor, resigning that office to become township councillor, and he resigned that of county councillor in order to accept his present incumbency. On Sept. 16, 1888, in Essex, Ont., he married Miss Sadie Morris, and is the father of five children, William Arthur, Harry (deceased), Edith, James and Carrie. John F. Millen now resides in Sandwich, and holds a place of high esteem among his fellows, for he has inherited the many traits of his family, and is a fine man and a good citizen.

RICHARD GIGNAC, a highly esteemed and well-known farmer of Sandwich West, County of Essex, was born March 7, 1825, on the old Gignac farm in Sandwich West. His parents were Thomas and Julia (Baubien) Gignac, the former born in 1785, the latter in 1789. Jean Gignac, the founder of the family and grandfather of Richard, was born in Quebec, and came to Sandwich as early as 1776.

During the war of 1812 we find that Thomas and Joseph Gignac were true and loyal soldiers, and served as volunteers during the whole campaign. Thomas was present at the taking of Detroit, at the battle of the Raisin river and at Maumee. After the war was over and peace restored he returned to his old home in Sandwich and lived there, in the old homestead, until his death, in 1868. He had six sons and two daughters: Henriette, who married Antoine Meloche and died without issue; Claire, who married

Hubert Renaud; Thomas (1) who died in boyhood; George, born in 1820, who married and settled on the old homestead, and was killed on the railroad in 1882; Richard; Jacques, born in 1822, married and residing with his family in Anderdon township; Nil, born in 1829, residing with his family in Sandwich West, near his father's old home; and Eli, born in 1832, who is a wealthy real-estate dealer in Wayne county, Michigan, where he resides with his family.

Richard Gignac was the fifth member of this old family. He received a fair education in the French language in a local school taught by a French officer, who had served under the great Napoleon. This officer was the first teacher in this section of the county. Soon Mr. Gignac became interested in learning the English language and was anxious to perfect himself in it. At the age of seventeen he learned the blacksmith trade and followed the same in the State of Ohio and spent some years in Pennsylvania and New York. He also worked in Toronto, Hamilton and Niagara, and was thus enabled to visit a good deal of the country, acquiring at the same time much valuable information, as well as a ready knowledge of the English language. In 1850 he returned to Sandwich West and followed his trade until 1877, when he turned his attention to farming, having purchased property on the River Road in Sandwich West. Here Mr. Gignac has resided ever since, accumulating means in the pursuit of his peaceful avocation and becoming highly esteemed in his neighborhood as a useful citizen and a man of upright character.

In 1854 Richard Gignac was united in marriage to Marie Durocher, the only child of Michael Durocher and Angeline Cloutier, one of the old pioneer families of this section. A family of twelve children was born of this union, nine of whom survive: (1) Mary A. is the wife of John Pageau, of Windsor, and mother of Rev. E. Pageau, C. S. B., of Houston, Texas, and Sister John Avila, of the Order of the Holy Names, of Sarnia. (2) Eugenie married Joseph Jolly, of Sandwich West. (3) Louise is the widow of Dr. Alfred Beneteau, of Detroit, Michigan. (4) Hedwidge was educated in the Windsor high school and was for several years one of the successful teachers of the county; she is now the wife of Henry Marentette, one of the leading farmers of the township. (5) Claire is a member of the Order of the Holy Names and

at present Mother Superior of St. Mary's Convent, of Chicago, Illinois. (6) Rev. Thomas F., born in 1868, obtained his early education in the common schools. Later he entered Assumption College, at Sandwich, where he was graduated in 1892 with high honors in French, English and Latin. He subsequently studied theology in Toronto, was ordained priest in 1898, and has for several years been connected with Assumption College and St. Michael's College, Toronto, as professor of classics. (7) Hattie is the wife of Alberic Chaput, formerly proprietor of the "Sunnyside Hotel," and a prominent young man in this locality. (8) Hortense married George Joly, of Detroit. (9) Ameda, the youngest, is a graduate of Assumption College, and is at the old homestead taking care of his aged parents.

Politically Mr. Gignac has always been a Conservative, and on account of his high standing in the community he has been called upon to fill many offices. Besides being judge of the peace, he was for three years reeve of Sandwich West, was assessor for thirty years, twelve years township councillor and several years one of the school trustees.

With his whole family he belongs to the Catholic Church, wherein he has always proved himself a devoted and liberal member. Few citizens stand higher in public esteem than does Richard Gignac; he can look back over a well-spent life, and besides being the head of an affectionate and respectable family he is a citizen whose private life and public career reflect nothing but honor upon him.

JAMES McCracken, a well-known farmer and stockman of Mersea township, County of Essex, and for many years a lumber manufacturer of this county, was born near the city of Ottawa, Ont., May 4, 1845. The family is of Irish descent, Thomas McCracken, the father of our subject, being a native of the Emerald Isle, where he grew to manhood, and married Jane Weir.

After the birth of their second child, Thomas and Jane McCracken left Ireland and emigrated to Canada, settling near Ottawa, where he engaged in farming. Later he moved his family to the County of Oxford, where he also farmed, and when the Great Western railroad was commenced, he worked on the section between Woodstock and Paris. Still later, he removed to Grey, where he settled on a farm, and continued to

operate it during his active life. He lived to be eighty-four years of age, and died at Hanover, Ont., in December, 1896, and is there buried. His widow survives, living at Hanover, aged eighty-five years. While he was a member of the Church of England, his widow is a Methodist. In politics Thomas McCracken was always a Conservative. The children born this worthy couple were: William, deceased; Mary, deceased; Joseph, a well-known lumberman of Arkansas; James; Sarah, married to Henry Carder, of Gosfield township; Eliza, deceased; John, of Pennsylvania; Thomas; Selena, married to John Duttot, and three who died in infancy.

James McCracken removed with his parents to the County of Grey, Ont., where he attended school, but as the county was but sparsely settled his educational advantages were limited. Until he was twenty-two years of age, he continued with his father, but then started out in life for himself, coming to the County of Essex, and locating in Mersea township, where he engaged in cutting timber. Later he settled down on a farm, on the 5th Concession, Lot 10, on a tract of fifty acres, which he farmed until 1886. He then removed to his present farm on the township line, a tract of 128 acres, Lot 12. He also bought a tract of 100 acres in Tilbury West, which he operates. For several years he owned and operated in Mersea township, a lumber mill, and in 1886, when he removed to the township line, he erected a large saw and stave mill, moving his plant from the 2nd Concession of Mersea township, to the line between Mersea and Tilbury West. This plant is a very extensive one, and was erected at a cost of \$3,500, and there he became largely engaged in the manufacture of lumber and staves. In 1898 he lost his mill and contents through fire, sustaining a loss of \$1,600. Since then he has devoted his energies toward farming. He grows tobacco and grain, and makes a specialty of stock raising, his strains being among the best in the county. He is a man of enterprise, possessed of progressive ideas, and he takes a deep interest in the development and improvement of the county. Like many other successful men, he started out in life a poor boy, but through industry, ability and thrift, he has succeeded in placing himself among the leading men of his locality. Mr. McCracken claims that a goodly share of the credit, however, is due to the efforts of his wife, who has ever assisted in every way possible. Success has not changed the kindly nature of either of them, and they

still follow the teachings of the Golden Rule, winning many warm friends by their generosity in cheerful words and charitable deeds.

The first wife of Mr. McCracken was Annie Wales, of Mersea township, who died, in 1872, leaving one daughter, Amby Annie, who resides at home. In 1876, he married at Kingsville, Margaret Dresser, born in Mersea township, a sister of Mrs. Charles Minnis, a sketch of whom is to be found elsewhere. Mr. and Mrs. McCracken have had children as follows: Nettie Belle, who died young; Mark, residing in the State of Washington; Rose; Oscar, at home; Alonzo, who died young; Alvin, at home; Edwin, who died young; and Wesley, Earl and William, all at home. These young people are all prominent in the social affairs of the township, and stand very high in the esteem of the neighborhood. In politics Mr. McCracken is a staunch Conservative, but his many duties and business cares have prevented him from entering into public life, although he is so popular that he probably could secure almost any office within the gift of his fellow townsmen. Fraternally he has been affiliated with the A. F. & A. M., and has taken an active part in the work of his lodge. Taking him as a whole, Mr. McCracken is certainly as representative a man as can be found among the prosperous and progressive farmers of his section of the County of Essex.

ALEX ROCHELEAU is a farmer by occupation and owns the place known as the "John Long farm," in the 5th Concession, Lot 2, Anderton township.

The Rocheleau family have been inhabitants of Canada since 1669, when the first one on this side of the water came from France. They remained in the eastern part, however, till the great-grandfather of Alex left Montreal and became one of the pioneer settlers of Sandwich West. There was born his son Joseph, who was a soldier in the War of 1812 and helped build the fort at Amherstburg. Joseph Rocheleau left seven children, as follows: Frank; Joseph, who died in Michigan; Antoine; Abraham; Victoria, the wife of Antoine Renaud, of Sandwich; Eustine, who married Jubair Gubeseec, and died in Michigan; and Margarite, wife of Louis Drouilliard, of Michigan. None of the family is living.

Antoine Rocheleau was born in Sandwich West in 1812. He married Pauline Drouilliard, a native of the same place, born in 1814, whose father, Seymour Drouilliard, died in 1837. An-

toine Rocheleau was a sergeant in the war of the Rebellion in Canada in 1836-37. He and his wife settled on the old homestead in Sandwich, where he died in 1867 and she in 1886. They were members and founders of the first Catholic Church erected in Sandwich. They were the parents of thirteen children. Antoine, the eldest, born in 1836, is married and lives on the homestead; he has two children living. Rev. Samuel lives in Windsor. Emma is the wife of Adolph Dufour, of Sandwich. Joseph, born in 1838, married and settled on a farm in Anderdon; he has a family of seven children. Angelique, born in 1840, is the wife of Antoine Rocheleau, who lives in Anderdon and has a family of nine children. Cyril died when a young man of twenty-two years. Alex is mentioned below. Dennis, born in 1846, a teacher in the schools, married and settled as a farmer in Sandwich East; he has one son, Alphonse. Macilene, born in 1849, is the deceased wife of Edisdore Bone, who died in North Dakota and left a large family who still reside there. Mary, born in 1851, is the wife of Eli Bondy, of Sandwich West; she is the mother of fifteen children. Ellen, born in 1854, is the wife of Frederick Bondy, who resides in Sandwich West; they have a family of eight children. Elizabeth, born in 1856, married, and she and her husband have both died, the latter in North Dakota; they left no family. Henry, born in 1870, married and lives in North Dakota, with his family of six children; he is a school teacher and one of the active business men of his section.

Alex Rocheleau was born on the river Canard, in Sandwich West, May 21, 1844. He was educated in the schools of Sandwich, and on reaching manhood began sailing on the Lakes, which he continued for the seven years previous to his marriage. During the winter he worked as a blacksmith to supplement his summer work on the Lakes. In 1870 he was united in marriage to Miss Emily Knapp, who was born in Anderdon, in 1849. Her grandfather, Joseph Knapp, came from Alsace Lorraine in 1795 and settled on the river front in Anderdon. The young couple settled in Sandwich West, where Mrs. Rocheleau died in December, 1887, leaving four children: (1) Joseph Samuel, born in 1877, married Miss Lizzie McDougal, and settled at Duluth, where he works at lumbering. They have no family. (2) Mary, born in 1882, is unmarried. (3) Joseph A., born in 1885, and (4) Alma, born in 1887, are at home.

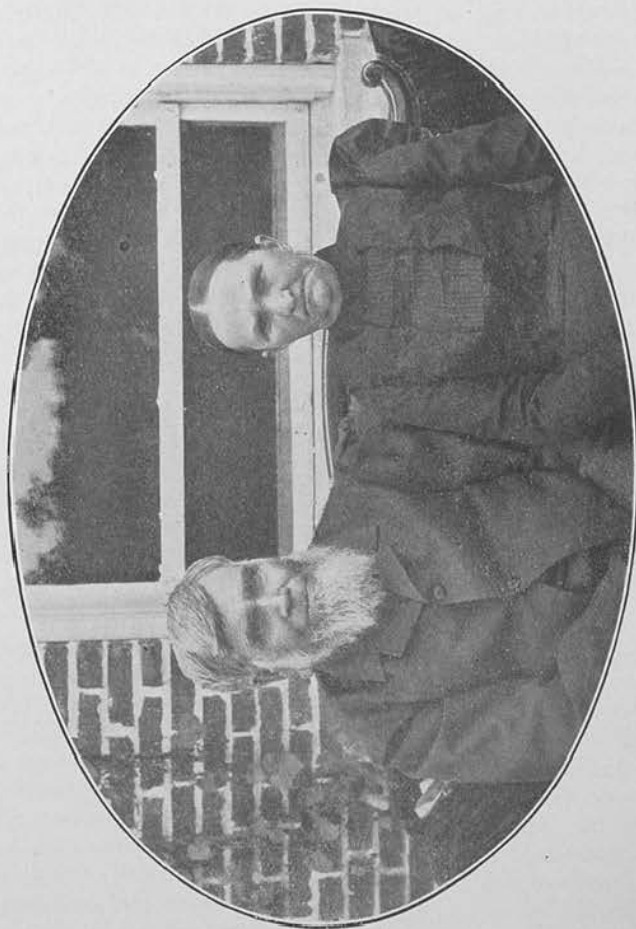
In January, 1893, Mr. Rocheleau married Miss Mary Reneaud, who was born in Amherstburg in 1846, daughter of Joseph Reneaud and Sophie Bastien, and a member of one of the old pioneer families of Amherstburg, the grandfather of Joseph Reneaud having come to Canada from France in a very early day. Mrs. Rocheleau grew up in Amherstburg, where she received a fair education. Her parents have both died, leaving six children, who live in the County of Essex. Mrs. Rocheleau has no children.

After his last marriage Mr. Rocheleau made his home in Amherstburg and resumed his early occupation on the Lakes, following same some five years. He then purchased the John Long homestead, where he now resides, and here he has made many improvements. Mr. Rocheleau is a Conservative in his political ideas. The family are all members of the Catholic Church, and Mr. Rocheleau belongs to the C. M. B. A. He is a man honored and respected in the county for his many sterling qualities, and is of scholarly attainments, standing well as an official, one whose judgment has never been questioned in matters of interest to the county.

BENJAMIN NOBLE, one of Mersea's representative citizens and one of the most progressive farmers in the township, was born April 4, 1832, in Nottinghamshire, England, son of John and Mary (Hill) Noble.

John Noble was born in Lincolnshire, England, where he passed his boyhood, in young manhood removing to Nottinghamshire, where he became engaged in farming. There he married Mary Hill, and a family of thirteen children was born to them, namely: John, who died at Cottam, County of Essex, Ont.; William, who died in the State of Iowa; Sarah, who married Benjamin Jones, and both are deceased; Benjamin; Thomas, who resides in Gosfield township, County of Essex; George, who resides in New Zealand; Joseph, deceased; Barbara, who married George Russell, and resides in the State of Idaho; David, a resident of Gosfield North township, County of Essex; Shem, a farmer of Maidstone township, County of Essex; Frederick, a farmer of Gosfield township; Henry, a resident of Westminster, British Columbia; and Mary Jane, who died young.

In 1837, John Noble and wife, with five children, left their English home, hoping to better their condition across the sea. They took passage in a vessel sailing from Liverpool, and after



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a voyage of eleven weeks, they landed at the port of New York, only the first part of the long journey then being completed. By way of the canal they reached Buffalo, thence to the County of Essex across the lake, and located in Gosfield township. There Mr. Noble rented a tract of 200 acres, which he operated five years, and then purchased 100 acres of wild land. On this tract he built a log house, and the family settled down on their own property. Mr. Noble cleared up a fine farm, disposing of the timber to advantage, and placed his land under cultivation. When the family first settled in this locality the country was still almost a wilderness, there being few roads and still fewer bridges, while to venture far from home was to run a risk of meeting with wolves and other wild creatures of the forest. Mr. Noble lived to see the locality well settled, and did his part in promoting the building of churches and schoolhouses, with other civilizing improvements, dying at the age of eighty-four years. From the home he had founded, his remains were carried to their last resting place in Ruthven cemetery, South Gosfield township. He had always been a staunch supporter of the Conservative party but would not consent to hold office. His devoted wife, who had cheerfully borne her part in times of deprivation and trial, died at the farm at the age of eighty-three years, and was laid to rest in the same cemetery. Both she and husband were consistent members of the Methodist Church, good, Christian, self-respecting and most highly esteemed people.

Benjamin Noble had thus the advantages of careful parental training, although his early educational opportunities were somewhat limited. As soon as a little log building could be erected for the purpose, a teacher was secured, usually an ambitious youth of the locality who had but little more preparation for his duties than had his pupils, and here Benjamin, with the other children of the settlement, went to school a few months in the year. Until he was sixteen years old, Mr. Noble assisted his father, but as the family was large, he concluded that he could be spared, and at this age started out for himself. Being industrious and of a pleasant appearance, a slave to no bad habits, the lad soon found employment with a farmer in Gosfield township, at a salary of eleven dollars a month. There he remained three years, and then came to Mersea township and was employed by John B. Shea, who was a lumberman. Mr. Noble worked

three years for Mr. Shea, cutting and squaring timber, receiving \$45 per month for his work. His next business engagement was with the Ontario government, hewing timber for the erection of a lighthouse. He was thus employed three more years, building a second lighthouse, the first not having been erected by the contractor securely enough to stand the great storms.

Mr. Noble then settled down to farming for himself, in Mersea township, buying a tract of land in the south part of Concession 2, Lot 11, consisting of fifty acres. At this time no roads had been cut, as he was the first settler in the section. He built his log house as did his father before him, and with equal courage and perseverance began the clearing up of the farm on which he has lived ever since. Many substantial improvements have been made by Mr. Noble, one of these being the erection of a fine stone wall all along the front of his farm, which was completed in 1875. In 1902 he erected the present handsome brick residence which occupies a commanding situation, and has made other appropriate improvements which not only add to the attractiveness but to the value of his property. Mr. Noble owns 330 acres of land, all of which was once covered with a valuable timber growth, the same after cutting being shipped to the east and other sections. It has given Mr. Noble much pleasure to reward his sons with farms of their own, and equally to compensate those engaged in other lines, for he has been particularly blessed in his children and family relations.

Until within a few years Mr. Noble led a very active life, feeling able as late as 1897, to join a party of his neighbors on a trip to the Klondyke. However, before real hardships met the party, he was incapacitated by an attack of the grip, which later became very serious, with complications resulting in a partial paralysis. While this is most distressing to one so fond of an out-door life, one to whom the trees and wild flowers continually call, it has not in any way interfered with a most active and intelligent mind. It is far better than any book of early history to listen to Mr. Noble's reminiscences of the early settlement of this prosperous locality. Many of his tales of personal experiences are very interesting, of one year which he spent without wearing shoes, of the breaking through of roads, the fording of streams, and the climbing of trees to escape hungry wild animals. He

has always favored the raising of the best kind of cattle and horses, and has had large herds.

Mr. Noble is, like his father, a staunch Conservative, and has been called upon, on many occasions, to accept local offices, serving as tax collector for three years, school trustee and pound keeper. He is a valued and the oldest member of the Loyal Orange Association of the County of Essex, and for twenty years has served as treasurer of the Mersea body, No. 808. In religious belief and observance, he is a member of the Church of England.

On Nov. 5, 1856, in Mersea township, Mr. Noble married Miss Isabella Jackson, who was born in Mersea April 1, 1840, daughter of John and Isabella (Robinson) Jackson, natives of England, who came to Mersea. Mrs. Noble has been a true wife and helpmate, and for many years faced the monotony, deprivations and drudgery of early pioneer life, with a cheerfulness and courage almost beyond belief. Like her husband, she, too, belongs to the Church of England. Twelve children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Noble, namely: Alvin, who died at the age of sixteen years; Calvin, who died aged two and a half years; Andrew, a farmer in Mersea township, who married Clarinda Setherington, and has four children, Maud, Ida B., Stanley and Ross; John Jackson, who died young; Mary Jane, wife of Lewis Hubert, of Leamington, and mother of one son, John W.; Isaac, a resident of Windsor, who married Cora Askins; Ephraim, a farmer on the Broken Front, in Mersea, who married Laura Malott, and has two children, Nina B. and Benjamin; Colin, a farmer in Mersea, who married Caroline Setherington, and has three children, Clifford, Minto and Roy; Watson, residing in Windsor, who married Lillie Malott; Testemire, wife of James Wiper, and living on an adjoining farm; Johnson, at home, who married Mary (Evans), widow of Frederick Coleback, who died in Denver, Colorado; and one that died in infancy, unnamed. Few men in this part of the county are better known or more highly esteemed than Mr. Noble. It is the hope of his family and many friends that his present physical ailments may pass away so that he may again enjoy the beauties of Nature and live the out-door life for which he so ardently longs.

FRANCIS W. SWEET is one of the progressive and public-spirited farmers of Colchester

North, Essex County, residing on Lot 23, South Malden Road. He was born in Durham County, Sept. 15, 1854, to Francis and Sarah (Colwell) Sweet, who were both born in England, he in Cornwall in January, 1827, and she in Devonshire, in September, 1829. Our subject is the second son of this old pioneer family, of which there were nine sons and two daughters. He was educated in Durham in the primitive schools of that period. Later on his parents removed to Colchester North, and the boy worked upon his father's farm helping to clear it off. On Nov. 20, 1877, he was united in marriage with Miss Susan A. Thornton, by the Rev. Mr. Laycock, at the Methodist parsonage in Essex. She was born and reared in the County of Essex, a daughter of Thomas and Almiria (Latam) Thornton, old pioneers of Essex County. After his marriage he purchased his present property on the bank of the river Canard in Colchester North, and began life in the woods as a pioneer, he having to clear a place to build his house. Here he cleared up his farm and erected excellent buildings, and has become one of the most successful farmers of Essex County. In 1901 he purchased the C. E. Weldon farm at Gesto, one of the finest farms in the township; here his father resides.

To Mr. and Mrs. Sweet have been born children as follows: Dallas D., born Sept. 7, 1878, manages his father's farm at Gesto; in May, 1904, he married Miss Mable Creeper, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Creeper, of Gesto. Alice A., born May 30, 1881, is unmarried and lives at home; she is a dressmaker. Alma, born March 22, 1883, married Walter G. Quick, of Essex County, and they reside on the Quick homestead in Gesto. Forrest S. was born Feb. 10, 1886; Francis A., Feb. 25, 1888; Florence A., March 28, 1890; Thornton J., Jan. 14, 1892; Eldred C., Aug. 15, 1895; William L., July 4, 1897; Delmere Le Roy, Aug. 31, 1898 (died June 6, 1901); Ida C., March 9, 1901; and Arthur A., July 20, 1903.

Politically Mr. Sweet is a member of the Reform party. He has been a school trustee for three years. Fraternally Mr. Sweet is an Odd Fellow, being connected with Ruthven Lodge; he is also a member of the Woodmen of Essex, and of the Independent Order of Foresters of Gesto. The religious affiliations of the family are with the Methodist Church. The Sweet family is one of the best known in the township, and its members are among the representative farmers of this locality, all of them being good

business men, good citizens, and men of substance and responsibility.

On May 6, 1890, our subject met with an accident. He was up to his father's barn for seed peas with the team, one of which was a colt. His little girl Alice, coming home from school, accidentally frightened the colt, and the team started to run. He had just one sack on the wagon, on which was a heavy rack. He made a spring for the reins, but succeeded only in getting the check rein of the off horse. He stumbled and was thrown under the horses' feet, injuring an arm. The front wheel then struck him on the chest, and the hind wheel caught and jammed him against the stone bridge at the stable, passing over the muscles above the thigh joint. He was carried into the house. The little girl ran home frightened and told her mother that her papa was hurt. The mother had these words foremost in her mind when she heard this: "This is for the glory of God, and Frank's conversion," for which she had been praying. No bones were broken, but the next day inflammation set in and afterward communicated itself to his whole system. After some time he began to feel better, and on the 4th of June attempted to plant some corn. But this made him worse, and that night he had his first spasm caused by internal injuries. Dr. Dewar, of Essex, was called and he said, "If the spasms keep coming and communicate themselves with the spine he cannot live." He was also advised to see Dr. Ingles, of Detroit, specialist on nervous affections, who told him the same as Dr. Dewar did, and that no matter how favorable the circumstances he was to do no work for two years. The spasms did keep coming, more or less frequently, all fall and winter. But his wife just felt that he would not die unconverted and that he would be healed by the Great Physician. On April 4, 1901, he was taken worse. He suffered the utmost agony. On April 8th his conversion, which had been unsatisfactory to himself before, seemed assured, and he felt resigned to his sufferings. The next day was a day of torture, and when, about 6 p.m., a spasm left him, he told his wife he could not live through another. About 7 p.m. he felt he was passing away, so he had the family gather in his room, bade them all good-bye, and prepared himself for death. That afternoon, unknown to his wife, he had prayed to God, "If it be Thy will raise me to my natural strength. But if it be Thy will to take me, take me in sleep," for he felt that he could not endure another such pain. His wife now prayed exactly

the same prayer. She and his brother James, of Kingsville, prayed together very earnestly. He began to feel drowsy and thought the last part of his prayer was being answered, and that death was approaching. His wife and brother prayed, "Oh, Lord, if it be Thy will raise him now, Lord, now, now." At the utterance of the last "now" he felt unseen hands, one under his right shoulder, the other over the left breast. Instantly he was raised upright in bed, and he felt as strong that moment as he ever had been. Afterward he got up, dressed himself, and went out (walking erect and without the use of a cane, a position which was impossible before) to call on the neighbors. He has been perfectly well ever since, praising God and working for Him. He feels that he was brought from death to life, and nothing but the power of God through faith and prayer could have done it.

JULES ROBINET, merchant, brick worker and wine manufacturer of Sandwich, is a native of France, and traces his ancestry back to Joseph Robinet, his grandfather, who was a soldier in the army of Napoleon and lived to the advanced age of ninety-four years. The maiden name of the wife of this venerable man was Margaret Boutrin, and they had the following family: Pierre, George, Vida, Claire, Francois, Claudinette and Eugene.

Pierre Robinet, the father of Jules, was born in France in 1822, and in his native country was a wine producer. In 1874 he came to Ontario and located in Sandwich, becoming one of the largest grape growers in that section. At present he is living retired in Sandwich. In 1847 he married Josephine Pheulpin, of France, and they had the following children: Joseph, Louise, Victor, Jules, August, Lucille and Louis, all living in Sandwich or in the neighborhood.

Jules Robinet was born Jan. 1, 1858, in France, where he began his life-work as a merchant. In 1875 he left France for Ontario, a short time after the other members of his family arrived, and the first year in his adopted country was spent in the service of Dr. Casgrain, of Windsor. In 1878 he began business for himself, selling goods over the country for one summer. In the fall of the same year Mr. Robinet opened a small store at Tecumseh, County of Essex, and there remained for five years. In 1882 he embarked in the brick business in Sandwich, and later took into partnership Mr. Curry. The output of the yard is from 2,000,000 to 3,000,000 per year, the average always reaching

it heretofore. Mr. Robinet's wine firm is known as La Campagnie Robinet Freres de Sandwich, Limited, with a capital stock of \$50,000. Mr. Robinet is at present the president and manager of this company, which produces some of the best wines in Canada. The plant is located in Sandwich, in the brick structure erected by Mr. Robinet in 1895, and in which he embarked in the mercantile business in 1897. In addition to the above mentioned business Mr. Robinet is the owner of valuable landed property which yields him large incomes. For six years he has served as member of the council of Sandwich and for two years has been water commissioner. He is not a strong partisan of any political party, but strives to vote for the best men, although he agrees more nearly with the views held by the Liberals. Religiously Mr. Robinet and family are members of the Roman Catholic Church and he is trustee of the Roman Catholic school of Sandwich. Socially he is a member of the C.M.B.A. He is one of the most successful and popular men of the County of Essex.

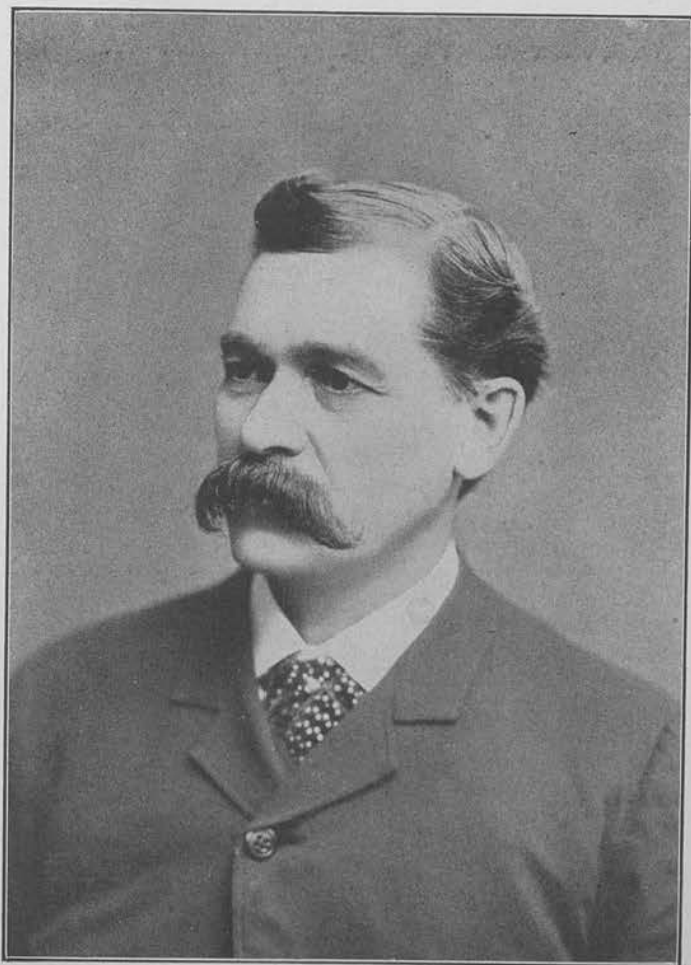
In 1880 Mr. Robinet married Mary Seguin, a native of the County of Essex, and the following children have been born to their union: Joseph, Frank, Paul, Emile, Anna, Clovis, Catherine, Mary Louise, Lucille, Julia, Antonett and Jules, Jr., all living.

JOHN A. WESTAWAY. The Westaway family is of English extraction, and in beautiful Devonshire the name may still be found, at all times being worthily borne, and the family has ever been one of high esteem. William Westaway, the grandfather, was born in Longford, Devonshire, England. His wife, Elizabeth, was a native of Cornwall, England. They came to the County of Essex, Ont., and located in Sandwich township, June 1, 1832, but Mr. Westaway sickened and died in the same year. In 1840 his widow married Richard Rhodes, and they settled at Detroit where she died, her remains, however, being interred at Sandwich. The children born to William Westaway and wife were seven in number, namely: William (2), born Aug. 20, 1803, in Cornwall, England, died at Sandwich, Ont., April 6, 1861; John, born at Cornwall, died in England; Betsy and Charlotte, twins, were born in Cornwall, and there the former died at the age of fourteen years, while the latter resides in Detroit; Jeremiah, born in England, died on shipboard; Jemima, born in Cornwall, England, July 26, 1819, married Ebenezer Rhodes of De-

troit; and Henry, who was also born in Cornwall, was killed in a fire, in New York.

William Westaway (2), son of William, married Charity Badge, born in 1806, in Devonshire, England, and their two eldest children were born in Cornwall, Charlotte Caroline, born Nov. 28, 1828, who married Capt. J. D. Sullivan; and Elizabeth, born March 3, 1831. The other members of the family were: Mary Jane, born at Sandwich, County Essex, Sept. 1, 1833; William, born Sept. 10, 1835, at Sandwich, died at Detroit, Dec. 15, 1872; John A., born at Sandwich, Nov. 11, 1837; Anna, born at Sandwich Sept. 7, 1840, died at Cleveland, Ohio, Jan. 1, 1860, and was interred at Detroit; Emma, born May 21, 1842; Arabella, born Feb. 1, 1844, at Sandwich; Jeremiah, born Sept. 17, 1846, at London, Ont.; and James, born Oct. 7, 1848, in Windsor.

John A. Westaway was thirteen years of age when he was apprenticed to Alexander Chope, a blacksmith in Detroit, where he remained for five years, becoming thoroughly skilled in his trade. He then attended Albion College, in Michigan, for one year, studying hard and securing a fair education in this way. Going on the steamer "Hercules" with his brother-in-law, Capt. Sullivan, by 1858 he had risen to the rank of chief-engineer on the steamer "The Hercules." Mr. Westaway had the honor of being the second-engineer of the first car ferry, the "Great Western," that ever took a train of cars across the Detroit River, on Jan. 1, 1867. About April 1st following he became chief-engineer of the boat. From that time until Nov. 15, 1872, he was connected with different vessels, but on the date mentioned he was made chief-engineer of the steamer "Transfer," and is now the chief-engineer of the fleet of Michigan Central transfer boats at Detroit, chief-engineer of the Michigan Central elevators at Detroit, and of the entire heating system of the Michigan Central Railroad station, having in all twenty steam boilers under his supervision. In all of his long and painstaking service with the Michigan Central Railroad not one word of fault has ever been found with him, and considering the complex and multifarious duties which are his continually, and how much depends upon his attention and accuracy, this is very remarkable. He has also, in addition to his other responsibilities, the entire supervision of the mechanical department of the car ferry. He is a man who thoroughly understands his



John A. Westaway

business and does it, and his sincerity and devotion to duty are appreciated.

In 1861 Mr. Westaway was united in marriage with Miss Frances Nahmore Buffum, and they immediately settled in Detroit where they remained until 1873, when they removed to Amherstburg, County of Essex, where he was in business for years for the Michigan Central Railroad, although his business now calls him to Detroit. Three children have been born to this marriage, namely: Albert, who married Florence Kitt, has four children; Minnie N., who married B. J. Walker, of Windsor, has three children; and Miss Emily A., at home. Mrs. Westaway is a member of the Methodist Church. In politics Mr. Westaway is a Republican, and fraternally he belongs to the Amherstburg lodge of the Royal Arch Masons.

WILLIAM B. SMITH, farmer, local agent for the Page Wire Fence Company, manufacturer of sorghum syrup, residing on Lot 25, Concession 2, in Maidstone, County of Essex, was born March 4, 1856, in South Norwich, County of Oxford, Ont., son of Nathan and Adeline (Helliker) Smith, and a member of one of the old families of that county.

Nathan Smith was born in September, 1819, in the State of New York, son of Thomas Smith, who was a Quaker preacher in that State, came to Canada, and settled near Kingston, at what is known as Smith's Falls, named in his honor. Later he removed to Adrian, Michigan, where he established a Quaker settlement, and built a meeting-house. At his death, in 1868, he had besides Nathan children as follows: Thomas, of Toledo, Ohio; George, of Denver, Colorado; Mary, wife of Charles Gray, of Ohio; Elizabeth, wife of William Isham, of Kansas City; and Frank and Zebulon, who died in Michigan.

Nathan Smith was three years old when the family moved from New York to Canada, and settled at Smith's Falls. In 1838 they came from there to the County of Oxford, and after he completed his meager schooling he engaged in sawing lumber, and in farming. He bought a farm there and cleared it, making many improvements, and he resided upon it until 1873, when he came to the County of Essex and bought a farm in Rochester township, near Woodslee, where he lived until 1885. Selling this farm he then bought one on Concession 2, Maidstone, where he lived until his death, Feb. 1, 1902. His widow, Adeline (Helliker) Smith, was born in

the County of Oxford, in February, 1831, daughter of Benjamin Helliker, who came from Pennsylvania and settled in the County of Oxford, Ont., where he became a prominent lumberman. Mrs. Smith survives, residing with our subject, aged seventy-three years, a most highly respected lady.

Few men of this locality were more earnest workers in the cause of Christianity than was Mr. Smith. For more than sixty years he was a class-leader in the Methodist Church, and for many years was superintendent of the Oxford Sunday-school. Wherever known he was respected for his many sterling traits of character. Politically adhering to the principles of the Reform party, he was willing others should also have settled convictions, being a man of peace and a supporter of the law. The six children born to Nathan Smith and his wife were: (1) Sarah, born Jan. 26, 1854, in the County of Oxford, married James Anderson, of the County of Essex, and, in 1884, they moved to Colorado, where she died in 1891, leaving four children, Ollie, Edward, Adda and Maggie, all of Colorado. (2) William B. was second in the order of birth. (3) Lafayette, born June 21, 1858, married Amy Brooker, daughter of John Brooker, of Rochester, and they settled in Maidstone, where she died, leaving one daughter, Bernice, wife of George Bennett, of Maidstone; he married (second) Nettie Griffin, of the County of Essex, and removed to Mackinac county, Michigan, where his wife and six children died, he still surviving. (4) Edward, born in March, 1861, in the County of Oxford, married Janet Fleming, of Rochester township, and they now reside in Gosfield North, and have four children, Robert, Della, Roy and Gertrude. (5) Mary E., born in March, 1867, married Harvey Allen, a grocery merchant at Kingsville, and they have three children, Herbert, Lena and Flossie. (6) Malinda, born Oct. 14, 1872, in the County of Oxford, married Rev. James Husser, now located at Goderich, County of Huron, and they have three children, Pearl, Blanch and Carman.

William B. Smith obtained his education in the schools of his native county, and he began his business life as agent for all kinds of agricultural implements, continuing thus employed for seven years, and meeting with much success. After his marriage he settled on his present farm, then in its primitive state, but with energy and industry he soon had it all cleared and ready for cultivation. For a number of years this

family enjoyed their pleasant home, where he had erected a commodious house and large bank barn, but in 1877 he rented the place and moved to Detroit to engage in another line of work. He there filled the position of night foreman on the city street car works for two years and a half, but in 1890 he returned to the farm, which he has operated ever since. Mr. Smith has a very valuable property, and every comfort that can be enjoyed in rural life. His work in Detroit was very acceptable to his employers, and when he withdrew he received testimonials from them of a very flattering nature.

In addition to carrying on his farm Mr. Smith has been engaged in the successful manufacture of sugar cane syrup for the past twenty-five years, having a modern mill plant located on his farm. He has a large and constantly expanding trade on account of the superior quality of goods he manufactures, finding a very ready sale. In the fall of 1903 he was appointed agent for the Page Wire Fence Company of Walkerville, and his work has proved most acceptable to the company.

In October, 1882, Mr. Smith married Effie E. Brown, who was born in July, 1861, in the County of Elgin, daughter of Alfred and Catherine (Bates) Brown, old and prominent residents there. Mr. Brown continued to reside in the County of Elgin until 1877, when he moved to Rochester, County of Essex, settling as a farmer and engaging in agriculture for some years; he then removed to Sanilac County, Michigan, where he died in October, 1891. His widow still survives. Mr. and Mrs. Brown had a family of eight daughters and one son, the latter being Veit Brown, who lives in Gosfield North. The daughters are: Emma, born in Elgin, is the wife of William M. Miles, of Gosfield; Effie E. is the wife of Mr. Smith, and a woman of education, refinement and housewifery ability; Ida is the wife of L. B. Croghan, of Walkerville; Minnie is the wife of Charles Ellsworth, of Hamilton; Mary is the wife of George A. Myles, of Maidstone; Hattie is the wife of Philemon Skerrett, of Colchester South; Flora is the wife of Albert Hill, of Colchester South; and Clara is the wife of Arthur Trombly, of Colchester North.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith have three children: Millicent L., born Dec. 3, 1883, a high school student; Cora May, born March 18, 1891, at school; and Nelson W., born Jan. 7, 1901. Mr. Smith has been a school trustee for the past eleven years, and has always taken a deep in-

terest in the advancement of educational matters. Both he and his wife belong to the Methodist Church, where he has been a member of the board of trustees for a long period. Politically he is one of the independent voters of his community. Fraternally he belongs to the Order of the Royal Templars at South Woodslee. A more thoroughly honest or capable man could not be found, and he is one of Maidstone's most highly esteemed citizens.

JOHN EAKINS. Among those who have been prominently identified for years with the making of what is the garden spot of County Essex is John Eakins, of Mersea township, who was born May 18, 1840, in Camden township, County Addington.

George Eakins, father of John Eakins, was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, where he received a practical education and learned the trade of wheelmaker. In young manhood he came to Canada and located in County Addington, following cabinetmaking for the remainder of his life in Newburgh, where he died at the age of sixty-six years, and was interred in the cemetery at that place. He married Margaret Ann Sills, a most excellent woman, possessed of many amiable qualities, and like himself a member of the Methodist Church. Her death took place in Harriston, County Wellington, but she was buried by the side of her husband at Newburgh. Their nine children were: Eliza, Mary Jane, John, William H., Thomas, Clarissa, James Edwin, George and Frank.

John Eakins was educated in the public schools of Newburgh, and began his business life as a clerk in a dry-goods store at Tyrone, County Durham, Ont., where he remained for two years, later following the same business for ten years at Mitchell, Perth and Napanee. He then removed to Harriston, County Wellington, and embarked in a grocery business with his brother Thomas, under the name of Eakins Bros., which was continued for eleven years. Our subject then sold his interest and returned to Newburgh, where he went into partnership with his brother William in the furniture business for three years. In 1896 he decided to embark in the fruit-growing business and came to Mersea township, buying a tract of twenty-five acres of land on the north side of Concession 1, which he planted with fine nursery stock. In the great and unexpected frost of 1898 he lost 3,000 trees, entailing a loss of more than \$5,000. He is a man of too much determination to be easily dis-

couraged, and soon had his ground replanted. Since then he has prospered and has been very successful in the growing of all fruits suitable to the climate, making something of a specialty of peaches. He is a member of the Fruit Growers' Association.

WILLIAM H. EAKINS, who is associated with his brother John in the nursery and fruit business, was born in Camden township and educated in the schools of County Addington. He learned the trade of cabinetmaking with his father, following it until 1893, when he sold his interests in County Addington and became associated with his brother in Mersea township.

In 1871 William H. Eakins married Augusta Davidson, daughter of Henry Davidson, a prominent citizen of Camden township, and their four children are: Maud Estelle, wife of William L. Clark, who is engaged in the grain, feed and seed business at Leamington; Fred Clifford, a practicing physician at Goehner, Nebraska; and Edith Gray and Mabel Lemoine, both the latter being ladies of artistic tastes and many social accomplishments. Both brothers and Mrs. Eakins are active members of the Methodist Church. Both members of the firm are men of integrity and responsibility, and are numbered with the representative citizens of Mersea township.

CHARLES PRATT, an agriculturist of the County of Essex, whose farm is situated along the river front in Sandwich East, on Lot 101, first saw the light on that same farm, July 19, 1837. His father was Francis Pratt, who espoused Cecile Ladarout, both born in the County of Essex, he in 1777 and she in 1796.

Francis Pratt was the son of Francis, who in turn was the child of English parents, who came to the Province of Ontario as early as 1754. Their son Francis, however, was born after they came to this country, in 1734, in Lower Canada. After their removal to the western province the family settled in Sandwich village and their progeny have remained in that locality to the present day. Francis Pratt, Sr., was one of those who contributed of their time and means to secure the erection of the old Catholic church in Sandwich. His demise occurred in that village in 1810, and several children were left to mourn his death, viz.: Francis, born in 1777; Theodore, in 1779; Dominick, in 1782; Elizabeth, in 1784, (who never married); Pelagie, in 1786 (whose husband was Frank Druillard, of Sand-

wich); Mary C., in 1788 (who became Mrs. Jobin, of Sandwich). All of these are deceased.

Francis Pratt, the father of Charles, owned a farm at Windsor, the present site of the town hall and the school building, but after occupying it several years he, in 1836, exchanged that property for the farm of William Hall, which lies near Walkerville and is the present Pratt home. At the time of the transfer there was only a small portion of the place cleared, but Mr. Pratt quickly enlarged this and built a substantial house of hewn logs in which he passed the remainder of his days. He was the first contractor to carry the mails from Windsor to Chatham, a distance of forty-five miles, and he was obliged to make the trip through the woods daily. The death of Mr. Pratt occurred in February, 1842, and that of his wife, Cecile, in 1858. They were earnest believers in the faith of the Catholic Church, and, like the elder Francis Pratt, assisted in building the original church in Sandwich.

A large family blessed the union of Francis and Cecile Pratt: (1) Francis, born in May, 1817, was drowned Jan. 9, 1843, while carrying the mail. (2) Elizabeth, born in October, 1818, became the wife of Oliver Maisonneville, of Sandwich East. She died in 1856, leaving three children, Charles and Frank, now deceased, and Barney, of Detroit. Her other children had passed away before her. (3) Eloi, born in August, 1820, chose Eleanor Luzon for his wife and they settled in Sandwich West. Their offspring was Elizabeth, Albert, Annie, Katie, Cecile, Henry and Edward. (4) John, born in October, 1822, a grocer in Detroit, married Miss Sarah MacNamara, and died leaving his widow with six children, William (unmarried), Frank, Loraine (now Mrs. A. Parent), Jennie (Mrs. William Brotherson), Isabell, and Jessie (married). (5) Moses, born Oct. 14, 1824, married Miss Mabel Pratt and resided in Walkerville, where he died in 1878, leaving two children, Maggie (Mrs. Janette) and Susan (Mrs. Knobb). (6) Arcade and (7) Damasse, twins, were born in September, 1826; Arcade died in June, 1901, but Damasse is still living. Neither ever married. (8) Joseph, born in 1830, married Sarah Foster, of Sandwich, and they settled on a portion of his father's estate, where he died March 18, 1876. He was the father of seven children, Frank (deceased), Alexander, Hattie, Mary, Joseph, Charles, and William. (9) Matilda, born in September, 1834, was the wife of Dennis Bressard, of Windsor, and died in 1888, leaving no family.

Charles Pratt was the tenth and youngest child of the family. His boyhood was spent on his father's place, which he helped to transform from wild land to a well-cleared farm, and as he grew older he decided to make farming his lifelong occupation. He settled down on the homestead in 1861, built the house the family are still occupying, and has added at various times many other improvements, making a fine place, where he has lived sixty-six years.

Mr. Pratt was united in marriage, Oct. 6, 1869, to Miss Maggie Maisenville, who was a native of Sandwich East, born in October, 1838. She was the daughter of Frederick and Jane Maisenville, both deceased, was educated in the Detroit schools, and for several years was a teacher in Sandwich East. She bore her husband six children: (1) Elizabeth J. is at home, unmarried. (2) Capt. Frank C. is captain of a lake steamer. He married Miss Agnes O'Brien, of Windsor, who makes her home in Walkerville, with their only child, Helen. (3) Louisa married Fred J. White, a jeweler of Walkerville, and has two sons, Raymond and Lawrence. (4) Charles F. married Mayetta Donaldson, of Windsor, and they reside in Walkerville, where he has a position in Walker's distillery. (5) Theodore was educated at the Windsor Collegiate School, and is now living at home, unmarried. (6) Delia was educated in the Sandwich East schools and is at home with her parents.

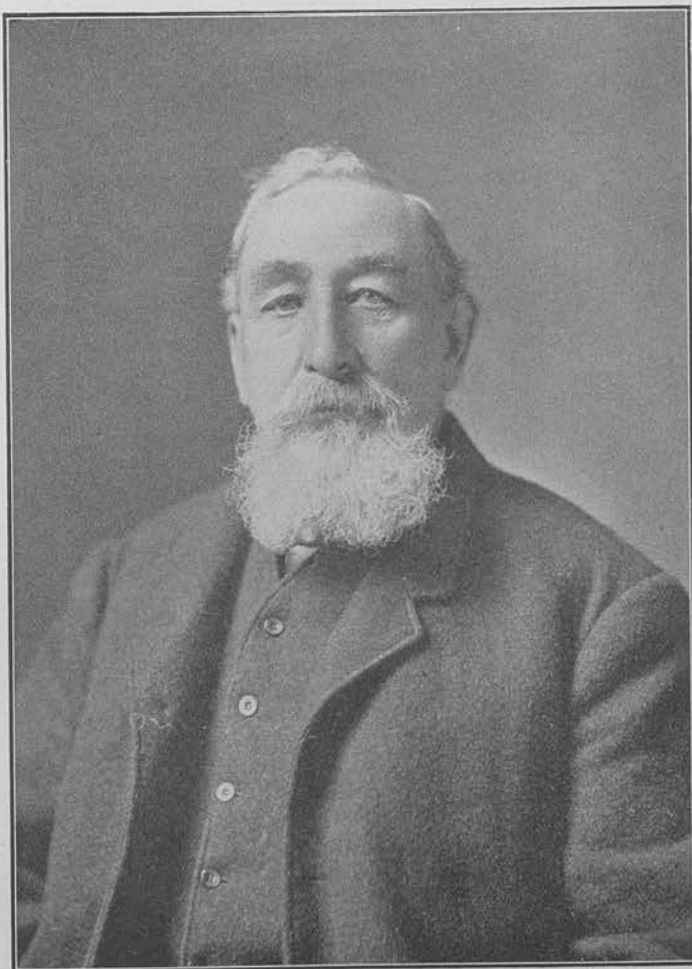
Mr. Pratt and his family are, like all his forefathers, devout Catholics and have done much to further work of the church in their locality. His position on political questions has always been that of the Liberal party, but he has never taken a very active part in the actual work of any campaigns. He is a born agriculturist, always prompt to take advantage of any new method which promised to be an improvement on the old, and his fine farm shows the admirable results of his system. The family name has ever been a synonym for honorable and useful citizenship, and those who now bear it display all those excellent qualities and noble Christian characters which made their ancestors known and honored throughout the county.

IRA RYMAL, a prominent farmer and stock raiser of Mersea township, and one of its most highly esteemed citizens, was born in Barton township, County of Wentworth, Ont., and is a member of one of the old settled families of Upper Canada.

Boston Rymal, the founder of the family in County Wentworth, was born in Pennsylvania probably of German parentage, but, during the war which secured the independence of the American Colonies, his devotion to England caused him, with five neighboring families, to decide to make a home in Canada. This plan was carried out in 1788, and these families were the first white settlers in that locality. Mr. Rymal secured 500 acres of timber land, and there his long life was passed, during which he cleared a large portion and inaugurated many improvements. He died at the age of ninety-three years, and was buried in the cemetery of the Free Church, the land for the site of the church having been donated by him. This is the oldest Free Church west of Niagara. By his wife Barbara he had the following children: Jacob; Philip, who settled in Ancaster township; Mary; George; Joseph; and Elizabeth.

Jacob Rymal, son of the pioneer settler, was the first white child born in the Hamilton Mountains, and he grew up on the old homestead farm in Barton township. His education was necessarily limited as no regular schools had, as yet, been established there. He learned the trade of carpenter and joiner, which he followed in connection with farming, having purchased a tract of 200 acres near the old homestead. He led a busy life, as he was employed at his trade in his own and neighboring townships, and also continued to operate his large farm. He died at the age of sixty years, and was laid to rest in the family cemetery. Mr. Rymal was a man of much ability, as was evidenced by his election to the Canadian Parliament in 1833 and 1834, a staunch member of the Liberal party. For many years he was a member and liberal supporter of the Methodist Church.

In Ancaster township Mr. Rymal married Christine Horning, daughter of Abraham Horning, whose father was one of the first settlers in that section. They had the following children: Margaret, who married George Taylor; Mary, who married George Binkley; Joseph, who was a prominent farmer in Barton township, and for twenty-seven years was a member of the Dominion Parliament, an influential supporter of the Liberal party; Henrietta; John; Barbara, who married Ayre Thurreson; Lewis; Ira, Charles; and Jane, who married Christoph Kern, all having passed out of life with the exception of our subject. The mother of this family died at the age of eighty-two years, and



Ira Ryman

was buried by the side of her husband. She was a consistent member of the Methodist Church, a woman of high Christian character.

Ira Rymal was reared on the homestead and assisted his father in operating the farm until the latter's death, when he rented 100 acres of the homestead and engaged in stock-raising. This he continued until 1883, when he sold out and came to Mersea township, County Essex, where he bought 400 acres of land, situated on Concession 6, township of Mersea. Mr. Rymal remained on this bush farm one year, when he sold 200 acres of the land, and gave each of his sons a tract of 100 acres. He then moved to the Talbot road, Mersea township, where he bought eighty-five acres in the south part of Lot 238, and there he engaged in farming and stock-raising very successfully, and built a comfortable residence, making many substantial improvements. Encouraged by scientific investigation, Mr. Rymal in 1903, permitted the drilling of a well upon his farm, which resulted in the discovery of oil, which has made the land still more valuable. This was the first oil well drilled in the county, and his enterprise was soon followed by others. At present he has six fine wells on his land, one of which supplies Leamington with gas, while the other five are all good oil producers.

In politics Mr. Rymal is a Liberal, and for the past twenty years he has been a member of the township council. In February, 1860, in Ancaster township, Mr. Rymal married Mary Ann Smith, born in that township, May 23, 1839, daughter of John Smith, and a family of eight children have been born to this union, as follows: George married Anna Smith, and they have three children, Dora, Ira and Violet; he is an employe of the Deering Harvester Company, and a resident of Hamilton, Ont. Albert, employed as a traveling salesman for the Deering Harvester Company, married Edith Smith, and has six children, Edna, Albert, Roena, Laura, Beatrice and Edith. Charles, also in the employ of the Deering Harvester Company, married Sarah Bratt, and has six children, Fred, Percy, Floyd, Claud, Joseph and Dallas. Mary Lillian is the wife of Thomas Jackson, of Denver, Colorado. Maude married William Breadt, of Hamilton, and has six children, Lillian, Charles, Florence, William, Margerie and Susan. Florence resides at home. Joseph, living at Tilbury Center, married Florence Walker, and has four children, Marion, Madeline, Joseph and Ruth.

Ira Roy died a promising youth of fifteen years. The mother of this family died in Barton township, in April, 1881, aged forty-two, and was buried in the cemetery in that township. On Jan. 31, 1883, Mr. Rymal was married (second) at Detroit, to Sarah Smith, daughter of James Smith, and two children have been born to this marriage, Ida May and Irene. Both Mr. and Mrs. Rymal are prominent members of the Leamington Methodist Church.

BENJAMIN F. BOTTOM, one of the prominent residents of Pelee Island, was born in Gosfield township, County Essex, Aug. 14, 1839, a son of John and Sarah (Williams) Bottom, and one of a family of nine children, five of whom survive: Benjamin F.; Wallace, of Michigan; Hannah, unmarried, of Ruthven, Ont.; Nancy, unmarried, of the same place; and Melissa, with her brother Wallace in Michigan.

John Bottom was born in Burlington county, Vermont, and was of French descent, his ancestors coming from France at an early day, and serving in the Revolutionary war under La Fayette. John Bottom was a veteran of the war of 1812, and was in Hull's army at the time of his surrender at Detroit, Michigan. He was honorably discharged and received a pension. About 1825 he came to Ontario, settling at Amherstburg, where he worked at his trade of blacksmith. From there he went to what is now Olinda, worked a short time, and then settled in Gosfield township, one mile east of Kingsville, where he built a shop which he conducted many years; his name is well known to all the old settlers. About 1875 he retired, removing to Ruthven, where his daughters were living, and there passed away in 1885, aged eighty-seven years. His wife died many years before him. All his life in Canada he voted the Reform ticket, but never sought office. He and his wife were very worthy people, highly esteemed by all who knew them.

Benjamin F. Bottom was educated in the common schools of Gosfield township. As the family was a large one, and he the eldest, he began assisting in supplying the family with the necessities of life as early as his sixteenth year, heavy burdens being laid upon the young shoulders.

In 1869 Mr. Bottom married Miss Maria Malott, of Ruthven, and after this event he began farming for himself on leased land. In 1883 Mr. Bottom came to Pelee Island, and purchased his present farm of forty-two acres, upon

which he has since resided. This property is one of the most valuable for its size in the island. In 1897 he built a large and commodious frame building, which is one of the most substantial dwellings in Pelee Island, and there he and his estimable wife dispense a gracious hospitality. Six children have come to grace their home, but only one survives, Stafford, of Pelee Island. In politics Mr. Bottom is a Liberal, but like his father he is no politician. Since locating on the island he has firmly established himself in the confidence of his neighbors, and enjoys their esteem and friendship.

RICHARD WEAVER, a prominent and well-to-do farmer of Anderdon, living on the river front, is one of Canada's citizens who came from the mother country in 1859. He was born in Herefordshire, England, in November, 1831, son of Thomas and Milbra (Hales) Weaver, both of whom were born in England and died there. Of the large family born to them, three daughters and six sons in all, only two sons, Richard and John, left their native land. John settled on the river front in Anderdon, and there died, leaving two children, Louisa and Fannie.

Richard Weaver is emphatically a self-made man. Coming to Canada when a young man, with a limited education, he leased a farm on the river front in Anderdon for which he paid a cash rent of \$100 per annum for three years. He had married in England Miss Rebecca Sevier, who was born and raised in England; and she died on his farm in 1862, leaving two sons. George, the eldest, died when a boy of seven years. Richard H., born in 1858, received his education and grew to manhood in Anderdon, and now resides in St. Paul, Minnesota, where he works at telegraphy; he is unmarried.

In 1866 Mr. Weaver returned to England and married his second wife, Miss Julia Applegate, who was born in England in 1834. On returning, that same year, he purchased and settled on his present home, which is known as the Rosebank farm, and which he has improved in many ways, all the buildings now on the farm having been erected by him. Mrs. Weaver died Jan. 29, 1903. She was connected with the English Church, and was a woman of many Christian virtues, greatly beloved by all the people of that community. Three children survived her. (1) Ada, the eldest, born in November, 1867, grew up at the present home, where she received a fair education. She is the wife of William L.

Wilson, engineer of the waterworks at Windsor, and has one son, Lloyd C. (2) Rosa, born in May, 1869, was reared and educated like her sister. In 1891 she married Charles F. Honner, the eldest son of Edwin Honner, and a member of one of the prominent families of Amherstburg, and the young couple settled at Malden, where Mr. Honner followed sailing on the lakes for some years, until his health failed and he retired to a fruit farm. There he remained until his death, in 1896, leaving a wife, but no children. He was a highly esteemed young man, and a prominent member of Thistle Lodge, No. 34, A. F. & A. M., his funeral being conducted by the Masonic fraternity. (3) Emily B., born in 1871, died in childhood. (4) Arthur G., born in 1874, married Miss Alice Ward, of Amherstburg, daughter of Thomas Ward, one of the old and prominent residents, and they reside on part of the father's homestead. They have no family.

Politically Mr. Weaver has always been identified with the old Conservative party; he was elected assessor and served seven years in that office; he was also auditor and collector of Anderdon for a number of years, and is at present the roadmaster of Anderdon. Religiously this family are all members of the English Church. Mr. Weaver is a man who has worked his way up by industry and honesty to independence, and now is one of the wealthy farmers of his district. He is beloved and esteemed for his manly and honest qualities, and for his kindly disposition and upright conduct toward all men. This is but a just tribute to the life and character of a man whose every act is in accordance with the dictates of his conscience and his broad charitable disposition. His home life has been noble and pure, and no man ever accused him of hypocrisy or lukewarmness to a friend, cowardly desertion of a conviction or compromise of principle. His name will long be cherished with endearing pride by his neighbors who have associated with him for so many years, and who in passing judgment on his character rank him among the good men of their county.

ARTHUR WILSON, a successful farmer and prominent resident of Maidstone, living on Lot 25, 7th Concession, was born in Argyllshire, Scotland, Dec. 23, 1846.

John and Janet (Campbell) Wilson, his parents, were early pioneers of the County of Essex, coming from Scotland about 1852. They

were born in Argyllshire, he in 1812, and she in 1819, and were well educated in the schools of Scotland, where they grew up and were married. They made their voyage over on a sailing-vessel, via New York, the trip consuming nine weeks. First settling in Detroit, he worked among the farmers by the day. They later came to Canada, about 1853, and settled on wild land, on what is known as the Wilson side road, in Maidstone. On this property he erected a log house, and there they lived some years. Later this primitive home was replaced by a more pretentious one, John Wilson becoming one of the prosperous farmers of Maidstone. He died on his farm April 4, 1886, leaving his wife, who still survives, residing on the homestead, aged eighty-four years. Both were Presbyterians, and they were among the founders of the church of that denomination in this section. They were the parents of four children: (1) Arthur. (2) Martha, born in Scotland, in 1848, was reared in Maidstone, where she married Samuel Bunn, who was drowned in the Detroit river; he left eight children, Clara, Seth, Florence, Fanny, Sylvia, Alvin, Stanley (deceased) and Forest. (3) Margaret, born in Maidstone in 1854, married John Dawson, a farmer of Maidstone, and has eight children—Robert, who married Miss Susan Heil, and has one child, Grace; Janet, who married Elijah Smith, of Essex; Mattie, who married Robert Ernest, of Detroit; Fannie, who married John Dawson, of Sandwich West; Ella, who married James Croft, of Sandwich South; John, who lives on the homestead; and Annie and Arthur, who are at home and unmarried. (4) John, born in Maidstone in 1856, married Miss Sarah Totten, of Maidstone, and they reside on the old homestead with his mother; they have a family of three children, William, Clifford and Carrie.

Arthur Wilson, the eldest child, was reared at home and received but a limited education. When a boy he helped his father clear up the land, and he remained with him until he was twenty-seven years of age. In 1867 he purchased his present farm, which was then all wild land. This property he cleared, making it into one of the finest farms of Maidstone, and upon it he has erected excellent buildings, doing the work himself, as he is a good carpenter, although he never worked at the trade as a journeyman.

In May, 1875, Mr. Wilson was married to Miss Emily Robinson, daughter of John and Esther (Thornton) Robinson, pioneers of Maid-

stone, now deceased. Mrs. Wilson and James are the only members of their family now living, although they had the following children: Ellen, who married Josiah Wigle, of Gosfield South; Mary, who married John Lee, of Maidstone; John, who married Anna Dring, and left a family, all of whom live at Maidstone; James, of London, unmarried; and Mrs. Wilson. The latter was reared in Maidstone, where she received a fair education. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson settled at their new home, and have developed it into a very pleasant place of residence. They have no children. Their religious affiliation is with the Methodist Church, in which both are prominent. Mr. Wilson has filled the office of trustee of the church for many years, being one of the first in County Essex. He has also been superintendent of the Sunday-school for a long time, as well as one of the most efficient and convincing teachers. Politically, like his father, he has always been identified with the Reform party, and he has filled the position of school trustee for a number of years.

In addition to his other interests, Mr. Wilson is the proprietor of a large sugar cane plant, which he operates by steam, and he has been engaged in this branch of industrial activity for some time; his syrup is in great demand all over his section, being a very superior article. This is the largest plant and the only one run by steam in the County of Essex.

Mr. Wilson is one of the public-spirited men of Maidstone, and is highly esteemed by a large circle of business acquaintances and friends. He has taken an active part in all public measures, and is prominently identified with both civic and church matters. A true type of the self-made man, he demonstrates what can be really accomplished by true perseverance and frugal industrious habits.

ROBERT FREDERICK WHYTE. Mr. Whyte's long and honorable connection with the Great Western, the Grand Trunk and the Wabash railroad systems; covering a period of thirty years, has been one of great activity, and has made him well and widely known.

Mr. Whyte is of English ancestry, his father, Robert Alexander Whyte, having been born in England in 1819. His grandfather was Capt. Whyte, R. N., and his great-grandfather, Gen. Whyte, distinguished himself in the West Indies during the Napoleonic wars between England and France. Having a love of adventure Robert A. Whyte went in young manhood to Aus-

tralia, and for a time engaged there in sheep raising, but he finally decided to try his fortunes in the newly-opened districts in the Provinces of Canada. Landing at Quebec, he there found employment, and in time met and married Mary Ann Sedley, a native of his own country, born in 1824, daughter of Capt. Sedley, of the Royal Engineers, and granddaughter of Col. Chrysler, a U. E. Loyalist, whose farm was the scene of the famous battle of Chrysler's Farm (in the war of 1812), in which Capt. Sedley's regiment was engaged. With his bride Mr. Whyte removed to Montreal, and in 1846 came to Windsor to enter the employ of the Great Western Railway Company, with which he was associated until his death, in 1875. He was a prominent resident of the County of Essex for many years. In politics he was an active supporter of the Conservative party. Both he and his wife were consistent members of the Church of England. They were most worthy people, and highly esteemed by all who knew them. Mr. Whyte left five children, two of whom still reside in Windsor, Robert F. and Mrs. D. J. Macqueen. His children in order of birth were as follows: Lottie, died in Montreal. Maria Charlotte, the eldest daughter, born in Montreal, is the widow of Stephen Knight, of Winnipeg, who long resided in Windsor, coming there as a superintendent of the Great Western Railroad; he died in Winnipeg in 1883. Ada Annie is the wife of Douglas J. Macqueen, of Windsor, and has four children, Blanche, Murray, Reginald and Grace. Robert F. is mentioned below. Minnie, the youngest daughter (the first child christened in the English church at Windsor), is the wife of Judge A. C. Killam, of Ottawa, of the Supreme Court of the Dominion, and has two children, George and Gladys. Stephen met death by drowning in the Frazier river.

Robert Frederick Whyte was born Aug. 2, 1852, in Windsor, and obtained his education in the local schools, one of his instructors being J. C. Patterson. While still a boy life on the water held a fascination for him, and he found employment on one of the boats plying on Lake Superior, continuing as a sailor until 1872, in which year he entered the employ of the Great Western Railway Company. In 1883, when that line passed into the hands of the Grand Trunk, he still continued his connection, remaining with that road until 1897, when he entered into the employ of the Wabash Railway Company. Since 1883 he has had charge of a train, and as a

matter of interest it may be mentioned that he has averaged 1,100 miles of travel per week for the past thirty years, a total distance equal to sixty-eight times around the globe. He has been particularly fortunate, and has met with few accidents. For a number of years his run has been between Detroit and Buffalo, but wherever it is, he is the same careful, courteous employe of the road, attentive to his duties and to the comfort of his passengers, and has thus not only gained the good-will of the traveling public, but also the confidence of the road.

In 1879 Mr. Whyte married Miss Emily Agnes Beattie, daughter of David Beattie, and to this union four children have been born, namely: Gordon, who served bravely through the South African war, and is now claims clerk for Buhl & Sons, of Detroit; Marie Alberta; Leila Emily; and Douglas Stephen. The religious connection of the family is with the Church of England. In 1896 Mr. Whyte built his fine modern residence on Victoria avenue, and it is his delight to offer here a generous hospitality to his many friends.

Politically Mr. Whyte is a Conservative. Fraternally he has been connected with the I. O. O. F., the K. P., and the O. R. C., taking an active part in the work of all these organizations. A man of genial presence and exemplary character, he enjoys the esteem of the best citizens of his native place.

J. H. C. ATKINSON, customs officer for the Island of Pelee, Ont., and one of the prominent citizens of this part of Canada, was born Aug. 31, 1853, at Danby, Yorkshire, England, a son of Rev. John C. and Jane (Coulson) Atkinson.

Rev. Canon Atkinson, the father of our subject, was born in 1814, at Goldhanger, England, where his father was a curate. Canon Atkinson was educated at Kelvedon and at St. John's, Cambridge, entering the latter at the age of twenty years, and four years later took his degree, coming out last Wrangler. After clerical and tutorial work in various parts of England, in 1847 he was appointed to the moorland parish at Danby, north Yorkshire. There a long life was passed, in which was compressed the work of a half dozen less energetic and capable men than himself, and the marvelous improvements he accomplished in every direction are not only recalled in the churchly reports, but also in the local legislative and judicial papers of his time. He was distinguished not only for his great



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piety, but for his learning and natural ability. He was thrice married, and he reared fifteen children. In 1898, the late beloved Queen Victoria, upon the recommendation of Premier Balfour, granted the venerable clergyman a pension of one hundred pounds a year from the Civil List "in recognition of his services to philology and scholarship." His death took place March 31, 1900, in his eighty-sixth year.

J. H. C. Atkinson was one of eight children, namely: J. H. C.; Edward L., manager of the Colonial Bank at Trinidad, W. I.; Wilfred H., chief officer in the Peninsular & Oriental S. S. service, who was drowned in the Mediterranean Sea about 1890; Dr. Miles C., a prominent physician and surgeon of Leamington, England; Robert P., a civil engineer in India; Thomas S., of Sault Ste. Marie, emigration land agent of the Algona Commercial Company; Catherine, wife of Sir Richard Nicholson, ex-solicitor of the late Lord Salisbury, of London, England; and Meriel, of London, England.

Mr. Atkinson was reared in his country home, attended the public school at Rossal, Lancashire, and made rapid progress under various private tutors. In the spring of 1872 he came to Canada, and after a short visit in Montreal, drifted to Woodstock, then to Windsor, reaching Pelee Island in the spring of 1873. Here he engaged for a time in farm work, and then renting land, began farming on his own account. In 1881 he purchased an interest in the "City of Dresden," a steamer plying between Pelee Island, Amherstburg, Windsor, Leamington, Kingsville and other points. For three years he served as purser on the vessel, but in 1883 he sold his interests in the boat, and purchased his present home farm of thirty acres. He has followed farming here with much success. In the spring of 1897 he was appointed customs officer of the port of the Island of Pelee, and has filled the position most satisfactorily ever since. In this locality where he is well known, he is regarded with sincere esteem.

In 1883 Mr. Atkinson was married to Miss Cora McCormick, who was born on Pelee Island, daughter of Arthur McCormick, the present postmaster and prominent merchant of Pelee Island. In politics Mr. Atkinson is a Liberal and he has served as councillor and in other township offices, and is one of the Island's most popular officials and useful citizens. Fraternal-ly he belongs to the I. O. F., of Pelee Island; and the F. & A. M., of Amherstburg. He and

his wife are both members of the Episcopal Church, and are active in all good work for the general advancement of the community.

CHRISTOPHER OGLE, a prosperous farmer and successful raiser of fine stock, located on Lot 14, Concession 8, in Mersea township, has been a resident of that place for many years, and has been identified with the interests of this locality for a half century. He was born April 18, 1835, at Kilmore, County Fermanagh, Ireland.

The name of Ogle is not an unfamiliar one either in England or in Scotland, and it is quite probable that it originated in one of these countries and was introduced into Ireland by refugees. William Ogle, grandfather of Christopher, was born in County Down, Ireland, and there married Margaret Savage, both of them passing their lives in their native land.

William Ogle, son of William and father of Christopher, removed in young manhood to County Fermanagh, where he rented a small farm which he operated for some years. He married Anne Robinson, a daughter of Christopher Robinson, a number of whose descendants may be found in Mersea township, and they had seven children, namely: William, deceased; Jane, wife of Richard Hazard; Anne, who died in 1902; Ellen, wife of John McCullough, who resides in Michigan; Ruth, widow of James Reid, who resides in Mersea township; Christopher, of this sketch; and John, formerly a teacher, and now a prominent farmer and land owner of Concession 8, Mersea township. William Ogle and his wife started for Canada in 1856, embarking at Londonderry for Quebec, their destination being the County of Essex, Ont. After reaching this country they joined friends already settled in Mersea township, and Mr. Ogle bought a tract of land on which he engaged in farming through the remainder of his life, his death occurring in 1868; he was buried in the Albuna cemetery. His widow survived until 1877. Both were most worthy Christian people, consistent in their attachment to the Methodist Church. They had endured many pioneer hardships, but their last years were full of comfort.

Christopher Ogle, the subject proper of this sketch, attended the National schools in his native land, and for want of better opportunities settled down to farming with his father. This industry was not remunerative enough, so he and his sister Anne decided to leave their native

land and seek a competency across the water, where many of their old neighbors were already settled in comfort. Hence, in 1853, when our subject was eighteen years of age, he and two sisters went to Londonderry, where they secured passage to Quebec on a Norwegian barge, the "Vestle Indian." After a voyage of seven weeks and three days they reached their destination. Christopher worked his way to Toronto, where he found employment as a teamster for the Grand Trunk railroad. In 1854 he went to Mersea township, County of Essex, and there bought a tract of fifty acres on Lot 14, Concession 8. This land he secured from the Canadian Land Co., with the understanding that he could have it at \$5 an acre, and as the prospects seemed bright, and the country was filling up, he decided to settle down here to farming. Looking over the present well-cultivated fields and comfortable homes, it is hard to imagine this section with only widely separated log huts, no roads, no bridges, no system of drainage, no markets, wild beasts and Indians still roaming over the country, in fact, a section which then showed almost no marks of civilization. Here our subject led a life for years which no tale can fully tell and do justice to its hardships and deprivations. However, his courage never ran too low, and he never gave up until he had made the place of considerable value. Like other early settlers, he was able to realize considerable money from the sale of potash, obtained by the burning of timber. The land is now well under cultivation and well improved. In 1883 Mr. Ogle bought a farm of William Reid, consisting of seventy-five acres in Concession 8, and is operating the same, with the assistance of his son. They have a very fine farm, which they have devoted to general agriculture and stock raising. His Durham cattle are fine specimens, and he also raises good stock. Mr. Ogle has never been led into the growing of tobacco, although he has seen his neighbors prospering in its culture. It is against his principles to use it, and he is too much of an honest man to sell it to others and perpetuate a habit which he believes to bring injury in its train.

In Mersea township, Aug. 7, 1857, Mr. Ogle married Miss Catherine Reid, who was born in New Ireland, in the County of Huntingdon, Quebec, Nov. 3, 1839, daughter of the late John Reid, and a sister of David Reid, of Mersea township. A family of seven children was born to this marriage, namely: Jane, the wife of William R. Coulter, a farmer of Mersea township,

has seven children, Orpha, Louise, Russell, Harriet, Esther, Irene and Harvey. Annie, one of the highly intellectual young ladies of this neighborhood, who is a graduate of the Essex high school, class of 1889, and in 1893 attended the Ottawa Normal School, was for eleven years a successful teacher of the public schools, and now resides at home. Amelia, wife of Wesley Dales, of Mersea township, has four children, Stanley, Webster, Kitty C. and Austin Earl. Susan K. was educated in the public schools, graduated at the Windsor high school and at the Chatham Model School, and later taught in school section No. 5; she is now the wife of John Robinson, of Mersea township, and has four children, Harvey, Grace, Hamilton and Murray, and they reside in the 9th Concession. Harriet is the wife of Robert Reid, of Mersea township. Ryerson operates the home with his father, and is one of the highly respected, intelligent and educated young men of his section. The youngest child, a daughter, died in babyhood.

Mr. Ogle is independent in politics, voting as his judgment dictates. He has always taken an advanced stand on educational matters, and has consented to serve as school trustee and in other offices. Remembering his own limited opportunities, he has given his children excellent advantages, and few families in this locality show more intellectual tendencies. He has taken an interest in the agricultural development of the township, has introduced new methods and machinery, and has advocated the raising of first-class cattle and stock, setting the example himself. He takes a natural pride in his fine specimens, which show the care he has taken in their selection and raising, making a name for him throughout the township. He was one of the organizers of the Goldsmith Methodist Church, and both he and his wife are valued and consistent members.

JAMES REID, who, at present, is an esteemed resident of Leamington, was for many years a successful agriculturist of the 8th Concession, in Mersea township, and is a worthy descendant of a family which has always been noted for its high character.

Mr. Reid was born Sept. 31, 1843, in what is now known as New Ireland, in the County of Huntingdon, Quebec, a son of the late John Reid, and a brother of David Reid, Jr., of Mersea township. Mr. Reid had few educational advantages, the school at Blytheswood, the nearest point, being three miles distant, and the way

thither a wild path in good weather and almost impassable during the heavy snows of winter. His assistance was required from an early age in helping to clear the farm, a tract of seventy-five acres, which he purchased in young manhood. Here he started farming for himself. He erected a comfortable brick dwelling, barns and outbuildings, and made all the improvements which transformed it into one of the valuable properties in the neighborhood. Mr. Reid carried on general farming and stock raising and made some very satisfactory progress in the growing of tobacco. This latter industry he continued but a short time, although his land seemed particularly well fitted to its growth. He abandoned its culture as a matter of principle, becoming convinced of the deleterious qualities of the weed, and arguing that what he would not use himself or encourage his children to make use of was something he could not conscientiously sell to others. This has always been a characteristic of Mr. Reid and explains, in a way, the esteem in which he is held in his locality. On Lot 14 he bought 200 acres of land, half of which was cleared, and on which he resided until 1903, when he sold 100 acres to John Stevenson. He still owns 175 acres, which he has under cultivation. By hard work and strict attention to his business he had, at the time of his retirement from activity, accumulated a fair competency. Purchasing a fine dwelling on Askew street, Leamington, which cost some \$2,000, he settled down there, although he retains his interest in the farm and superintends its management.

In politics Mr. Reid is a staunch Liberal, but is no seeker for office. For over thirty years he has been steward of the Goldsmith Methodist Church, was for many years a trustee, and his interest in the Sunday-school was shown by his service as teacher and superintendent. He is a much beloved class-leader in the church services and is valued for his true Christian character.

Mr. Reid was married Aug. 28, 1868, to Phoebe Martha Williams, by Rev. John Hubbel, at Leamington. She was born at Trafalgar, Ont., a daughter of Richard Williams, is a lady of education and most lovable qualities, and has encouraged her husband in his church work, having been a member of the Ladies' Aid Society and of the Epworth League for many years. Since coming to Leamington she has belonged to the Willing Workers and the mis-

sionary and benevolent societies of the Methodist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Reid have three children, namely: Corden, who is engaged in farming at Clinton, Michigan, married Fannie Rind, daughter of Dr. Rind, of Adrian, Michigan, and they have two children, Ronald and Harold. Laura Jane, who was educated in the local schools and at the Ridgeway Collegiate Institute, married Adolphus Armstrong, son of Thomas Armstrong, and they have six children, Olive Winters, Floyd Carl, Lorne Clifford, Elva Jane, Martha and James. Everett Jefferson, who operates the home farm, married Ethel May Mills, of Romney township.

WILLIAMS. Richard Williams, father of Mrs. Reid, was born March 14, 1825, on Simcoe Island, Ont., a son of Wilson Williams. His mother died when he was three years old, and from the age of six years he earned his own living. At this tender age he was bound out to a resident of near Kingston, Ont. Although promise had been made that he should have educational advantages the promises were broken, and the youth remained with this dishonest master until he was nineteen years of age. He left him then and went to Trafalgar township, County of Halton, where he found employment with farmers and led a happier life for some years. Later he moved to Rainham township, where he farmed until 1858, and then came to the County of Essex, locating in Mersea township, renting the Robert LeMarsh farm. Subsequently he bought a farm in Concession 6, east of the Leamington side road, a tract of fifty acres which he farmed until 1882, and here he made many improvements which enabled him to sell advantageously, since when he has led a retired life. In politics he is a Liberal, while in religious connection he is a member of the Methodist Church.

At Oakville, County of Halton, Mr. Williams married Elizabeth Howe, who was born at Port Hope, a daughter of Peter Howe, an old resident of that locality. Mr. and Mrs. Williams had a family of twelve children born to them, namely: Julia Ann, wife of Thomas Wales, of Mersea township; Phoebe Martha, wife of James Reid; Hannah, wife of Henry Tuffemire, of Mersea township; Elizabeth, wife of George Quinton; John, who died aged fourteen years; Rachel, who married (first) William Coulter, and (second) George Bullock, of Mersea township; Henry, a farmer in Mersea township;

Isaac, a resident of Delray, Michigan; Fidelia, wife of Robert Wales, of Leamington; Tennyson, a resident of Toronto; Anynetta, wife of Gordon Taylor, a resident of Oakesdale, Washington; and one that died in infancy.

JOSEPH L. HILBORN is known all over the County of Essex as being foremost among the successful fruit growers and horticulturists of that region, and he is active not only as a practical grower himself, but also as a member of the various associations for the promotion of such interests.

Mr. Hilborn was born May 3, 1858, in Warwick township, County of Lambton, Ont., son of Levi and Dorathea (Harvey) Hilborn, who are fully mentioned elsewhere. He was educated in the common schools of the vicinity of his birthplace, and there grew to manhood, remaining with his parents on the homestead until the death of his father, after which he took up agricultural pursuits there on his own account. He made extensive improvements on the place, which was successfully conducted under his management until 1895, in which year he sold and came to his present location in Mersea township, County of Essex. Meantime, in addition to raising general crops, he had become interested in fruit growing, in which industry he was a pioneer in this section, and on purchasing his present home, a tract of fifty-four acres in the 1st Concession, he planted twenty-five acres in peach trees. During the great frost of 1899 he was a heavy loser, but this did not discourage him, for he started in again the next season with renewed courage, and he is now one of the largest and most successful peach growers in the county. He has made a deep study of horticulture, and is one of the best informed men in his section in that particular line, a fact which is apparent from the success of his ventures. He engages extensively in the growing of plums and other fruit as well as peaches, and finds a ready market for his product all over the Dominion, as far north as Manitoba and other sections of the Northwest. He was the first in Mersea township to undertake the raising of early vegetables, grown under glass, and he also finds markets for these products in Ontario, his crops being in demand in a number of places.

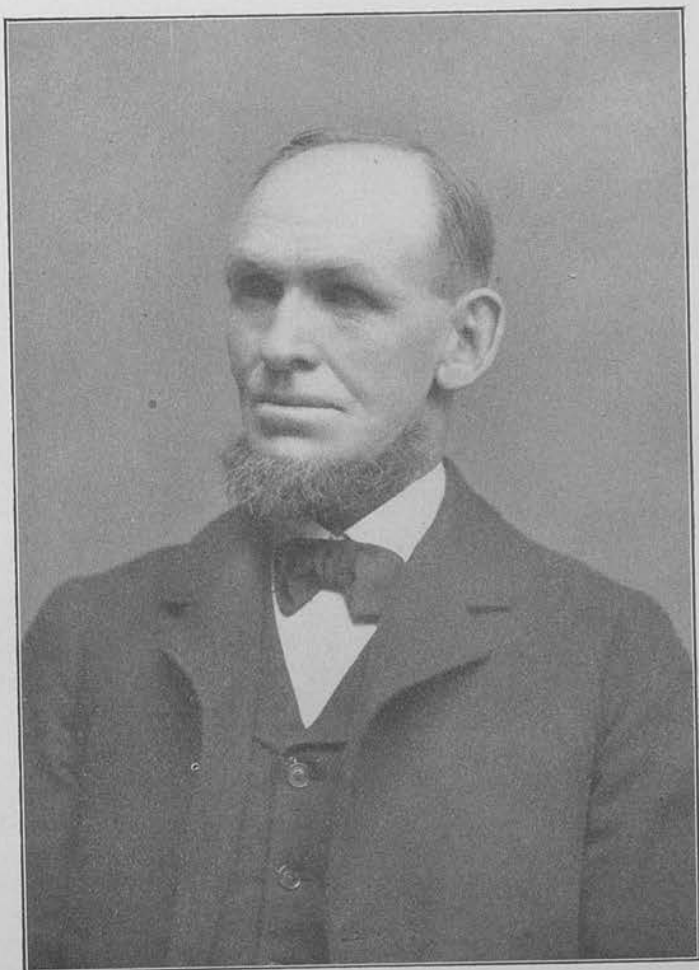
Mr. Hilborn has shown himself to be a man of enterprise and progressive ideas in every branch of agriculture which he has followed, and he is a leader in his special line. His home, his

orchards, all his surroundings, bespeak the industry and careful attention of the owner, and he has expended several thousand dollars in the improvement of his property, which shows excellent taste in arrangement and equally good judgment in management, and is profitable because he neglects no detail which would make it so. His orchards are among the best kept in the locality, and the thoroughness with which Mr. Hilborn attends to everything is evident in their fine condition at all times. Mr. Hilborn is ably assisted in his work by his foster son, Alfred McLachlin, whom he has reared, and who now has a one-third interest in the business. Our subject is a prominent member and director of the Fruit Growers' Association of Essex County, and also that of Ontario, and he takes a deep interest in the work of the association, having served as delegate to the convention held at Walkerton in 1902, at which he represented the fruit growers of the county in a most able manner. He is original in many of his methods, devising new ways and means as well as improving old methods and adopting the best systems of others. He has attained a high reputation in his chosen work, and is by no means "at the end of his tether" yet.

Mr. Hilborn was married, in the County of Lambton, to Ella Lamb, a native of that county, and three children have blessed their union, namely: Harold, who is at home; and two who died in infancy. The family attend the Methodist Church at Leamington. Fraternally Mr. Hilborn is a member of the I. O. F. lodge at Leamington, and in political faith he is a staunch Liberal. However, he gives all his time to business, and is not a politician in any sense of the word, though he takes a public-spirited interest in all that concerns the advancement of the community in which he has his home.

THOMAS BATTEN. No history of the prosperous farmers of Colchester North would be complete without a mention of Thomas Batten, who is located on Lot 30, Malden Road, and who is one of the highly-esteemed men of this section. He was born Jan. 27, 1850, in Cornwall, England, son of John and Elizabeth (Smith) Batten.

John and Elizabeth (Smith) Batten were both born in England, where they grew to maturity and married. In 1870 they came to Canada, and settled for two years at Darlington, coming then to the County of Essex, to make their home with their son, Thomas. Here the father died in



Thomas Batten

1902, aged seventy-seven years, and the mother is still living, at the ripe old age of fourscore years. Their children were: (1) Thomas. (2) Mary, born in England, married (first) Benjamin F. Wright, and had six children, of whom four are named, Leila, Mary B., Frank and Roy; she married (second) Lafayette Martin, and they live in the State of Iowa. (3) John, a farmer in Colchester North, married Rebecca Leitch, and has children, George, Edith, Elizabeth, Cephas, Albert, Eva and Clara. (4) William, of Trenton, Michigan, married Margaret Lippatt, and has seven children, William, Margaret, Jennie, John, Hannah, Eliza and Thomas. (5) Eliza is the wife of Richard Mulcaster, of Colchester, and has no children. (6) Elizabeth is the wife of Jacob Nelson, of the vicinity of Hamilton, Ont., and has a family.

Thomas Batten was educated chiefly in his native land. In 1868 he came to Canada, and assisted his parents to join him two years later. With persevering industry he worked on farms, and providently saved his money, finally accumulating enough to enable him to purchase one hundred acres of his present farm, which he later increased to his present home of 200 acres. It was well situated, all in one body, but unimproved. Since that the time the land has been cleared and put under cultivation, and the farm is now one to which those who take pride in the fertile soil and the agricultural possibilities of Ontario point with admiration, showing the results of good management, careful farming and intelligent methods. Mr. Batten has made many improvements and many are still in progress.

On Oct. 30, 1878, in Essex, Mr. Batten was united in marriage with Miss Eliza Jane Thornton, who was born in 1850, in this county, daughter of Thomas and Almira (Litam) Thornton, coming of an old pioneer family of the town of Essex. Mrs. Batten died on the home farm in 1902, the mother of the following children: John, born in 1879, educated in the Essex schools, after teaching two years in the county, is studying art in the University of Toronto; Eliza J., born in 1881, resides at home; Edward was born in 1885; Ida, in 1888; Wallace, in 1889, and Clarence, in 1890.

Politically, Mr. Batten has always been a supporter of the Reform party. For the past six years he has capably filled the office of school trustee in Colchester North. He is a prominent member of the Methodist Church, as was his wife, belonging to the official board. Fraternally

he is a Mason, and is connected with Essex Lodge. He is one of the highly respected men of Colchester North, and has lived a life entitling him to the esteem of all who have known him. A dutiful son, a loving husband, a fond father, kind neighbor, a trustworthy official and an industrious business man, giving due thought also to education and morality, is the opinion of all men of Thomas Batten, of Colchester North.

THOMAS THORNTON, father of Mrs. Batten, was a prominent farmer and public official in his locality, being a member of the township council for many years. Fraternally he was a Master Mason. His death occurred on his farm, near Essex, Dec. 25, 1892, at the age of seventy years. His widow resides in Gosfield North with her youngest daughter. They were members of the Methodist Church. Their children were: Richard, deceased; Maria, who married John Squire, a farmer of Oxley, Ont.; Eliza Jane, Mrs. Batten; John, deceased; Hester, who married John Humber, a farmer of Gosfield North; Nelson, a farmer of Gosfield North; Adolphus, a lumber merchant at Morganfield, Kentucky; Amelia, who married Frank Sweet, a farmer of Colchester North; Nellie, living in Gosfield North; Oliver, who married Mary Kineon, and is a farmer; and Ida, who married Albert Condon, a farmer in Gosfield North.

THOMAS PHILLIPS, a prominent farmer and stock raiser of Maidstone, County of Essex, is situated on Lot 7, north of the Middle Road.

Mr. Phillips was born May 22, 1837, at Cobourg, County of Northumberland, a son of William and Rebecca (Watson) Phillips, the former of whom was born in Wales, and the latter in Londonderry, Ireland. William Phillips came to Cobourg when a young man, and his wife's parents, James and Nancy Watson, also settled at Cobourg. There Mr. and Mrs. Phillips were married, and later removed to Darlington, where he bought a farm upon which he lived until his death in 1872. Previously he had come to Maidstone and bought a farm, with the intention of removing to his son's neighborhood, but his last sickness overtook him before his plans were completed. His widow came to Maidstone and lived with her children until her death, in May, 1877. Both were consistent and worthy members of the English Church, were people of the highest morality, and were esteemed and beloved wherever known. Their eight children were as follows: Thomas

is mentioned below. Betsy, born in 1839, at Cobourg, is the wife of John Pipe, of Norwich, Ont., and they have three daughters. William, born in 1841, is a resident farmer of Maidstone Cross, and has a wife and family. John, born in Cobourg, married a Miss White, of Sandwich, and they settled in Maidstone, where he died Sept. 4, 1902, and his wife Nov. 18, 1902; they are survived by one son, William, of Troy, Michigan. James, born in 1844 in Cobourg, lives in Birmingham, Michigan; he is married and has three daughters. Gilbert, born in 1846 at Darlington, resides in Elkhorn, Manitoba, and has five sons. Isabella, born in 1848 at Darlington, married Robert Bailey, of Troy, Michigan, and they have five children. Joseph, born in 1850 at Darlington, married a Miss Kerr, of Chatham, is a farmer in Maidstone, and has five children.

Thomas Phillips was reared at Cobourg and received only a limited education, working hard through youth to assist in making a comfortable home for the family, all of the children being younger than he. He grew up with habits of thrift and industry which have continued with him all through life, and in part explain how, from the indigence of his early surroundings, he has become one of the prominent and well-fixed farmers and stockmen of this neighborhood. He has made his own way, laboriously but honestly and with few advantages, being now one of the most highly respected citizens of his section.

In April, 1866, Mr. Phillips married Annie Rodd, who was born in January, 1836, in Cornwall, England, a daughter of Thomas and Maria (Hicks) Rodd. They were both born in Cornwall, where the father died in 1837, the year following the birth of Mrs. Phillips. Mrs. Rodd afterward married William Roe, of England, and in 1841 they came to Canada, where Mrs. Roe died. Mrs. Phillips was the only child of the first marriage. The two children of the second union were: Jane E., the wife of William Phillips, of Maidstone Cross; and John, who died on the old home place at Darlington, where his parents both died in 1871.

After his marriage Mr. Phillips settled on a rented farm at Darlington, where he lived seven years, when he bought a farm in Victoria County upon which he lived for five years, selling it in 1879. Looking about for a good piece of land, he selected his present farm on account of its good location, and now owns 200 acres, 160 of which he has cleared and placed under a fine state of cultivation. At a later date he

purchased another farm, located in North Colchester, on the Malden Road, where his son William H. resides; the latter, like his father, is one of the progressive and successful farmers of his part of the county.

The five children born to Mr. and Mrs. Phillips were as follows: William H., born in 1867 in Darlington, there married Elizabeth Sweet, daughter of Francis Sweet, a prominent resident of Colchester, and they have two children, Reta D. and Lawrence J.; Laura A., born in 1869, resides at home; John, born in 1872, James, in 1875, and Charles, in 1878, are all at home.

Religiously both Mr. Phillips and his wife are active members of the Methodist Church, and are liberal in their contributions to its support. Politically he has always favored the Conservative party, but has never aspired to any political office. He has been among the most progressive agriculturists of his neighborhood, introducing new methods and modern machinery, and has set a good example in the matter of improving the grade of stock in Maidstone. Upright and honorable, he commands the respect and esteem of all who know him and in every way is a first-class citizen.

ISAAC JACKSON, town clerk of Gosfield North, and a farmer on Concession 8, Lot 14, has been for nearly forty years a resident of the County of Essex, and is one of the self-made men who began almost in the wilderness and have grown up with the country into prosperity. He was born in England, in Stockingford, County of Warwick, April 11, 1844, son of John and Elizabeth (King) Jackson.

John Jackson was a native of England, born in 1800, and his wife was two years his junior. They were married in 1825 and continued to make their home in that country, where Mr. Jackson worked as a carpenter. Mrs. Jackson died in 1857, and six years later Mr. Jackson emigrated to Upper Canada, which later became Ontario, taking two of his sons with him, John and Isaac. They came to Canada via Quebec, stopped at Toronto for a time, and then all went to the copper mines on Lake Superior. After a year and a half there all returned to Canada and located on the present farm, where they remained. John and Elizabeth Jackson had eight children, of whom three sons and one daughter came at different times to Canada. (1) Jacob and (2) Amos went to India, where Amos died. Jacob, who was in the British army, is still living. (3) Anna was married to David

Anderson, and they moved to Australia, which is still their home. (4) Emma married George Boffin and remained in England. (5) Mary A. married Joseph Mallabone, and afterward came to Canada, where she died. (6) Josiah married in England, but came to Canada some years after his father, and settled at Windsor, where he is still living in retirement. His occupation was that of a contractor and builder. He has two children, Lucy and Herbert, the latter a civil engineer at Niagara. (7) John married Miss Mary Nixon, who was born in England, but lived in Toronto. They settled in Gosfield on a farm, purchased when Mr. Jackson first came to Canada in 1863, and there he is still living. His wife, who died in April, 1903, left him five children, John, William, Lizzie, Mercy and Annie. (8) Isaac is mentioned below.

Isaac Jackson was nineteen when he came to Canada, and had received a good public-school education in England. His first year in this country was spent on a farm near Toronto, after which he and his brother John spent one and one-half years at Lake Superior, where they earned sufficient to purchase their present homes in Gosfield, at that time wild land owned by the Canada Company. Both brothers cleared up land, put up good buildings and eventually made fine farms. Isaac Jackson has continued to make his home on his property up to the present time, with the exception of the two or three years when he was bookkeeper in Walter James's mills and lived in Cottam.

On May 2, 1869, Mr. Jackson made Miss Alice E. Bruner his wife. She was born in Gosfield, Dec. 22, 1847, daughter of Abram and Mary A. Bruner. The Bruners were of German descent, and came from Kentucky to the County of Essex in the early days. Mrs. Jackson became the mother of eleven children: (1) Grace H., born in February, 1870, is the wife of James Sinclair, a Scotchman, a business man of Minneapolis. Their only son is named James. (2) Earnest E., born in 1871, married Miss Marie J. Crane, in 1898, and is an electrical engineer of Rochester, New York, where they now live. They have one son, Cecil, and one daughter, Alice M. (3) Caroline M., born in 1873, is the wife of Peter H. Clark, a lumberman of Muskoka, Canada, and has four children, Alice, Jane, Marcus and Tina. (4) Marcus, born in 1875, was a student in the Essex high school, and is now at the University of Toronto, preparing for the ministry of the Church of England. He had charge of a mission at the town of Rainy

River during his vacation in the year of 1904. For a time he was a teacher. (5) Edith G., born in 1877, is at home. (6) Cecil W., born in 1879, owns a farm in the 8th Concession of Gosfield North. He married Della Mary Lonsbury on Aug. 24, 1904. (7) Alice M. was born in 1881. (8) Joseph A., born in 1883, is a student at Essex high school. (9) Winifred, born in 1885, and (10) Raymond A., in 1889, are living at home. (11) Ralph, born in 1892, is a student at Essex high school.

Mr. Jackson and his family are all connected with Trinity Church, and are prominent in church life and work. Mr. Jackson is a lay delegate to the Synod of Huron, a worthy son of his father, who was a lay reader appointed by the first Bishop of Huron, and always conducted services in Trinity Church in the absence of the minister. In his political belief he upholds the old Conservative party. In 1889 he was appointed to his present position of clerk of the township, which he fills most efficiently. Mr. Jackson is a man of scholarly attainments, and stands high among the well-to-do and influential citizens of Gosfield North.

SEVERIN DUCHARME, one of the well-known French-Canadians in the County of Essex, clerk of the Sixth Division Court and notary public and justice of the peace of Belle River, Ont., is a successful real-estate dealer and insurance agent. He was born in the Parish of St. Felix de Valois, County of Joliette, Quebec, Nov. 25, 1866. The Ducharme family is of French descent, and the name has been identified with the best interests of the County of Joliette for many generations.

Ethienne Ducharme, grandfather of Severin, was a native of the parish of Ste. Elizabeth, in the County of Berthier, and lived and died in that section, a large land owner and farmer. Pierre Ducharme, the father of our subject, grew to manhood and received his education in French, in his native home. There he married Olive Farland, of Ste. Elizabeth parish, and they settled in St. Felix de Valois, where he became a land owner and farmer, and remained until 1874, when he sold his property and brought his family to Ontario, locating at Belle River, in Rochester township. There he bought a tract of 100 acres of bush land, on which he erected a primitive log house, in which they lived fourteen years, Mr. Ducharme meantime clearing off his land, and making many improvements. Death claimed him in July, 1889, and he was

buried in the Belle River cemetery. He was a Liberal in politics, and religiously was a consistent member of the Catholic Church. His wife is still living, and resides at Belle River, and she, too, is a member of the Catholic Church. Fourteen children were born to this couple, seven of whom died in infancy. Those who survived are as follows: John Baptist died in 1877, at Belle River; Mary L. married Louis La Forest and resides in Belle River; Vila is a farmer of Rochester township; Louis is a retired farmer of Belle River; Josephine married Francis La Forest and lives in Belle River; Severin and Jeremie reside in the village of Belle River.

Severin Ducharme was eight years of age when the family came to the County of Essex, and he attended the school at Belle River, taking a course in both French and English, fitting himself for the profession of teaching. When only eighteen he commenced to teach in both French and English in Belle River, continuing thus for two years, when he went to Montana and became bookkeeper in a lumber mill owned by United States Senator Clark, the famous copper king. There he remained four years, and then returned to Belle River and resumed his school teaching in that place. After a term he taught Union school No. 8, of Rochester, and No. 11 Tilbury, being instructor in both French and English. He thus continued seven years, when he engaged in farming, in 1893 buying 138 acres of bush land, which he cleared and improved, and made into a very desirable farm. In 1895 he was called upon to fill the position of clerk of the township of Rochester, and for seven years he ably discharged the duties of that office. During his term of office he studied commercial law, and was appointed notary public by the Provincial Government. In 1902 he was appointed justice of the peace, which office he still holds, and on Jan. 13, 1904, was appointed clerk of the Sixth Division Court of the County of Essex, Ontario. Mr. Ducharme is also an auctioneer for the County of Essex, having held a license to act as same since 1893.

Having devoted so many years of his life to the profession of teaching, Mr. Ducharme is naturally very deeply interested in educational matters, and is now serving ably as secretary and treasurer of the school board of No. 6 separate school, St. Joachim. Religiously he and his family are prominent members of the Catholic Church, and fraternally he is a member of the C. M. B. A. of St. Joachim, and the Canadian Order of Foresters, Court Olympic, of

which he is secretary and treasurer; he is president of "La Societe des Artisans Canadiens," of Belle River. In politics he is a staunch Liberal, and one of the leaders of his party in Rochester township.

In January, 1891, Severin Ducharme married Marie Monsseu, who was born near Goderich, County of Huron, in February, 1867, a daughter of Narcisse and Julia (Ducharme) Monsseu. Two children have been born of this happy marriage, Urbian and Cora.

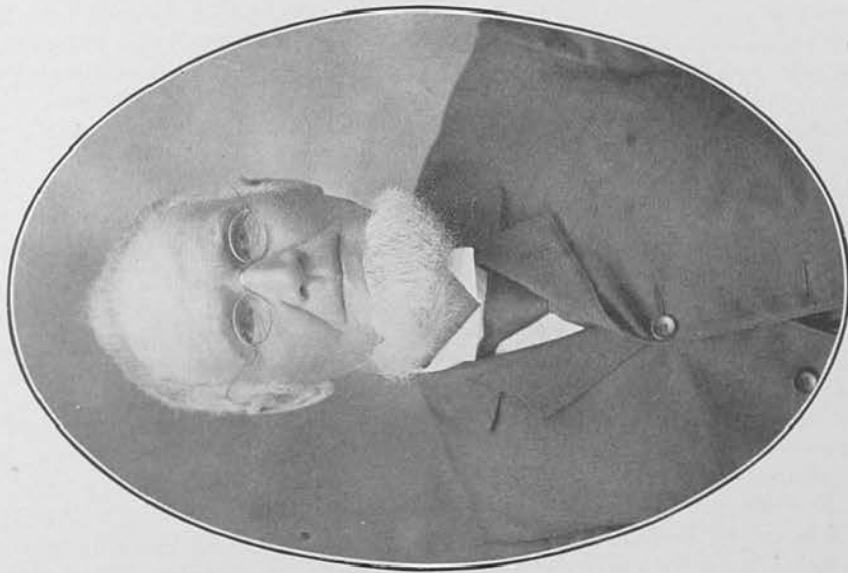
Few men have more influence in this locality than Mr. Ducharme. Possessed of great ability, being well educated and well read, he has a thorough grasp of current events, and thoroughly understands many questions. Both he and his wife are cultivated, well educated people, prominent socially and in their church. Already honored by his fellow townsmen, Mr. Ducharme has a brilliant future before him, and whatever it may be, those whom he represents may rest assured that he will conscientiously and ably discharge any and every trust reposed in him, and maintain the prestige and rights of his people.

CHARLES BRATT, now living retired on his fine farm in Malden township, County of Essex, is one of the old and most highly-esteemed residents of his locality, and belongs to one of the most honorable county families.

Joseph Bratt, grandfather of Charles, was born in Thorncliffe, England, where he died. He was a farmer by occupation. Joseph Bratt, father of Charles, was born Sept. 1, 1794, in Staffordshire, England, where he married and lived until after the birth of all his children. By occupation he was a farmer, and he was also entrusted with the care of three toll-gates between London and Manchester. He married Hannah Moss, of a neighboring family. In 1842, with his family, Joseph Bratt took passage for New York on a sailing-vessel, and after a voyage of three months on the Atlantic Ocean, landed, on Easter Sunday, in the metropolis of the United States. From there the party made its way to Toronto. They first settled near Detroit, Michigan, but four years afterward the father bought a farm of 270 acres in Colchester South, in the County of Essex, Ont. Later he resided in Sandwich, but his death occurred in Malden township, at the age of eighty-nine years. His widow died in Colchester, Sept. 4, 1883, aged seventy-six years. Their family consisted of the



Mary Bratt



Charles Bratt

following-named children: Elizabeth, born April 17, 1820, married Dr. James Hall, and died in England in 1898; Thomas, born May 1, 1822, died in Malden, unmarried, in October, 1901; John, born April 1, 1824, lived in Amherstburg, where he died April 5, 1902; William, born June 18, 1826, died June 20, 1826; Joseph, born Aug. 6, 1828, lived in Sandwich, and died at the age of forty years; George, born May 4, 1830, resides in Malden, retired; William D., born March 5, 1832, died Dec. 29, 1840; Hannah D., born Oct. 13, 1834, married William Burnley, on the River Front; Charles, of this sketch, born May 18, 1837; and James, born April 25, 1839, in Amherstburg.

Joseph Bratt met with success as a farmer, and continued to manage his large holdings in Colchester South until advanced in years, but after the death of his beloved wife, he left Colchester and made his home with different members of his family, by whom he was regarded with the greatest affection and veneration. Both he and wife were prominent members of the Methodist Church, and for a number of years both were local preachers. For many years the pious gatherings were held in private houses, and in the neighborhood schoolhouses, and at these meetings the religious faith and fervor of Mr. and Mrs. Bratt brought many to think of the serious things of life, and exerted an influence widely felt. All through the southern part of the County of Essex these faithful Christian workers were known and beloved.

Under such home influences, Charles Bratt was reared. He was born in Staffordshire, England, and was four years old when the family came to Canada. Until he was eighteen years of age, he put in his time in attending the local schools and assisting on the home farm, but being strong and well-qualified, he then began his own career, commencing as a farmer on rented land, first in Colchester South, and later in Malden township. Some thirty-six years ago he bought forty acres of land, located in Lot 52, to which he added fifty acres, in Lot 51, where he has since made his home. His interests have been altogether centred in farming, and his fine estate shows the effect of careful management and intelligent operation. His present handsome and convenient residence, which was erected some twenty-four years ago, was one of the first brick houses built in Malden township. All Mr. Bratt's surroundings show thrift, and

the tourist would immediately pick out his as one of the best farms of this locality.

On the last day of December, 1862, Mr. Bratt was united in marriage with Mary Parks, a member of one of the old and prominent families of the county, and to this union were born these children: Elma, who married Le Roy Ong, of Malden, and they have children, Everett, Emma Rose and Mary Alice; Edward Hartshorn, who carries on the homestead farm and who married Agnes Sellars, and has children, Mable Eva, Hazel Elizabeth, Martha Loretta, Charles Milford, Hershel and Mary Catherine; John, who died aged eight months; Joseph, who died aged twenty years; Charles, who died aged fourteen months; Thomas, who died aged eleven days; Lydia, wife of Robert Dorsey, of Malden; and Hannah Elizabeth, who died aged fourteen months. Mr. Bratt and family all belong to the Methodist Church, in which they are active members. In politics Mr. Bratt is identified with the Government party, as was his father. He is one of the leading representative men of the township, esteemed for his sterling traits of character and beloved by his children and grandchildren.

WILLIAM PHILLIPS, a prosperous farmer of Maidstone, Talbot Road, County of Essex, was born in the town of Cobourg, Northumberland County, east of Toronto, in January, 1841, a son of William and Rebecca (Watson) Phillips.

William Phillips, Sr., was born in England, his wife in Londonderry, Ireland, and he came to Canada when a boy. There he grew up and married. His wife was the daughter of James Watson, who came from Ireland, purchased a farm near Darlington, Canada, and there died in 1856. The elder William Phillips settled at Cobourg for a time, and then removed to Darlington, where his death occurred in 1875. After this event his widow, with her family, removed to Maidstone, and settled on a farm which had been purchased but a short time before his demise, and which was to have been his future home, had not the hand of death cut short his career. Upon this property the widow died in 1880. Both parents were members of the Methodist Church, and good, earnest, Christian people. They had a family of eight children: (1) Thomas was born at Cobourg in 1837, and after his marriage to Miss Ann Rodd, of Darlington removed to Essex County, settling in

Maidstone, where they and their family now reside. (2) Elizabeth was born in 1839, and married Mr. John Pipe, now a retired farmer, residing in Norwich, Ont.; they have three daughters—Sarah J., wife of James Coulter, reeve of Colchester, Essex County; Josephine, wife of William Sangster, of Woodstock; and Oda at home in Norwich. (3) William is mentioned below. (4) John, the fourth child of William Phillips, Sr., born in 1843, married Miss Matilda White, a daughter of former Councillor White, of Colchester; she died leaving one daughter, Burnice, now deceased. His second wife was a Mrs. Lainglo, now deceased, and she left one son, William. Mr. Phillips died on his farm in Maidstone in 1902. William, son of John, who was only a child when his father died, now resides with his aunt in Michigan. (5) James, born in 1846, married Miss Isabella McDowell, of Maidstone, and they have three daughters, Ethel, Edith, and Ireen. They now live retired, at Birmingham, Michigan. (6) Gilbert, born in 1849, married Miss Juelietta Bailey, of Essex, and they now reside at Elkhorn, Manitoba, with their five sons, William, Leonard, Victor, Waldo and Earnest. (7) Isabella, born at Darlington in 1851, is now the wife of Robert Baily, a successful farmer of Troy, Michigan. They have the following family—Gertrude (Mrs. Louis Grailey, of Pontiac, Michigan), Clara and Arvilla, at home, and William and Alton. (8) Joseph, born in 1854, married Miss Margret Kerr, of Chatham, and they reside on the old homestead. They have the following family—Roy, Percy, Ada, James and Gertrude.

William Phillips, the third in order of birth in his parents' family, was born at Cobourg, but early in life went to live with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Stevens, well-known and prosperous farming people of Darlington, who having no family, had taken a special liking for William. Here he was reared as their son, receiving his education in Darlington, and was suitably rewarded by them when he left. In 1868 he married Miss Elizabeth J. Rowe, a very highly esteemed young lady, who was born at Darlington Sept. 15, 1849, and educated there. She was the only daughter of William Rowe, who married Mrs. Mariah (Hicks) Rodd, both of whom were born in Devonshire, England, where they were reared and married, both coming from old and respected families. In 1842 they came to Darlington, and there Mr. Rowe made his permanent home. In the early part

of his married life Mr. Rowe was a prosperous farmer, and later he retired from agricultural pursuits. In 1896, when his death occurred, it was grievously felt by all, not only those nearest and dearest to him, but by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. His kind and genial disposition, and the ever ready aid he so abundantly bestowed on those less fortunate than himself, made him beloved by all. His wife passed away in 1874, leaving one daughter, Miss Annie Rodd, by her first husband, and one daughter (Mrs. Phillips) by her second husband, Mr. Rowe, and one son, John Rowe, who was born in England in 1841. He married Miss Mary Diamond, of Canada, and they settled on the old Rowe homestead, where he died in 1891, leaving a widow and the following family: Georgina, William, Myrtle, Lillian, John, Agatha and Uretta.

Mrs. Phillips was reared at her father's home, where she received a good education. Her parents were consistent members of the Methodist Church, and she was reared in that faith, being now, with her family, connected with the church of that denomination.

After his marriage Mr. Phillips engaged in farming in Darlington, but later he moved to Mariposa, Victoria County, where he purchased a farm near the town of Lindsay, and here he spent over fourteen years of married life before coming to Essex County. In 1889 Mr. Phillips rented his farm in Mariposa and moved to Essex. Here he farmed four years, and then entered the Naylor Roller Mills, where he remained for over eight years. In 1901, owing to failing health, Mr. Phillips severed his connection in the Roller Mills, and again returned to the quiet of farm life, purchasing "Ormonde," the present picturesque country home, in Maidstone. Three daughters were born to Mr. and Mrs. Phillips. The eldest, Ida J., was born in Darlington, and after she moved to Essex was married to William G. Hensman, son of the late David Hensman, of Essex County. Mr. and Mrs. Hensman and their one little daughter, Yula, now reside on their farm near the town of Essex. Mabel E. was born in the township of Mariposa, near the town of Lindsay, but was educated in the schools of Essex County, attending the Essex high school; she is a most accomplished young lady. Edna A., the youngest of the family, was also born in Mariposa, near the town of Lindsay; she also has been educated in the schools of Essex County, and is a very bright, talented, young lady.

The political views of Mr. Phillips make him a Conservative, although he has never been an office-seeker. Fraternally he is a member of the Order of Chosen Friends of Essex. Mr. Phillips has firmly established himself in the confidence of the community, and his word is taken as another's bond. He is a public-spirited, enterprising citizen, highly esteemed by all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance, for his kindly disposition and honest, upright conduct in every walk of life. Since locating in Essex County he has made many warm friends, and is active in everything that promises to result in good to the community at large. Such men as he set a most excellent example to the younger generation.

NELSON DELOS MORSE, one of the well-known and progressive agriculturists of Mersea township, County of Essex, was born May 6, 1857, on the 1st Concession in that township, a son of George A. Morse, a well-known citizen of Leamington.

Nelson D. Morse was educated in the local schools and was reared on his father's farm, where he remained until the age of twenty-three years, becoming practically acquainted with all kinds of agricultural labor. Thus prepared, he started farming for himself, securing a tract of fifty acres on Lot 4, Concession 3, adjoining his father's farm. Here he has remained, following a general line of farming, raising fine stock and growing tobacco. He has taken great pride in his surroundings and has made many substantial improvements in the way of commodious buildings, fencing, and planting of orchards and shrubbery.

On Nov. 5, 1879, Mr. Morse married, in Leamington, Ont., Mary F. Simpson, who was born in Tilbury East, a daughter of Peter and Sarah H. (Russell) Simpson. She is a lady of culture and refinement, an exemplary wife and mother, and a most consistent member of the Methodist Church. The death of the eldest son, George E., has been the only affliction which has visited this very happy family circle. The second son, Stafford M., still survives, as does Lillian May, an adopted daughter. Mr. Morse is one of the trustees of the Methodist Church at Leamington. In politics he is a Liberal.

That the death of a young man of so noble a character as the late George E. Morse brought grief not only to his family, but also to the community, was plainly indicated by articles which appeared in the public press of the township.

The biographer is permitted to here reproduce several extracts. The following is from the *Leamington News*:

"Mr. George E. Morse died Monday, Sept. 7, 1903, at 7 p.m. This young man was much beloved and respected by a wide circle and he leaves a place in the family and in the community which is hard to fill. He liked farm work and could not be restrained from it by his friends, even up to a couple of months ago, although he had been long ailing, and two and a half years ago high medical authority had pronounced his sickness to be Bright's disease, and incurable. He bore up with so much cheerful energy that it was hoped until lately that, in spite of adverse medical opinion, his youth and otherwise good constitution would win; but, alas, it was not to be.

"He had been for many years a member of the Methodist body, and was unwearied in League and other church work, and widely known for his unobtrusive activity in every moral movement. His short life was filled with good works and high aspirations, and it is not ended by death, but, rather, exalted to higher spheres. 'This mortal has put on Immortality.' It is very hard for his parents to miss his dutiful, helpful and affectionate ministrations, and for his brother to part with a kind guide and companion, as he had been from his cradle. But such is the lot of humanity, and it is idle to waste energy in vain regret. His mind was clear to the last and his faith triumphant.

"The funeral took place at 2.30 at the church. The Epworth League attended in a body and filled one side of the church. The service was conducted by Mr. Locke, who spoke as pastor, and a number of other ministers were in attendance, those noted being Mr. Ball, Mr. Olivant, Mr. Milson and Mr. Ford, who, by invitation of Mr. Locke, gave an address, founding it on the text: 'Be ye steadfast.' The pall-bearers were neighbor youths, his companions, namely: Messrs. Liddle, Dresser, Lebo, Cook, Otten and Wagner. Everyone was anxious to show goodwill and regard, and the coffin was hidden in flowers. There were two large family wreaths, one a gift from the League, one from Miss Scoffin, one from Miss Selkirk, and one from Mrs. Thomas Smith, and many others. The funeral procession of carriages and on foot was one of the largest we have ever seen. The hymns sung were from the League hymn book. The age of the deceased was twenty-two years and eight months."

This beautiful tribute was supplemented by

the following notice, which appeared in the *Leamington Post* of the same date:

"The announcement of the death of George E. Morse, oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson D. Morse, and grandson of George A. Morse, of Leamington, was heard with profound regret. The incidious approach of Bright's disease was so secretive that, although he had been unwell for nearly three years, it was not until a few weeks ago that immediate death was apprehended. Aged twenty-two years and eight months, he had only arrived at early manhood, and his death seems peculiarly sad. He had been, for several years, a consistent member of the Methodist Church, and an active worker in the Epworth League. His life and earnest labors for the good of mankind, his willing resignation and the buoyant, cheerful spirit which sustained him, and his comforting words to his nearest relatives in view of the approaching separation, were most effective sermons. A father, mother, one brother, Stafford M., and a sister, Lilly May, also a large circle of relatives and friends, mourn his loss. The esteem and respect in which he was held was well manifested by the attentions of neighbors and friends, church members and young people of the Epworth League, both during his illness and through all the sad rites at last. The casket was covered, and the house fairly crowded with floral tributes. The funeral to the Methodist Church was a very large one. The members of the Epworth League occupied the pews on the right side of the pulpit. Six farmers' sons carried the casket: Messrs. Liddle, Cook, Dresser, Otten, Lebo and Wagner.

"Rev. Mr. Locke, the pastor, spoke most effectively of the influence of such a life as that of the departed, and applied the lesson in particular to his young friends. Also, Revs. Baugh, Long, Millicent and Ford took part in the services. The remains were interred in Lake View cemetery, and friends returned to their homes feeling that their lives would always be better, and Heaven nearer, through the influence of the one who had been removed to that better sphere."

SIMPSON. The Simpson family, to which Mrs. Morse belongs, is an old and honored one of old England. Peter Simpson, her grandfather, was born in Yorkshire, England, and in young manhood came to Canada, locating on the shore of Lake Erie, in Tilbury East township, County of Kent. There he became the owner of 300 acres of land, and engaged extensively in farming, spending the remainder of his life on

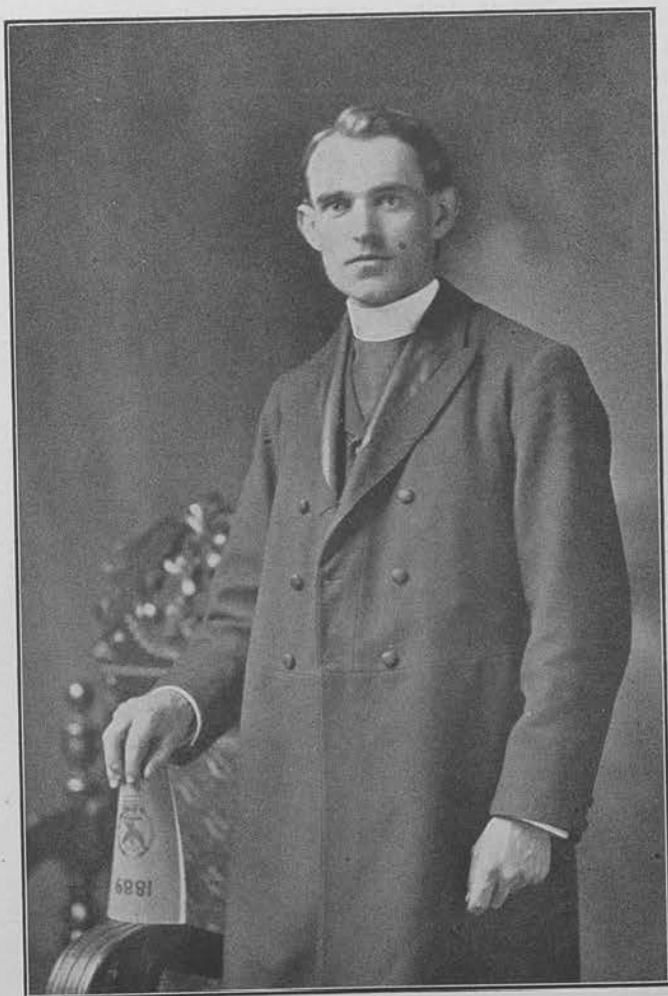
this large estate. He was buried in Romney township. In politics he was a Reformer. Religiously he belonged to the Methodist Church. He married Ann Willan, who also died on the home farm and was buried in the Romney cemetery, and of their large family, Peter, the fourth child, was the father of Mrs. Morse. The others were: John and Thomas, deceased; Mary, who died unmarried; Esther, widow of William Russell, living at Leamington; Elizabeth, wife of William Hodgeson; David, living on the old homestead in East Tilbury; George, who died in Manitoba; Margaret, wife of George Howe, of Manitoba; William, residing in Romney township; and Maria, wife of Michael Ellison, of Vancouver, British Columbia.

Peter Simpson was born and reared in East Tilbury township, was educated in the public schools, and learned the shoemaker trade at Morpeth, where he followed it for some time. Later he settled down to farming on a tract of fifty acres, a part of the home farm, which he operated up to the time of his death, which was caused by an accident, May 5, 1865. He was driving from his home to that of his father, with an invalid sister, when a thunderstorm came up, during which he was felled by a stroke of lightning. His remains rest in the family cemetery at Romney. In politics he was a member of the Liberal party. He was particularly prominent in religious and moral work of all kinds, a consistent member of the Methodist Church, and a leader in the society of Sons of Temperance.

In East Tilbury, Sept. 27, 1854, at the Russell homestead, Mr. Simpson married Sarah H. Russell, who was born in Mersea township, daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth (Watson) Russell, the former of Westminster, and the latter of Durham, England. Both have passed away and rest in the Romney cemetery. The mother of Mrs. Morse resides in Leamington, where she is a valued member of the Methodist Church. Her children were as follows: Cecilia E. died March 7, 1864; Clara A., wife of Thomas Iler, died April 1, 1902; Mary F. married Nelson D. Morse; and Ada S. is the wife of Charles Smith, of Leamington.

REV. THEOPHILE MARTIN, pastor of the Church of the Holy Redeemer, at Staples, in Tilbury West township, County of Essex, was born March 29, 1877, in Dover township, County of Kent, son of Levi Martin.

Levi Martin, a well-known agriculturist of Dover township, is a native of the Province of



Rev. J. Martin.

Quebec, born May 26, 1847, at St. Jacques le Mineur, in the electoral district of Laprairie, and his father, Toussaint Martin, was a farmer in that section. He attended the local schools, and was but thirteen when he left home to make his own way in the world. He went to Ontario, where he worked as farm boy, continuing in this line until his marriage, after which he took up agricultural work on his own account. He settled in Dover township, County of Kent, where he bought a tract of 150 acres, and, clearing up his land, has since been prosperously engaged in general farming. His home is on Lot 12, in Concession 7.

Mr. Martin married Caroline Faubert, daughter of Peter Faubert, of the County of Kent, and they became the parents of nine children, two of whom died in infancy. Of the others, Helena married Theodore Metivier, and they reside near Bay City, Michigan; Melanise married Joseph Barrette, of Dover township; Nelson married Bella Bachand, and they reside in Dover township; Theophile is mentioned below; Joseph, who married Zélie Poissant, is a farmer on the old homestead in Dover township; Henry married Josephine Cambelle, and they reside on a farm in Dover township; Mary is yet single, and living with her brother Joseph and sister-in-law. The parents still occupy the old homestead, and they are among the most respected citizens of their locality. They are devout members of the Roman Catholic Church, and Mr. Martin is a Liberal in political sentiment. All of his children are a credit to him and doing well for themselves, and he has every reason to feel proud of his family.

Father Martin was born and reared on the farm. He attended the public schools of his native township up to the age of thirteen years, when he entered St. Theresa College, where he spent six years, taking a thorough classical course. Continuing his studies at Sandwich College, he there pursued a two years' course in philosophy, graduating, and then became a student in the Grand Seminary at Montreal, where he spent three years and three months preparing for the priesthood. On the completion of his theological course he was ordained priest in St. Philip's Church, at Big Point, by Bishop McEvay, of the London Diocese, in 1901, and said his first mass in that church. For the past two years he has officiated as priest at the Church of the Holy Redeemer at Staples, where he was appointed to succeed Father Colin, and where he

has won high praise, not only from his own church, but from all denominations, by his faithfulness and efficiency. His modesty, his charitable disposition, and his devotion to the duties of his sacred calling have endeared him to the congregation of over four hundred communicants of which he is the head, and he also attends the mission at Leamington the fourth Sunday of every month. He likewise visits Kingsville and Wheatley. The beautiful little Church of the Holy Redeemer is a brick structure built in 1900 at a cost of \$3,000, and the parishioners have shown their zeal in the welfare of their spiritual guide and the good financial condition of the parish by erecting a comfortable parsonage, which cost \$1,000. Personally Father Martin is a man of learning and piety, well adapted for the work he has chosen. He is independent in political matters, voting for the candidates who, in his judgment, seem best adapted to the office to be filled.

A. C. MAILLOUX, clerk of Anderdon township, is of French ancestry, but for several generations the family has lived in Canada and is now thoroughly identified with the County of Essex.

Members of the family of Mailloux came from France in the beginning of the nineteenth century and took part in the War of 1812. The first to settle in Ontario was Charles, grandfather of A. C., who came thither from Montreal and made his home for a number of years in Windsor, where his death occurred. He was one of the founders of the first Catholic church in Sandwich. Charles Mailloux left two sons and one daughter: (1) Jacques, the eldest, born in Stony Point, County of Essex, married and settled in Windsor for some time, thence moving to Anderdon, where he still resides; he has had three children, Annie (deceased), Eugene and Amanda. (2) Emily, born in 1836, married Remie Jauniss, and died at the old Mailloux homestead at Windsor, leaving a family of six children, Edmund, Theophile, Daniel, Alexander, Hedwidge and Arthemise (deceased). (3) John Baptist is father of A. C.

John Baptist Mailloux was born in Stony Point in 1833, and grew to manhood in the County of Essex, being educated in the Sandwich schools. He followed farming at the old homestead until after his marriage, when he purchased a farm on the town line between Malden and Anderdon, where he cleared up the land on which is his present home. Mr. Mailloux was

twice married, his first wife being Miss Emily Bastien, born in Amherstburg in 1843, daughter of Augustine Bastien, and a descendant of an old French family who settled in that place at a very early day. Mrs. Mailloux died at the family home in 1870, leaving two children, A. C. and Samuel, and later Mr. Mailloux married Henrietta Ouellette, of Anderdon, and they have had four children, Albert, Alice, Mary (deceased) and Eleanor. Samuel Mailloux married Miss Louise Damm, of County Essex, where they reside, and has a family of four children, Louise, Frank, Alma and Marie.

A. C. Mailloux was born in Malden township, Oct. 20, 1864, and received his early education in the Amherstburg schools. Later he finished at Assumption College, Sandwich. In his early manhood he clerked in Amherstburg for several years, and then began farming. After renting a place for some time, he gave that up and in 1902 purchased his present home on the river front, in Anderdon.

In 1888 Mr. Mailloux married Miss Annie Whalen, who was born in the township of Anderdon, County of Essex, in 1863, daughter of Bernard Whalen. Mr. Whalen came from Ireland and settled in Anderdon, where he died, leaving a family of two sons and three daughters. Mrs. Mailloux was reared and educated in the township of Anderdon, County of Essex. She has borne her husband a family of five children, viz.: Amelia, born in 1890; Lillian, in 1892; Irene, in 1896; Charles, in 1898; and Hazel, in 1900.

Mr. Mailloux has generally been identified with the Conservative party in politics, and has taken a somewhat active part in public affairs. For twelve years he has been secretary and treasurer of School Sections Nos. 3 and 4, in Anderdon. In 1897 he was elected clerk of the township, and has since then filled that position most acceptably. Religiously the family are connected with the Catholic Church. Mr. Mailloux represents the London Loan Real Estate Company in the County of Essex, and has done a considerable amount of business for them. Although scarcely in the prime of life even yet, Mr. Mailloux has won a prominent place in the community for himself, and his continued success in the future seems assured.

THEODORE M. SMITH, locomotive engineer for the Michigan Central railroad, is descended from Scotch-English ancestry, and the first of whom there is any definite data was his

grandfather, Jacob Smith, a native of New York State, where he was born 1767. He married Hannah Rodgers, and later settled in Halfmoon township, Saratoga County, New York, where he owned a fine farm and there died, May 23, 1832, at the age of sixty-five years. To Jacob Smith and his wife were born sons as follows: Gilbert, Jacob, Stephen R. and Isaac.

Isaac Smith, the father of Theodore M., was born in Saratoga County in 1802. He settled on the estate left by his father. In due time he married Rachel Morris, who was born in Halfmoon township in 1805, the daughter of Hoyle Morris, and died in 1842, the mother of the following family: Mariah, Gilbert, Jacob, Hannah and Theodore M. After the death of his first wife Isaac Smith married Mary Myers, and to their union were born three children: Rachel, John K. and Margaret A. Mr. Smith survived until 1870.

Theodore M. Smith was born in Halfmoon township, Saratoga County, New York, Feb. 25, 1838, on the old homestead, where he remained until he was eighteen years of age, at which time he began the battle of life for himself. For eighteen months he worked as a clerk, and then he entered a planing-mill at West Troy, New York, thus continuing until 1863, when he engaged as fireman on the New York Central railroad. He continued with this road three years, when he removed to Racine, Wisconsin, and was employed on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad. Soon after, however, he was offered a position on the Chicago & North Western road, which he accepted, and in July, 1867, he was placed in charge of an engine on the peninsular division. Until 1873 he remained with this road, but he then removed to Detroit, and in 1874 engaged as engineer on the steamer "Transfer," at Amherstburg. After about three years in this capacity he went into the roundhouse at that place as engine dispatcher, and in 1884 located at Windsor. In 1886 he became locomotive engineer for the Michigan Central Railroad Co., on the Canadian Southern division.

In 1871 Mr. Smith married Christine Leddy, of Detroit, and to their union were born the following children: Willard; Chester F., clerk for the Michigan Central Railroad Co.; and Thornton, a clerk in Detroit. In politics Mr. Smith affiliates with the Reform party. The entire family attend the Methodist Church and take an active part in its good work. Fraternally Mr. Smith is a Mason and an Odd Fellow. He is an industrious, hard-working, upright man, one who

enjoys the confidence of his employers and the good-will of a large circle of friends.

WILLIAM A. TOTTEN, a prominent farmer of Maidstone, County of Essex, living on the Middle Road, Lot 17, South, was born on that property, May 26, 1861, son of William and Grace (Stokes) Totten, pioneers of Maidstone.

William Totten, Sr., was born in Ireland, April 13, 1818, a son of Thomas and Mary Totten, who died in Ireland. He came to Canada in 1840, when a young man, and July, 1846, married Miss Grace Stokes, who was born in London, England, Nov. 6, 1826, a daughter of John and Elizabeth Stokes, who came to the County of Essex in 1833, and settled on wild land near Maidstone Cross, where they lived until the war of the Rebellion in Canada. They then moved to Sandwich, and Mr. Stokes furnished the army with meat, he being a butcher by trade. Still later he moved to Amherstburg, where he furnished the army at the fort with meat for several years. After the war he settled on a farm in Gosfield, where he lived some years, and then located at Sandwich, and there his wife died on Christmas Day, 1851; he died in 1853. They had four children: John Stokes, born in England, died at Amherstburg, leaving a family. Nancy Stokes married Richard Rouston, of Maidstone, and both are deceased; they left a family. Jeffrey Stokes, born at London, England, was killed when a boy by a runaway team. Grace Stokes, Mrs. Totten, was the youngest of the family, and was educated in the Sandwich schools. After their marriage she and her husband settled on a farm in Gosfield for a time, and later moved to Sandwich, where Mr. Totten worked as a butcher with his father-in-law, Mr. Stokes. Remaining with Mr. Stokes until the spring of 1852, he then came to Maidstone, where he bought and cleared up the homestead bearing his name, and upon this property he died in November, 1865, leaving a wife and family. The following children were born to himself and wife: John, born May 17, 1847, died March 8, 1848. Mary, born Sept. 10, 1848, married John Willcox, who resides in Rochester, on a farm, and they have children—Oliver, Lucinda, Edith and Ella. Elizabeth, born in October, 1850, died at the age of eighteen years. Rachel, born in August, 1852, now deceased, married Fred Robinson, of County Essex; they had no children. Drucilla A., born Aug. 1, 1854, married Robert Kerr, and resides in North Dakota; they have seven children living, Reginald, Grace M.,

Fanny B., Pearl, Robert, John and George. Sarah J., born Jan. 30, 1857, married John Wilson, of Maidstone, and they have three children, William, Clifford and Carrie L. Thomas, born Feb. 19, 1859, married Harriet Cohoe, of Brantford, and has three children, Kenneth, Thomas and Donald; they reside on a portion of the old homestead, which he aided in clearing, and upon it he erected a comfortable house and good barns and other outbuildings. William A., our subject, was born May 26, 1861. Eliza G., born in December, 1863, married Oliver Plant, one of the successful farmers of Maidstone, and has children, Ella, Walter J., Stanley, Ernest and William. Joseph J., born March 6, 1866, married Miss Catherine Taylor, and they reside in Gosfield North, on the town line; they have three children, Russel, Florence and Frederick.

William A. Totten was reared upon the homestead, and has ably assisted his mother in erecting new buildings and in every way improving their property, which is recognized as one of the best farms in this locality. On Dec. 20, 1893, Mr. Totten was happily married to Miss Sarah J. Ellis, daughter of Samuel and Eliza J. Ellis, old and prominent pioneers of Maidstone, who came from England. Mr. and Mrs. Totten have five children: Clarence J., born in 1894; William E., born in 1896; Samuel E., born in 1898; Edith Grace, born in 1902, and Emma F., born in 1903.

Religiously Mr. Totten and his wife are active members of the Methodist Church, of which the elder Mr. and Mrs. Totten were consistent members for many years. Politically the entire Totten family have always been identified with the Liberal party, and are prominent in its councils. William Totten, Sr., served several years as councillor for the township of Maidstone. When he died, in 1865, his wife was left with a large family, to struggle along as best she might, the eldest son, Thomas, being then but a boy. In time Thomas and William assumed charge of the farm, and worked like men to assist their adored mother, who is a woman of unusual strength of character, possessed of excellent executive ability and thrifty habits. The sons, as they grew older, continued to assist their mother, and have the satisfaction of knowing that to-day this property is one of which any farmer might well be proud. When the father died the land was only partially cleared, the home was built of logs, and there were no comforts. The sons went sturdily to work to change things, and success crowned their efforts, although not until

they had spent many weary days in the fields. In time two new houses, with barns and necessary out-buildings, went up on the property, the land being divided so that each son has a good home.

Mrs. Totten has reared a family which is a great comfort to her. She is proud of her energetic and successful sons and capable daughters, all of whom she has seen married and established in homes of their own, while her grandchildren are the delight of her loving heart. Although advanced in years, Mrs. Totten is very active, and takes a deep interest in the details of the farm work. In her church and in the community, as well as among her home circle, Mrs. Totten is greatly beloved, and is held up as an example for others to pattern by.

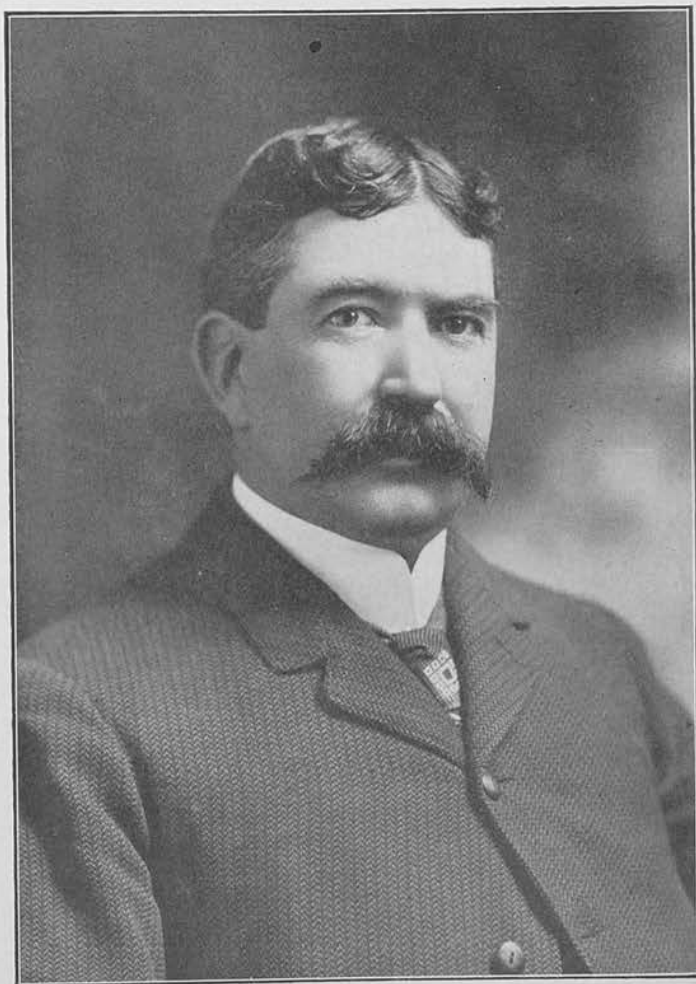
GEORGE A. BOUTEILLER, Chief Officer of Excise and Inland Revenue for Windsor District, with offices at Walkerville, County of Essex, is descended from French and English ancestry. He is a great-great-grandson of Frederick Bouteiller, a Huguenot, who was born in 1740 in Montbeliard, France, was married in 1765, and died in 1785. His son, Antoine Bouteiller, died in 1835, and his son, Pierre Antoine Bouteiller, grandfather of George A., was born in 1793, in France, and died in 1879, in Detroit. In France he married Catherine Dormoy, and in 1838 came with his family to Detroit. He purchased farming land on the Grand River Road, now included within the corporate limits of that city, and there he and his wife passed their lives, Mrs. Bouteiller dying in 1878, Mr. Bouteiller in 1879. They had a family of three daughters and one son, namely: Mary Ann, Catherine, Louise and Frederick Pierre, the latter the father of our subject. In 1845 Mary Ann married Francis Chevillot, of Detroit, where she resides with many descendants. Catherine married William Bodwin, of New Baltimore, Michigan, in 1850, and has seven sons and two daughters, living in different parts of the United States, Chicago, Duluth, St. Paul, etc. Louise married Charles F. Cornette, in 1852, and died in 1856, leaving two sons, one, Capt. E. Cornette, residing in Detroit, with a large family; the other son, Charles, died in 1902, leaving one son in Detroit.

Frederick Pierre Bouteiller was born in 1835 in France, and was but three years old when brought by his parents to Detroit. There he grew to manhood and learned surveying, and his education was not neglected, for before he was eighteen years old he had had two years in the

classics and other studies at the University of Michigan, and by his eighteenth birthday had qualified as a teacher. He taught school in Detroit until the outbreak of the Civil War, when he enlisted, becoming a private soldier in the 5th Michigan Infantry. Six months later he was commissioned as a lieutenant, and soon afterward became captain. He served faithfully and bravely, being at Chancellorsville, Fredericksburg, the siege of Richmond, Gettysburg, etc., and in the commissariat at Brownsville, Texas, in 1865-66. He was mustered out in 1866 with the rank of captain, which he had held for some time. His accumulated savings were loaned to a capitalist of Belle River, who failed to repay, and Capt. Bouteiller was obliged to take in return the lumber mills belonging to the debtor. This explains his coming to Ontario. From 1869 he operated the mills at Belle River until the timber in the locality was exhausted, and then he engaged in a furniture business until 1880, after which he was occupied with real estate and conveyancing, and as notary public, owning considerable property in Belle River village. In Detroit he also served as a notary public, and in 1873 was elected reeve of Rochester township, serving until 1878. He was the first reeve of the municipality of Belle River, serving in that capacity thirteen consecutive times, and in 1891 was elected warden of the County of Essex. He died Dec. 24, 1903.

Capt. Bouteiller was twice married. In 1860 he married Emily Victoria Gillett, of Detroit, daughter of J. H. T. A. Gillett, of Livingston County, New York, and sister of Thaddeus K. Gillett, prosecuting attorney of Detroit and Wayne County from 1866 to 1870. J. H. T. A. Gillett was the son of John Gillett, an American officer in the War of the Revolution. Mrs. Bouteiller was born in 1840, and died in 1896, leaving one son, George A. The captain's second marriage was to Miss Margaret Mero, of Tecumseh, and three children came to this union, Frederick P., William V. and Harold Joseph.

George A. Bouteiller was born Oct. 14, 1861, in Detroit, and attended the public schools of Detroit until 1870, after which he was in school at Belle River a short time and graduated from the Detroit University in 1876. In 1877 he entered the Excise department, beginning at the bottom in Hiram Walker's distillery, Walkerville, and has worked his way up until he is now at the head of the Excise department for Windsor District—another example of what may be accomplished by



Geo A Bouteiller

well-directed effort. In 1879 he went to Halifax, N.S., to take charge of W. T. Roome's distillery, and remained there for one year, going then to Toronto to the Gooderham distillery, where he also remained a year. Returning to Walkerville, he continued two years with Hiram Walker & Sons, after which the business called him to Winnipeg, to Radiger's distillery, and kept him there four years; thence he went to Halifax, to the McDougall Distilling Co., where he remained three years; and thence to Waterloo, where he was in charge of Joseph Seagram's distillery, and remained eight years. In 1897 he returned to Walkerville, as chief officer in charge of Hiram Walker & Son's Distillery, this being one of the largest plants in Canada, or of its kind in the world, requiring thirteen assistant government officers.

While at Halifax, in 1889, Mr. Bouteiller married Janette Lawson Hickey, daughter of Lawrence Hickey, and their pleasant, hospitable home is at No. 185 Ouellette avenue, Windsor. Mrs. Bouteiller is a member of the Roman Catholic Church. Fraternally Mr. Bouteiller is a member of the Freemasons, but while being a Liberal in his political views takes no active part in politics.

JOHN J. FULMER, a retired farmer of Gosfield North, who lives on the Talbot Road North, Lot 280, is a man widely known over the County of Essex, where there are few living now who have been so long identified with it. Mr. Fulmer was born in Gosfield, on the Talbot Road, Oct. 6, 1833, and through all these years in which he has lived among them he has grown steadily deeper into the affections of his friends and neighbors, who have only words of praise and honor to offer as a tribute to their old associate.

John and Mary (Fox) Fulmer, his grandparents, were both of German parentage, and born in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, whence they migrated to Canada among the Loyalists, at the time of the Revolution. They went to the County of Essex in 1812, taking up land in Mersea township, and there lived and died. John Fulmer was a man of learning, having received a good education. Of his nine children, John, Adam, George and Henry all settled and died in Essex. Catharine is the deceased wife of John Lebo, of Mersea. Elizabeth (deceased) was the wife of Capt. Thomas Fox, of Mersea. Judith married John Early, and moved to Illinois,

where they both died. Susan married John Toflemere, of Gosfield, County of Essex, and both are deceased. Mary (deceased) was the wife of Thomas Whittel, who moved to California.

George Fulmer, father of John J., was born April 7, 1811, and his wife, who was Miss Elizabeth Moody, was born in Chillicothe, Ohio, in 1809. Her parents, John and Mary Moody, came from Belfast, Ireland, to Ohio, and lived there until the war of 1812, when, as a British subject, Mr. Moody moved to Canada and settled in Morpeth, County of Kent. George Fulmer, after his marriage, settled in Gosfield North, on the Talbot Road, on land given him as a government free grant. After living some years there he removed to Mersea, and a few years later traded his farm there for one in Colchester South, where he lived until his death, in February, 1897. Mrs. Fulmer passed away in 1882. She was one of the brave women who shared with their husbands all the trials of pioneer life, and cheered them in their struggles with the wild. She and her husband were almost the first to settle on the Talbot Road. Methodists in their religious belief, they were active workers for the church even in the early days, and for many years Mr. Fulmer was a class-leader. Politically, he was of the Reform party, and active in its behalf. He served in the Rebellion of 1837-38, taking part in the siege of Malden and the battle of the Thames.

To George and Elizabeth Fulmer seven children were born, as follows: (1) John J. is mentioned below. (2) Margaret (deceased) was the wife of Moses Rose, of Colchester, and the mother of three children, of whom one, Hiram, is now an alderman of Detroit. (3) Elijah M., born in 1839, who lives in Detroit, has two daughters, Lena and Adda. (4) Elizabeth, born in 1841, married John Lindner, of Colchester South, and has a family of four daughters. (5) Emily Jane, wife of George Thornton, is of the County of Essex. (6) William H., born in 1846, married Miss Emma Gobel, of Colchester, and has nine children; they live on a farm. (7) Sophronia, born in 1849, married Isaac Ferris, of Colchester, and died there leaving one son, Rota, of Anderdon.

John J. Fulmer grew up on the farm in the County of Essex, working much of the time, but attending school long enough to acquire some education, although in those days it was necessarily limited. In early manhood he settled on his present homestead in Gosfield North, which

was left to his wife by her father, and from which he has made a good place, its improvement having been the main object of his labor and interest throughout life. He was united in marriage, in 1856, to Miss Mary Thoniton, who was born in Gosfield, on the Talbot Road, in 1836, daughter of Richard and Esther Thoniton, who went as pioneers from Pennsylvania to Canada. Mrs. Fulmer passed away in September, 1885.

Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Fulmer: (1) Rose A., born in 1858, is the wife of Herman E. McFarland, of Windsor, Ont., and has two children, Byron E. and Florence. (2) Camborn, born in 1860, died in 1886. (3) Esther H., born in 1863, is the wife of John W. Austin, who comes of an old New Brunswick family. They live on her father's homestead, where Mr. Austin is manager. Their five children are Alice, Gordon, Frederick D., John J. and Mabel. (4) Annie J., born in 1866, married Charles E. Tully, of Tilbury, and has one daughter, Muriel; they live on a part of the Fulmer property. (5) Maud V., born in 1872, was educated in the Essex high school, and for ten years was one of the successful teachers of the county. She is now the wife of Joseph Tully, and lives in Gosfield North. (6) Blanche Grace, born in 1878, became the wife of Arthur Church, of Colchester North, and has one son, Earl.

Mr. Fulmer, as did his wife, belongs to the Church of England; he was one of the founders and builders of the first church of that faith in Gosfield North, has been warden for many years, and has ever been active in all its work. Politically he is a Conservative, but while always manifesting a keen interest in public matters he has held no office save that of school trustee, which he filled for several years. Mr. Fulmer has, in his time, served his country in her army, and was a corporal in the North Ridge Rifles under Major Billing, in the Fenian Raid, gaining thereby both a medal of honor and a certificate from the government for 160 acres of land. Fraternally he is a member of the I.O.O.F., uniting with Essex Lodge, No. 218.

The life of this kindly patriarch has been unusually full and varied in its phases, for while he has always been a farmer his sympathies and interests have been wide and brought him into touch with life at many different points. Through it all he has been ever public-spirited, honest and upright, and in close accord with the community about him.

GEORGE McMULLEN, a prosperous farmer and stock raiser, located on Lot 9, east half of Concession 7, Mersea township, has resided there for almost a half century. He was born March 28, 1839, in Godmanchester township, County of Huntingdon, Quebec, in what is known as New Ireland.

The McMullen family originated in the North of Ireland, and there John McMullen, the grandfather of George, was born, a native of good old County Donegal. He lived an honest, busy life, following the occupation of weaver, satisfied with his own country and surroundings. His son William, however, had more ambition, and when he saw a family growing up around him, decided to cross the ocean and try to find better opportunities for them. He also was a weaver in his own land. He married Anne Reid, daughter of David and Mary Reid, and they had children as follows: James, who died in Mersea township, in 1903; David, who also died in Mersea township, on Concession 8; Jane, who married George Reid, of Concession 9; John, a farmer on Concession 8, Mersea township; Thomas, who died young, in Quebec; George, of this sketch; and Mary Ann, wife of David Cowan, a resident of Tilbury West township. The three eldest children were born in Ireland.

In 1832 William McMullen, with his wife and three children, left Ireland, taking passage on a sailing-vessel, and landing safely at Quebec, in which Province they lived for twenty-two years. Mr. McMullen bought 100 acres of land in what is known as New Ireland, all then being an unbroken wilderness. With the help of his sons he cleared much of the land, and also earned a good income working as a stonemason. In 1854, with other migrating families, he came to Ontario, locating in Mersea township, on Lot 10, Concession 8, where he farmed the rest of his life. He was a man of robust health, and faced pioneer conditions hardily, his industry never ceasing until near the time of his death, which occurred at the age of seventy-five years. His home was at first the usual log cabin, but he later had a substantial frame house, and each year his surroundings grew more attractive and his land more valuable. In his own land he had been reared in the Presbyterian Church, but he was not narrow-minded, and soon associated himself with the ruling religious body in his section. This was the Methodist Church, one of the first to be found in pioneer localities, and in this body he became very active as an official and class-leader. He interested himself in educational

and political movements and made his influence felt. In political sentiment he was a Conservative. Fraternally he was connected with the Loyal Orange Association, and was master of the lodge at Blytheswood. His widow survived to the age of eighty-nine years. She was a type of the true pioneer woman, helpful and cheerful, and, like her husband, a consistent member of the Methodist Church. Both were buried in the Albuna cemetery.

George McMullen, whose name opens this sketch, attended school whenever possible, but at that day, and in his locality, neither the school facilities nor the teachers were very good, and, like many of the most prominent men of the present day, he secured a practical education, founded upon good common sense, almost entirely through observation, reading, and association with men and affairs. He grew up on his father's Mersea township farm, helped to cut the timber with which his father built the first log house, and, later, was the purveyor of potash to Windsor, which purchased the family supplies. He remained at home and took charge of the cultivation of the farm when his father grew too feeble, caring for his parents in their old age.

Since Mr. McMullen has come into possession of the farm he has made many important improvements thereon, adding fifty more acres to the original purchase and making a specialty of the raising of Short Horn cattle. His dwelling and commodious barns and outbuildings mark the place as one on which much industry has been expended. It has sheltered a beautiful domestic life, and here Mr. McMullen and his wife are enjoying the evening of their days, surrounded by affectionate children who have been a great credit to them, and respected and esteemed by a wide circle of friends.

On March 23, 1868, Mr. McMullen was married, in Huntingdon County, New Ireland, to Sarah Jane Douglass, who was born in New Ireland, a daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Dowler) Douglass, and is of Scotch descent. Six children have been born to this union, namely: William, who is a farmer on Concession 8, married Alice Broome, and they have five children; Benjamin R., who is a teacher at Sault Ste. Marie, married Edith Faul, a graduate of Stratford College, and they have two children; Ernest Oliver is also a resident of Sault Ste. Marie; Percival D. is at home; Robert G. is a resident of Sault Ste. Marie; Elsie Jane, who is at home, is, like her mother, very active in

church work. Mrs. McMullen has been president of the Ladies' Aid Society, is a class-leader, and a teacher in the Sunday-school, of which latter Miss Elsie is secretary. Both ladies are much beloved for their Christian character and practical benevolence. Mr. McMullen is also a member of the Goldsmith Methodist Church, of which he is one of the trustees. All his life he has been a staunch Conservative, an admirer of Sir J. A. Macdonald, and a strong supporter of the public school system.

JEPHSON P. DUKE, now living retired in Amherstburg, is one of the most genial and courteous old gentlemen in the County of Essex. During the Rebellion of 1861-1865 in the United States he served that government, and is now one of its pensioners.

Jones' Duke, his father, was born in Ireland in 1791, and was an officer in the British army for many years. While serving in India he married Miss Mary Wells, and in 1832 they came to Canada, locating in New Brunswick, where Mrs. Duke died. Mr. Duke served during the Rebellion of 1837-38 in his old regiment. His death occurred at Preston, England, Dec. 24, 1865. To himself and wife were born children as follows: Elizabeth; Charlotte, wife of Charles G. Fortier, of Toronto; Jephson P.; Sarah, deceased; Charles, a captain in the English army, now deceased; and Mary Ann, who died in England.

Jephson P. Duke was born in Ireland Feb. 21, 1826, and was only six years of age when he came to Canada. On reaching manhood he became an accountant, and was very proficient in that line. In 1848 he went to the Southern States in that capacity, and there remained until 1861, when, at the outbreak of the Civil War, he joined the Twenty-third Kentucky Volunteer Infantry, and was made second lieutenant. Later he was made first lieutenant, and finally was promoted to a captaincy. In 1865 he was honorably discharged, and resumed his former vocation, in Tennessee, continuing there until 1887, when he returned to Canada, locating in Amherstburg. He is now living retired, surrounded by many friends.

Mr. Duke has been four times married. His first wife, Maria Louise Mosher, bore him one daughter, now deceased. His second wife was Mina Bauer, and the one daughter of this union is now the wife of Rev. A. H. Whisner, of Great Cacapehon, West Virginia. His third wife was Florence B. Eager, of Toronto, who lived but six months after her marriage. In 1891 Mr.

Duke was married in Chicago, Illinois, to Eleanor, daughter of Richard Tinning, of Toronto, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. S. C. Edsall, then of Chicago, now Bishop of Minnesota. Mrs. Duke was born in the City of Toronto, where she was educated, and she is one of the most highly respected ladies of Amherstburg. Mr. and Mrs. Duke reside in a comfortable home in Park street, and they also own a fine residence in Rankin avenue, built in 1901, which they rent. They are prominent members of the Church of England, and take an active part in the work of that body. Politically Mr. Duke is a Conservative, and fraternally he is a member of the Masonic order and of the I.O.O.F. Although he is over seventy-nine years of age, Mr. Duke enjoys excellent health, and is devoted to his wife and home. The charities of both Mr. and Mrs. Duke are large, and they welcome to their home all their friends, dispensing the most delightful hospitality.

THOMAS D. MCCREERY, an enterprising farmer and business man of Gosfield North, is the owner of a fine property situated on the Talbot Road North, in Lot 278, the same place in which he was born, in October, 1855.

David McCreery, his father, was born in 1830, the fourth of ten children. When twenty-four years old he married Miss Annie McInnes, who was born in Ireland in 1833. In the year following their marriage, when their son Thomas was as yet only a few months old, the parents were obliged to move to California, and to leave the child with its grandparents. Mr. McCreery died, and the widow, with a daughter, Rose, who had been born to them in California, returned to her own people in Massachusetts, where she is still living.

Thomas McCreery, to whose care Thomas D. was left, was a native of Ireland, born May 13, 1796. He came to this country with his parents during boyhood, lived for a time in Rensselaer County, New York, and as early as 1815 removed to Canada, where for some years he was occupied in a gristmill in Kingsville. In 1822 he was married to Miss Margaret Robinson, who was born in Quebec in July, 1798. The young couple took up their life together as pioneers, settling on land situated along what is now the Talbot Road, then only an Indian path through the woods between Essex and Windsor. There they passed all their married life, reared their children and in turn their grandchildren. Thomas McCreery lived until March 31, 1869, and his wife until

1874. Both were of the Methodist faith. In politics he was an adherent of the old Liberal party, but his interest in public affairs was mainly centered on matters connected with the development of the schools in his section.

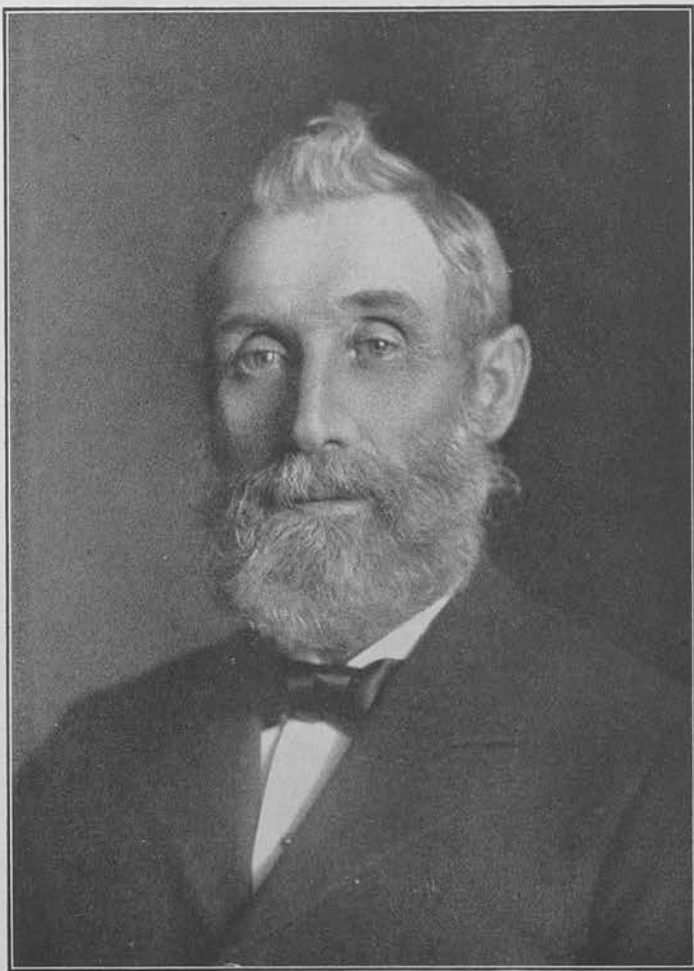
Thomas D. McCreery was given as good an education as the neighborhood afforded, and grew up on his grandfather's farm. On the death of his grandparents, he was left seventy-five acres of bush land, which he immediately proceeded to clear and bring under cultivation. In 1881 he was able to build a fine modern brick house, and also put up a bank barn. He has made his farm not only one that pays well, but that compares favorably with other farms of the township in general appearance. Since 1901 Mr. McCreery has been agent for the International Harvesting Company, and has shown an aptitude for that work equal to his ability in farming.

In December, 1876, occurred the marriage of Mr. McCreery and Miss Lizzie Barth. She was born in 1854 in England, the daughter of George and Isabel Barth, who emigrated to Canada and settled in the County of Essex. To Mr. and Mrs. McCreery seven children have been born: (1) Albert, born in 1878, was given a good education in the Essex high school. He married Miss Ellen Thomas, of Windsor, where they now reside, as he is in the employ of the Grand Trunk Railroad Company there. They have one daughter, Grace. (2) Eva M., born in 1880, is the wife of Frank Windeed, of Windsor, an engineer on the Grand Trunk line. Their only son is named Harold. (3) Allen, born in 1883, (4) Lottie, in 1885, (5) Willie, in 1886, (6) Girtie, in 1890, and (7) Mary, in 1892, are all living at home.

Mr. McCreery has always shared the political views of his grandfather. Always ready to assist in any enterprise calculated to benefit the community, he is known throughout the locality as a public-spirited citizen, and is universally respected for his fine character and unimpeachable integrity.

ROBERT BUTTERWORTH, a much respected citizen of Windsor, who has recently retired from active work, is one of the oldest locomotive engineers of Western Ontario. He is descended from English ancestors, his grandfather, Robert Butterworth, having been born in 1782, in England, where he resided all his life. He was twice married, and by the first union had two sons, James and Abraham.

James Butterworth, father of Robert, was born Jan. 4, 1811, in England, and by occupa-



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tion was a millwright and engineer. He married Mary Whitaker, who was born April 19, 1813, and died in 1848, and he died in 1867. The children of James Butterworth and his wife were as follows: John, born Feb. 17, 1834, died in England; Robert, born Sept. 20, 1835, is mentioned below; Elizabeth, born Dec. 26, 1836, resides in England; James, born Jan. 3, 1841, died in England; Joseph, born Aug. 1, 1843, died Aug. 16, 1843; Mary Ann, born Aug. 2, 1844, died Sept. 1, 1844; Sarah, born Jan. 17, 1846, died in England; Abraham, born Dec. 25, 1847, died in England.

Robert Butterworth was born in England, and resided in his native land until 1856, when he came to Ontario. His first location was in Hamilton, where he was employed by the Great Western Railway Company until 1858. He then made a trip to the State of California, but only remained one year, deciding that better opportunities for advancement could be found in Ontario, and he resumed work with the Great Western. His efficiency was soon recognized, and in 1865 he became engineer on the same road, and was retained as an employee when the Great Western became the Grand Trunk line. Mr. Butterworth was the careful and expert engineer in the express service between Windsor and London, when he resigned in March, 1903.

In 1862 Mr. Butterworth married Mary Carmichael, who was a native of Scotland, and one of seven children born to Dougal and Flora (Thomson) Carmichael, the others being: Barbara, Matilda, John, Euphemia, Flora and Isabella. In 1845 the family came to Ontario, and located in Lobo township, County of Middlesex, later removing to the County of Lambton, where the parents both died in Petrolia. Mrs. Butterworth's paternal grandfather was Hugh Carmichael, a native of Oban, Scotland, who married Catherine McColl. Mrs. Butterworth's maternal grandfather, John Thomson, was the only child of his parents; he married Barbara McColl, and they had three children, Flora, Daniel and Matilda. John Thomson and his wife died in their native country. Mr. and Mrs. Butterworth are the parents of three accomplished daughters, Mary Elizabeth, who graduated at Toronto, is the wife of Arthur Pond, a druggist at Windsor; Flora Thomson, who was educated in Windsor and Toronto, is the wife of Dr. LaBelle, of Windsor; and Isabella Sarah, B.A., is an honor graduate of Toronto University.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Butterworth are Baptists

in religious faith. With the exception of about ten months, their home, ever since their marriage, has been on Glengarry avenue, where, in 1883, they erected their pleasant and commodious residence. In politics Mr. Butterworth supports the Reform party. Fraternally he belongs to the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

Mr. Butterworth's conception of public education is broad, progressive and liberal, and since 1896 he has been a member of the board of education. He is a member of that class which has been called "everyday heroes," the responsibility which continually rests upon an engineer in his work requiring a courage and a training equal to that of a soldier on the field.

JAMES McMURREN, a well-known farmer of Maidstone township, County of Essex, situated on Lot 17, North Middle Road, was born July 19, 1865, in Orford township, County of Kent, a son of Joseph and Ellen (Pasley) McMurren. The family is one of the old and honorable ones of this locality.

Joseph McMurren was born in 1836, in County Antrim, Ireland, as was also his wife. They married in their native land, and then decided to found a home across the ocean, taking passage in a sailing-vessel which consumed seven weeks in the voyage. Landing at New York, they came from there to Canada, and for several years Mr. McMurren worked for a farmer at Brampton, then moving to Orford, County Kent. There he bought 100 acres of land and followed farming until 1868, when he came to Maidstone and settled in the 1st Concession, one mile north of Woodslee. Here he cleared up a fine farm from wild land and made a permanent home. He took great interest in improving his place, built great barns and a commodious brick house, and at the time of his death, in 1899, was enjoying a life of ease, won by his own exertions. His wife died in 1889. They both were consistent members of the Presbyterian Church, good and worthy people. Politically Mr. McMurren was a staunch Conservative, but never was willing to accept public office. The children born to them were as follows: Mary, born in County Kent, married Morgan Miller, who settled as a farmer in Maidstone, where she died, leaving children, Ella, James, Elmer and Roy. Jane, born in Orford, married Alfred McEnteer, of Woodslee, County Essex, and they have three children, Burt, Clayton and Sandford. James is mention-

ed below. Martha, born in 1867 in Maidstone, is the wife of William Boggs, a farmer in Maidstone, and they have four sons, Webster, David, William and Joseph. Maggie, born in 1869, became the wife of George Wright, a farmer of Tilbury West, and died leaving two children, Forest and Wilfred. John, born in 1872, married Grace Harvey, a member of a pioneer family of Rochester, and they live on the old homestead in Maidstone. Ella, born in 1874, is the wife of William Wright, of Maidstone, where they reside, and has one daughter, Rubena. Millie, born in 1876, is the wife of Abraham Wright, who resides in Gosfield North, and they have two children, Ona and Worthy. Amy, born in 1879, is the wife of Herbert Wright, a progressive farmer of Maidstone, and they have one daughter, Stella. As will be seen, four of the sisters married brothers of the Wright family.

James McMurren, the eldest son of this family, grew to maturity under his father's roof, obtaining a district school education in Maidstone. Until his own marriage he continued to assist his father in making a comfortable home and a valuable, well improved property.

After his marriage he settled at the old homestead, and in 1897 purchased his present farm. It was then but a tract of wild land, but Mr. McMurren immediately began clearing it and in a comparatively short time had it ready for cultivation. He has been well repaid for his labor, having now not only one of the best appearing farms of this section, but one which is of great value. His new commodious house and substantial barn bear about them an air of thrift which is an unmistakable testimonial to good management.

In June, 1896, Mr. McMurren was united in marriage with Miss Ida Galloway, who was born Jan. 17, 1872, at Kingston, a daughter of Thomas and Matilda (Reid) Galloway, both of whom were born in Canada, of Scotch parentage. Thomas Galloway moved to Woodslee, in Maidstone, where he engaged in farming, and here his wife died in 1884, leaving three children, viz.: William, of Maidstone; Amorella, who married Charles Taylor, of Maidstone, and has three children, Percy, Violet and Wilbur; and Ida, who became Mrs. McMurren. She was educated in the schools of Woodslee and is a most estimable lady.

Mr. and Mrs. McMurren have had two sons born to them, namely: William J., who died in childhood; and Walter, who was born July 4,

1899. Mr. and Mrs. McMurren are church members, the former having been reared in the Presbyterian and the latter in the Methodist Church. Politically Mr. McMurren has always cast his vote with the Conservative party. It is men like Mr. McMurren who give character to a section of country, men of honor and integrity, industrious and law-abiding, supporters of religious and educational movements. He bears a name which is held in high esteem in Maidstone township, where he is one of the most respected citizens.

JOHN MULLINS, Sr., an honored and venerable resident of Rochester township, County of Essex, was born in the parish of Glynn, County Limerick, Ireland, Dec. 22, 1829, a son of Edward and Bridget (Kennedy) Mullins. He was one in a family of eight children, three of whom are now surviving: John; and Ellen, who married Matthew Butler, of Rochester township. Margaret, who married Joseph Strong, of Belle River, Rochester township, died Jan. 1, 1904. Both parents were natives of County Limerick, Ireland, and the grandparents were Edmund Mullins and Timothy Kennedy.

In 1832 Edward Mullins, with his wife and three children, took passage on a sailing-vessel for America, and after thirteen weeks and three days landed at Quebec. The family located on a piece of land in Perth, County of Lanark, Ontario, but as it was stony the father left it after six years, and in 1838 we find him in County Essex. It was his intention to settle on some of the Col. Talbot land, but being incorrectly directed he located on some of the clergy reserve land. On discovering his mistake he went to Capt. Wilkinson, the land agent, and was told by him that a piece of land should be reserved for him. Edward Mullins was further told to go to Sandwich and have the matter adjusted. However, he bought the 100 acres upon which he had located, the north half of Lot 5, north of the Middle Road, and later he took up the present homestead, the west half of Lot 19, 2d Concession. When he located in County Essex the land was solid bush, and he was obliged to build a log cabin before he could commence clearing his land. Mr. Mullins was a very energetic man, and opened and made a road from his farm to the Middle Road, and also one to his nearest neighbor, one mile north of him. He continued to reside on his first farm until 1870, when he removed to another place, the east half

of Lot 18, 1st Concession, which he had purchased some time before, and where he died, Feb. 6, 1875, aged seventy-one years. He had at one time some 450 acres of very choice land. In the early days the settlers endured many privations. Their marketing had to be done at Windsor and Detroit. They brought their flour up on scows by lake to Rochester township, and thence to their homes across country. Edward Mullins was a Conservative in politics, and for a number of years he was a member of the township council and a school trustee, being a man of prominence in the community. Religiously he was a Catholic, and he was instrumental in having the church built at Belle River. His first wife passed away June 16, 1856, and later he married Miss Ann Riley, a native of Ireland, by whom he had two children: Julia, wife of Joseph Monroe, of British Columbia, and one now deceased.

John Mullins, Sr., was only a child when he was brought to America, and while he resided at Perth his school days began, lasting for eighteen months. For three years after coming to Rochester township there were no schools, and when they were finally established young John was too old to attend. However, the young man did not discontinue his studies, but pursued them at night by light of a hickory bark fire, and perhaps just because they cost him so much effort he appreciated them the more, carefully treasuring every bit of information he could acquire. He worked with his father on the farm during the summer months, and in the winter found employment in the woods, making staves and getting out timber, working hard and making every day count.

On May 10, 1852, Mr. Mullins married Julia A. Sheehan, a native of County Lanark, Ont., whose parents had come to Ontario from County Cork, Ireland, at a very early day, and were among the first settlers of Maidstone, County Essex. For three years after attaining his majority John Mullins, Sr., remained at home, and then he removed to his present property, which was deeded to him by his father. In 1854 he purchased another farm of 100 acres, the east half of Lot 15, 2d Concession, which he later gave to his son Morris. When he took charge of his farm it was all covered with bush, but he has cleared it and made it into one of the most valuable farms in Rochester township.

Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Mullins: Bridget, wife of Edward Tracey, of Rochester township; Mary, who married Michael

Byrne, of Rochester township; John, a farmer of Rochester township; Julia C., who married James Byrne, of Rochester township; Ellen, married to Michael Byrne, of Rochester township; Cecelia, widow of Patrick Henchey, and residing with our subject; Morris, of Maidstone township; and Cornelius, of La Prairie, Minnesota. Mrs. Mullins died April 21, 1902, deeply lamented by a wide circle of friends as well as those in the home circle.

In politics Mr. Mullins is a Conservative, and for two years he served very acceptably as reeve of the township. He was a member of the building committee at the time the first Catholic church was built at Woodslee, and he is a very active member of the church of that denomination. Few men are more highly respected than Mr. Mullins, who is a man worthy of any and every confidence, and who has well borne his part in the development of his locality.

MARWOOD BARRETT, collector of customs at Amherstburg, and one of the leading men of that town, traces his ancestry to good old English stock.

John Barrett, his grandfather, was born in England, where he followed farming, and where he died. His children were: John, Richard, Emanuel, Charles and Phillipi.

Richard Barrett, son of John, was born in England in 1815, and died in Canada in June, 1901. In 1834 he came to Ontario, locating in Hope township, County of Durham, where he began work as a farmer. Later he learned shoemaking, but after a time returned to farming, in which he was engaged when he died. He married Loveday Banbry, who was born in England in 1816, the daughter of Thomas Banbry, also a native of England, who came to the County of Durham, and followed farming. Thomas Banbry married Mary Kinsman, of English birth, a daughter of Thomas Kinsman, also a native of England, who became a gardener in the County of Durham, Ont., and died there at the age of eighty-four years. Richard Barrett and his wife had the following children: Mary Jane, who married James Jamieson, of Durham, Ont.; Susanna, who married James Jewell; Marwood; Samuel, of Guelph, a dry-goods merchant; Eli C., a carriage-builder of Toronto; Henry, deceased, a harness-maker of Oshawa.

Marwood Barrett was born in the County of Durham, Feb. 24, 1842. He grew to manhood

in his native county, where he lived until 1871, working upon the farm. In 1871 he removed to the County of Essex, and entered into partnership with John Rodd, in the lumber business. This connection was successful, and continued for seventeen years. They built a large and well-equipped mill in the township of Colchester North in 1872. All provisions had to be brought from Amherstburg, thirteen miles away, and for several years all products of the mill had to be hauled by team to Amherstburg. The land from which the partners then got their timber has been turned into fine farms, and Mr. Barrett now owns 450 acres of as productive land as can be found in this part of the Dominion. On May 1, 1900, Mr. Barrett was appointed to His Majesty's customs, to succeed George Gott, and since that time has made his home at Amherstburg. His political opinions make of him a Liberal and he was president of the Liberal Association of the South Riding for many years, and vice-president of the Liberal Association of his township. He was filling the former position when appointed to his present office, and had also served as reeve of Colchester North for six years, while in 1895 he was warden of the County of Essex. Mr. Barrett has been justice of the peace since 1880; an officer for taking affidavits, issuing marriage licenses, etc.; and in all the positions he has held he has discharged his duties with conscientious faithfulness.

In September, 1871, Mr. Barrett was married to Miss Jane Rodd, daughter of John Rodd, his partner in the lumber business, and to that union were born the following children: Love-day A.; Everett C., married and residing on a farm; Russell H., of the class of 1902, School of Practical Science at Toronto; Marcus S., married and on a farm; Myron M., in high school at Essex; and Jennie A., at home. The mother of this family died in April, 1885. In November, 1886, Mr. Barrett married Sarah Ann Gott, daughter of George Gott, and one son, Wyman Douglas, has blessed this marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Barrett attend the Methodist Church. In 1903 Mr. Barrett purchased the Balfour property—the homestead of the late Hon. W. D. Balfour—at Amherstburg, and now resides thereon. Fraternally he is a Blue Lodge and Royal Arch Mason, and is also a member of the A. O. U. W.

RICHARD ATKINSON, a lifetime resident of Malden township, County of Essex, where he

has followed farming with much success, comes of old English stock.

John Atkinson, his grandfather, was a resident of Downham, Lancashire, England, where he married Alice Boothman, and where both died. His old Bible, bearing the date of 1765, is still in the possession of the family, carefully preserved.

Richard Atkinson, Sr., son of John, and father of the present Richard, was born Feb. 2, 1783, at Downham, where he was reared and educated, and twice married. His second marriage was to Catherine Broseup, who was born Oct. 22, 1794. In 1833, Mr. Atkinson, with his family of seven children, came to Canada, and for a time they made their home near Port Hope, in Monaghan township, County of Peterborough. Mr. Atkinson then came to Colchester township, County of Essex, and rented a farm from Squire McCormick, on which the family lived for seven years, when they moved from that property and came to Malden township, residing on the river road for two years. He then purchased the tavern known as "The Rifleman," in Amherstburg, which hostelry he conducted for two years, thence removing to Boniteau farm, where he resided until his death, which occurred March 22, 1858. His widow survived until Jan. 27, 1865. Their children were as follows: John, born Aug. 2, 1811, married in England, but also came to Canada and settled at Amherstburg, later removing to Windsor, where he died Feb. 8, 1895. Alice, born Jan. 18, 1818, died Nov. 27, 1891, the wife of George Lesley, of Malden township. Mary, born Dec. 24, 1820, died when two weeks old. Jane, born Jan. 8, 1821, married (first) Jonathan Guffin and (second) George Fulmer, and is now deceased. James, born Oct. 12, 1824, died March 10, 1895; he married Alice Woodhouse, was a ship carpenter by trade, and resided in Malden township. Catherine, born Feb. 11, 1826, married Thomas Hughson, of Raleigh township, County of Kent, and is deceased. Martha, born March 7, 1828, married Robert Barnes, a merchant in Colchester, and is now deceased. William, born July 11, 1830, died Aug. 13, 1847. Margaret, born Aug. 12, 1835, died May 18, 1847. Richard, the youngest member, is the only survivor of this family.

Richard Atkinson was born April 1, 1837, in Monaghan township, near Port Hope, Ont., and was but two years old when the family came to Colchester South, County of Essex. His boyhood days were largely passed in Malden, and being



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the youngest of the family he had more advantages than the others, and was the only one who remained at home. This operated, however, against his attending school, as farm work continually pressed, and the nearest school house was three miles distant. After attaining his majority, he rented land until 1872, when he purchased a farm of his own, 100 acres of Lot 39, Concession 4, settling upon the same, where he has resided ever since. Mr. Atkinson has since added sixty-eight acres in Concession 3, and also 100 acres in Lot 30, Concession 3, the latter being the farm upon which his parents resided for a number of years, and where they died. This whole property is under a high state of cultivation, and brings ample returns for the work which has been devoted to its development. Mr. Atkinson has erected substantial buildings, and now owns one of the most comfortable homes in the township.

Mr. Atkinson has been twice married, his first marriage, which took place in Malden, being to Matilda Graveline. To this union came two children: George, now living in Colchester South township, who married Ida Martin, and has one daughter, Eva; and Ida, who married Thomas Martin, of Concession 8, Malden township, and has five sons and one daughter, Freeman, Wilfred, Russell, Grace, Earl and Harold. Mr. Atkinson's second marriage was to Jessie Campbell, daughter of Duncan Campbell, and the children of this union are: William D., a farmer on one-half of the Armitage place, in Lot 30; John, who married Miss McArthur, and lives in Montreal, where he is chief manager for the N. K. Fairbanks Company; Christina, wife of Thomas Dowler, of the 5th Concession, of Malden, who has one daughter, Gladys; Charles, who has one-half of the Armitage farm (he married Louisa Brush); Alice, who married William Mickle, has one daughter, Pearl, and they reside on the river front, Concession 1; and Arthur M., who is still at home, assisting his father in carrying on the work of the home farm.

Mrs. Jessie (Campbell) Atkinson was born in Scotland, Nov. 20, 1852, daughter of Duncan and Christina (McGregor) Campbell, of Scotland, who were born in 1821 and 1820, respectively. They came to the County of Essex in 1854, and located in Malden township, purchasing 100 acres, where they have since remained. He has lived retired for the past four years. He was township treasurer for many years, and township reeve also for many years, being quite a

prominent man in his community. To Mr. and Mrs. Campbell were born children as follows: Jessie, Mrs. Atkinson; Miss Anna, who is with her parents; William, deceased in April, 1904, who married Elizabeth Graveline and had three children; Peter, a farmer of Malden township, who married Catherine Graveline, and has five children; and Christina, who married John Anderson, Jr. The parents of this family hold membership in the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Atkinson and his family belong to the Presbyterian Church, to which he is a liberal contributor. In politics he is a Reformer, but he is only active as a voter, never accepting political office. His interests have centred mainly in farming, all of his sons, with one exception, also being farmers. He is a member of the Agricultural Society, and also belongs to the Ancient Order of United Workmen, at Amherstburg. Mr. Atkinson is one of the solid, representative men of Malden township. His success has been attained through his own efforts, and he has gained through his long years of industry not only a competency, but the esteem of his fellow-citizens as well.

LEWIS MALOTT, a descendant of one of the first settlers of Gosfield South, County of Essex, resides on land owned by Peter Malott, the original settler.

Joseph Malott, his grandfather, the eldest son of Peter Malott the settler, was born on Grosse Ile Aug. 11, 1792. He married Aug. 10, 1813, Mary McKinzie, who was born Sept. 28, 1792, and died April 16, 1854. Joseph Malott died Jan. 20, 1866. He inherited from his father Lots 6 and 7, Gosfield South, and farmed successfully. He is remembered for his great activity in church affairs, having served as local preacher for many years and started many Methodist meetings that later became congregations. His children were as follows: John, born July 17, 1814, now deceased, married Octavia Smith, and they had children—Joseph, of Detroit; Elizabeth, who married George Cooper; Mary, who married Archibald Murphy; Job, deceased; and Albert, deceased. Eliza, born Aug. 17, 1819, now deceased, married William Drake, being his first wife. William, father of our subject, was born Sept. 27, 1822. Christeen, born March 1, 1826, died Sept. 9, 1898; she married Jasper Golden, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere. Jane, born July 7, 1831, married Abel Cascadden, of Gosfield South.

Capt. William Malott, father of Lewis Malott, was born Sept. 27, 1822, and grew up in Gosfield South. When a young man he began sailing on the lakes, and later built a dock on the lake front of the home property, during the American Civil war shipping wheat and other produce. After the close of the war wheat was shipped directly to England, but this did not prove a paying venture. He engaged quite extensively in marine traffic, and sailed as master of his vessels for some years. The vessels he had built on his home property, and they were four in number: "Wave," "Eureka," "Alzora" and "Antelope." In time he left the home place and moved to Kingsville, there building a dock. Still later he sold his dock property to the government at the time he became harbormaster. He was a member of the first Masonic lodge organized in County Essex, and a charter member of the Kingsville branch, serving as its secretary. When, some time after its organization, interest in the lodge seemed to lag, he exerted himself to revive it, and succeeded beyond his fondest expectations. Capt. Malott became captain of the 74th Battalion, Essex Militia, and in 1856 received his commission from Governor-General Sir Edward Head. During his long and honorable career he was a strong Conservative. His death occurred at Kingsville, March 5, 1890.

Capt. Malott married Mary Jane Scratch, who was born March 10, 1827, daughter of Squire John Scratch, and died March 30, 1895. The family born of this marriage was as follows: Lewis is mentioned below. Arthur, proprietor of the laundry at Kingsville, married Fannie Bassett, and has three children, Nellie, Lucy and Mary. Blanche married Philip Fox, and died at the age of twenty years. John, who resides at Detroit, married Norah Black. Christina, second wife of Philip Fox, has two children, Milburn and Norah. Hester died at the age of twenty-eight years. Albert is a resident of Kingsville.

Lewis Malott was born on Lot 7, Gosfield South, Aug. 8, 1846. He enjoyed the advantages of a public school education, and as a young man began sailing the lakes with his father, and has since given much of his attention to marine matters. He received a master's commission on Sept. 26, 1892, since which time he has only given a portion of his time to the water, having an attractive property on the lake shore, which is a portion of his grandfather's estate, and where he has made his

home since 1869. The property consists of twenty-two acres, in a high state of cultivation. His home is most delightfully located, and during the summer months it is filled with boarders who recognize it as a charming resort.

In 1869 Mr. Malott married Althea, daughter of Jacob Wigle, a very prominent man of the township, and to them have come children as follows: Gordon S., born March 19, 1873, is a pen artist of rare ability, employed by the Peninsular Engraving Co.; he married Euphemia Robertson. William J., born March 13, 1875, has been for the past two years proprietor of a jewelry business in Toronto. Edward, born May 24, 1877, died in January, 1888. Emma J., born April 11, 1881, is at home. Nina, born Nov. 16, 1883, is a student at the Windsor Model School. Allen R., born Jan. 20, 1887, and Hazel, born Sept. 28, 1891, are at home.

Mr. Malott is a Conservative in politics, but has never taken an active part in local affairs. In June, 1870, he joined the Masonic fraternity, and has since taken a very active interest in the welfare of that organization, serving for seven years as secretary. He and his family are consistent members of the Methodist Church of Kingsville. Few men are more highly esteemed throughout the township than Mr. Malott, who has a host of warm personal friends, not only in County Essex, but throughout the country.

WILLIAM McCLOSKEY, a successful farmer of Maidstone, has lived since 1889 on his present farm, which is in Lot 11, on the Middle Road, in Maidstone township. He is one of the substantial citizens of his section, and comes of an old and highly respected family, members of which were among the earliest settlers in Essex. The McCloskeys were among the first founders of churches and schools in this part of Canada, and took an active part in all progressive work in the settlement of the new country.

Charles and Rebecca (Moran) McCloskey, parents of William, were natives of the North of Ireland, where they grew up and were married. In 1847 they came to Canada, settling for a time in Hamilton, where Mr. McCloskey followed his trade of tailor. In 1855 they moved to Maidstone and settled on some wild land in Concession 3, clearing a farm and building the home where the remainder of their lives was passed. Mrs. McCloskey died in December, 1866, and Mr. McCloskey in June, 1877.

They were both members of the Roman Catholic Church. He was a Conservative in politics, but never cared for office. They had a family of nine children, as follows: (1) Bridget, born in Ireland, married Dennie Doherty, settled in Maidstone, and died leaving children—George, James, Margaret, Mary A., Bridget, William and Charles (deceased). (2) Margaret, born in Ireland, married Henry Hamilton, and lives with her large family in Isabella county, Michigan. (3) Frank, born in Ireland, died at his home in Maidstone village May 24, 1904, aged seventy-one years; he married and had a family. (4) Thomas, born in Ireland, married Ellen Packett, and settled at Maidstone Cross as a blacksmith; they have two children, Charles and John. (5) Nancy, born in Ireland, married Daniel Costigan, a farmer of Maidstone, and they have a family. (6) Charles, born in Ireland, married Lizzie McAuley, of Rochester, and they settled in Gosfield North, where he died in 1884, leaving a family. (7) John, born in Ireland, married Jane Shanaghan, of Sarnia, and they settled in the County of Huron, where he died in 1901, leaving a widow and three children. (8) William, born in Hamilton, Ont., in 1849, is mentioned below. (9) Mary, born in Hamilton in 1851, married Daniel Morrison, of Maidstone, and they have a family; they live in the State of Washington.

William McCloskey was born in Hamilton Sept. 7, 1849, the youngest son of his parents. He grew up on the farm and attended school in Maidstone, remaining at home until his marriage. Until his father's death he managed the home farm, but after that event, in 1889, he sold the old place, and bought his present farm on the Middle Road. There he has erected a comfortable house and commodious barns and outbuildings, and has cleared up a large part of the land since he became its owner. He is recognized as one of the successful farmers of the region, as well as one of the most public-spirited citizens.

On June 6, 1878, Mr. McCloskey married Maggie Murphy, who was born in Rochester township Dec. 23, 1859, daughter of Patrick and Catherine (O'Connor) Murphy, pioneer settlers of that township. Mrs. McCloskey grew up in Rochester, and was educated in the schools of that township. To this union have come the following children: Vincent, born in 1880, who is unmarried and living at home; Charles L., born in 1885, a student in the Essex high school; Katie, born in 1887; Mary, born

in 1889; William, born in 1891; James, born in 1893; Rebecca, who died at the age of three years; John, born in 1897; Ellen, born in 1900; and Francis, born in June, 1903. The family are all members of the Catholic Church.

In politics Mr. McCloskey reserves the right to vote independently of party lines; he has no aspirations to public office, but has served as school trustee. The McCloskeys have been among the substantial families of the county since their first settlement here, and the present representatives keep up the traditions left them by their hardy forefathers. Mr. McCloskey is a prominent man in his community, widely and favorably known, and he is blessed with a host of friends and well-wishers.

WILLIAM URE, a prominent farmer located on Lot 17, Concession 8, in Sandwich South, was born March 8, 1850, near Amherstburg, son of David and Jean (Orr) Ure, both of whom were born in Scotland, the former at Edinburgh, in 1807, and the latter at Kilmarnock in 1820.

David Ure was a son of William Ure, who came to Canada after the death of his wife in Scotland and spent his last days with his son David. The latter came to Canada in 1840, then a young man, and was married in Amherstburg five years later. There he lived some years as a workman in Dougall's nursery. His work in his native land had been that of weaving, but in his new home he found conditions changed, and other avenues of activity open to him, so that he never resumed it. In 1851 he moved to Windsor, where for two years he was engaged in a nursery, and in 1853 he purchased the present farm. The land was wild, but well located, and his energy and industry soon enabled him to clear it and get it under cultivation. Here David Ure lived a useful, active life, and passed away in 1870, being survived by his widow, who lives with her son David on the old homestead, now at the advanced age of eighty-four.

David Ure had one brother, John Ure, who settled as a baker in London, where he died some years since. One sister, Hannah, came to Canada, and she married Peter Logan, who was a blacksmith for a number of years at Amherstburg, and then settled in Sandwich South, where he died, leaving one daughter, Eliza, now Mrs. Samuel McKenzie, of Sandwich South.

David Ure and his wife reared a family of seven children, as follows: (1) Elizabeth,

born in 1846, in Amherstburg, was the wife of George Wells, who died in Sandwich West, and they had four children, Elizabeth, Bertha, William and Arthur. (2) Jane, born March 25, 1848, married William Robinson, of Sandwich South, and they have these children—William, David, Margaret, John, Florence, Fred, Mable, Harold and Hazel. (3) William was the eldest son. (4) David, born in 1854, in Sandwich South, married Ellen Dixon, daughter of William Dixon, and they reside on the old Ure homestead; they have these children—William, Charles, Eunice, Florence, Fred, Hattie, Jane, Nelson, Ray and Clara. (5) Mary, born in 1857, died in Sandwich South in 1895; she married John Little, who was accidentally killed while felling a tree in 1890. Their surviving children are William E., Frank, Edith, Milton, and Clarence. (6) Jessie, born in 1860, is the wife of Joseph Williams, a mechanic of Detroit; they have children—Bertha, Adaline, Irvin, Gordon, Charles, Arthur, Carl and Glen. (7) Frederick, born in 1862, is a civil engineer and surveyor of Woodstock; he married Lizzie Gordon, of Woodstock, and they have four children, Wilfred, Arthur, Margery and Douglas.

William Ure attended the local schools, and remained at home until his marriage, in 1876, to Margaret Little, daughter of George and Eliza Little. The Littles came from Ireland as early as 1830, and settled at Windsor, where Mrs. Ure was born in August, 1848, and where her parents died when she was in girlhood. She grew to womanhood at the home of her uncle and aunt, George and Felecia Little, in Sandwich South, where she was educated.

After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Ure settled on fifty acres of the old homestead, and to this Mr. Ure has added by purchase seventy-five acres more, now owning one of the best farms in the township. Mr. Ure takes a deep interest in his home and surroundings, and has erected most comfortable and attractive buildings of all kinds, possessing a property which he justly values highly. He is a man of practical ideas, and he employs methods which make every part of his domain bring returns.

Mr. and Mrs. Ure have a family of five children, namely: Miss Grace, born in 1878, a highly educated young lady, was a student at Detroit Business College; David, born in 1880, is his father's right hand on the farm; Edith, born in 1883, married Andrew Doane, of Detroit, in 1903; Bernice, born in 1887, is a bright student at Windsor Collegiate Institute, where

she is preparing for the profession of teaching; and Jessie, born in 1889, is still a pupil in the local public schools.

Religiously both our subject and wife are active members of the Methodist Church. The present handsome edifice was erected on land donated by Mr. Ure, and he is a member of the board of trustees. In their old home the parents of Mr. Ure belonged to the Presbyterian Church, but the Methodist Church was the pioneer in religious work in this section, and they united with it and helped to carry on its work. Politically Mr. Ure has always been identified with the Reform party. In 1895 he was elected councillor of Sandwich South, and held the position with the greatest efficiency for two years. For the past twenty-two years he has served as secretary and treasurer of the school board, and he has taken an active part in all the religious and educational movements and legislation in this locality ever since he attained his majority. In 1904 he was appointed township collector. His attitude on the temperance question may be inferred when it is stated that for thirty-five years he has been a member of the Good Templars organization, is a charter member, and has served frequently in official positions.

JOHN H. CONNELLY, one of the highly respected and substantial citizens of Windsor, is a representative of a family which has been established there for the past fifty years. He has seen the beautiful little city grow to its present proportions from a mere hamlet, and has been no small factor in its development. Mr. Connelly is of Irish extraction, and in his ready wit, sturdy independence and genial nature possesses the characteristics of his race. James Connelly, his father, came from Ireland in 1848, and first located in Hamilton, Ont., in 1855 coming to Windsor. By profession he was a veterinary surgeon. He and his wife, Margaret, reared five children: Mary, who is deceased; John H.; James E., formerly a business man in Windsor, now People's fire adjuster in New York City; Catherine; and Margaret T., now Mrs. William Liddy, of Walkerville.

John H. Connelly was born in 1849, in Hamilton, and was only a child when his parents removed to Windsor. After completing the common school course he took a business college course, and was thus prepared very well for the battle of life, which he began at a comparatively



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early age. His trend was in the direction of mechanics, and he succeeded in obtaining employment with the Great Western Railway Company, now the Grand Trunk, where he was speedily promoted on account of proficiency until he was given charge of a locomotive, continuing as an engineer for five years. However, he was a man of too much education and mental activity to remain satisfied with his prospects on the road, and in partnership with his brother James he in 1878 embarked in a general insurance, real estate and passenger agency business, Connelly Bros. also acting as agents for the American and Canadian Express Companies. This line he continued until 1892, with great success. In the meantime, through wise investments, Mr. Connelly has prospered exceedingly, and since 1892 his entire time has been occupied in looking after his real estate possessions. Although he has given close attention to his personal affairs, he has also been interested in municipal growth, and has served in local positions with great efficiency. During 1897-98 he was a member of the city council. He is a man of broad views and great public spirit, and has always had the best interests of Windsor at heart, at present serving as chairman of the Windsor public library board. He is a charter member of the C.M.B.A., of which order he is past president and chancellor, and has been treasurer since 1881. Mr. Connelly through life has been a devout member of the Roman Catholic Church. He has resided at his present home, No. 71, East Pitt street, for over forty years.

NATHAN V. BRUSH, treasurer of the township of Malden, is a worthy representative of one of the United Empire Loyalist families. The first of this family to come to the County of Essex were John Brush and his brother Stephen, who migrated from Connecticut in 1806.

Stephen Brush was married in Connecticut to Jemima Squier, and their family was born there. He located in the 3rd Concession, in Colchester, receiving the property as a free grant for his loyalty, and there he died in 1808. His widow remarried, and survived to the age of eighty-six years. Their family consisted of children as follows: Silas, died in Colchester South; John C. lived on a part of the old homestead, and died leaving a son, James; Jairus R., the grandfather of Nathan V., is mentioned below; Benjamin lived and died in Raleigh township, County of Kent; Nathan V. and

Amos Curtis both lived in Malden township; Stephen lived in Colchester and left two children, Benjamin A. and Mrs. Mary Quick.

Jairus R. Brush was born June 25, 1795, and was eleven years old when the family came to Colchester township, where he grew to manhood and married Mary Cornwall. She was born in Colchester, daughter of John Cornwall, and granddaughter of John Cornwall, who served as captain in the British army during the Revolutionary war, and after its close settled in Canada. Here he became a man of affairs, served in Parliament, and died about 1815. Jairus R. Brush died March 29, 1870, and his widow passed away May 29, 1877, aged seventy-eight years.

Mr. Brush came into possession of a part of the homestead farm, and later removed to Malden township, settling on Lot 52, Concession 5, where he purchased a farm and where he was living at the time of his death. He fought through the war of 1812 and also saw service in the Rebellion of 1837, as did also his brothers John and Silas. His family was as follows: Lucinda married Charles Pastorius and lived at Harrow at the time of her death; Euranian married George Clininsmith and lived in Raleigh township, County of Kent; Elizabeth married Simon Kemp, of Amherstburg, Ont.; Mary married John D. Clute, of Raleigh township; Dorcas married James Shepley, of Colchester South; Wheeler is mentioned again; Charles died unmarried in Colchester; Jairus R. is a resident of Colchester and the oldest surviving member of the family; Cornwall D. died May 24, 1903, in Malden township; Sarah is the widow of John Pattipiece, of Anderdon township; Nathan lived most of his life in Colchester, where he died; Stephen is a resident of Malden township; Ellen married Oliver Bunker, and they removed to the State of Illinois, where she died about 1868.

Wheeler Brush, father of Nathan V., was born June 8, 1826, in Colchester South, and there grew to manhood and married Margaret Anderson. About eight years later he removed to Malden township and bought a forty-acre farm near the Town Hall, and still later he purchased the 200-acre property where he passed the greater part of his life. Here he erected a fine mansion and farm buildings and made an ideal rural home. He became noted for his success in agriculture, as well as his prominence in public affairs, was always interested in the success of the Liberal party, and active in its support. Many offices of responsibility were

offered him, and he served on numerous occasions as councilor, assessor, and in other positions. Mr. Brush was one of the leading members of the Wesleyan Methodist Church and served for a number of years as one of the trustees, in his life setting an example of Christian rectitude.

Nathan V. Brush was the eldest born in his parents' family, the others being as follows: Lorenzo C., born Feb. 20, 1853, a thrifty farmer of Malden township, is now serving his first term as reeve of that township; he married Florence Ong, and they have children—Charles, Maud, Ross, Myrtle and Ledson. Mary J. resides with her mother on the home place. Janet L. is the wife of William F. Gott, of Amherstburg, Ont. Brock, M.D., is a physician practicing at Croswell, Michigan. Margaret is the wife of George Gott, Jr., of Amherstburg. Frank G. carries on farming on the home place. Isabella resides at home.

Nathan V. Brush was born June 8, 1851, in Colchester South, and was six years of age when the family came to Malden township. He enjoyed good common-school advantages and assisted in the management of the home farm until he was twenty-five years of age, at which time he received from his father's estate the northwest fifty acres of Lot 36, Concession 4, twelve acres of which had been cleared. Upon this tract Mr. Brush erected a home, and later purchased fifty additional acres from his brother, Dr. Brock Brush. Mr. Brush now owns one-half of the homestead farm, all of which is cleared and in a prosperous condition. His buildings are good and convenient and he is considered one of the most successful farmers in the township.

Mr. Brush married, in Malden, Sarah, daughter of George Mickle, and to this union have been born children as follows: Louisa Margaret (now the wife of Charles Atkinson, of Malden), Mabel Wilhelmina, Russell, Nora Selena (who died Oct. 8, 1887), Stafford and Howard. All of the family are active in the Methodist Church, to which Mr. Brush liberally contributes.

In politics Mr. Brush is a Liberal, and he has always taken a keen interest in public matters. His fellow citizens have on many occasions called upon him to serve in official life, and for the past fifteen years he has been one of the school trustees, his efficient service being in no small degree responsible for the excellence of the public school system in Malden

township. For four years he was the township auditor, and for two years was assessor, while at the present writing he is serving his third year as township treasurer. All these marks of confidence and public esteem show very conclusively the manner of man he is, while in every other relation of life, aside from that of public affairs, he is justly regarded in as favorable a light. Fraternally he is a member of the order of United Workmen. Mr. Brush most worthily upholds a name which has been the synonym of rectitude and integrity for very many years in Malden township.

JOHN WATT, one of the prominent general farmers and fruit growers, and a former merchant, of Pelee Island, County Essex, was born at Fergus, County Wellington, Ont., June 23, 1845. Mr. Watt belongs to the same family which produced the noted James Watt, whose discoveries concerning the possibilities of steam revolutionized almost every branch of the world's activity.

John Watt, the father of our subject, was born near Glasgow, Scotland, a son of James Watt, who was a linen draper in the city of Glasgow. There John Watt grew to manhood, and was given good educational opportunities. Anxious to see the world, with a young man's ambition for an individual career, he embarked on a sailing-vessel from Glasgow, and six weeks later reached the port of Quebec. For some time he engaged in school teaching in the vicinity of Hamilton, moving then to County Wellington and locating at Fergus. There he engaged in a mercantile business, becoming prominent and successful in his line. He accumulated a large amount of real estate which for a time was considered valuable, but through changed conditions later depreciated so that he lost something like \$75,000. He was for a number of years one of the leading citizens, serving in many official positions with the utmost efficiency. In politics he was a Conservative all his life. For a long period he was a justice of the peace, and he was a captain in the old militia. During the Rebellion of 1837-38 he took an active part as a volunteer. Capt. Watt was a true Scotchman and possessed all the characteristics which have made natives of that country notable the world over. While a loyal Canadian, year by year of his life becoming more proud of the home of his adoption, he never forgot his native land. In every relation of life he sustained a high character and left a

name of honor and integrity to his descendants. His death took place at Fergus in 1879, and he was buried in the Presbyterian cemetery in that place. Capt. Watt married Catherine Black, a woman in every way worthy of his regard and they had a family of nine children born to them, who reflected the virtues of their worthy parents. Her death also took place at Fergus, about twenty years before that of her husband, and she is interred by his side.

The children of Capt. Watt and his wife were as follows: James, a barrister at Guelph, Ont.; Hugh, a physician at Fort Steele, British Columbia, and ex-member of the Provincial Legislature; Jennie, who married W. B. Harvey, Esq., of Sydenham, Ont.; John, of this sketch; Alexander, a lumberman in the States; Elizabeth and Catherine, who both died in young womanhood; Thomas, deceased, a counsellor-at-law, located at St. Helena, California; and Margaret, who resides at St. Helena.

The boyhood and early youth of John Watt were passed at Fergus, where his education was obtained, and he began his business life as a clerk in the Bank of Montreal, at Fergus. This position he resigned in order to take a course at Bryant & Stratton's Commercial College, Toronto, with a view of preparing more particularly for a commercial career. Here he graduated with credit and then returned home. Soon after, in association with his brother Hugh, he became interested in newspaper work and they conducted the *Fergus News-Record* and also were agents for the Montreal Telegraph Co. At this time the memorable Fenian Raid of 1866 took place across the Niagara frontier, and, as the subject of our sketch belonged to the Fergus Rifle Company, he went with the Wellington Battalion to resist the invasion. For this service he holds a medal, also Government scrip for 160 acres of land in New Ontario. A few years later they sold the newspaper, but John retained the position of telegraph agent until he secured that of accountant and teller in the Royal Canadian Bank at Fergus. When the bank failed, in 1869, he accepted a similar position in the Beattie Bank, of Fergus, and he became telegraph operator for the Dominion Telegraph Co., a position he most capably filled until 1878.

In this year Mr. Watt's abilities were recognized by his appointment to the important and responsible position of accountant and teller of the Imperial Bank of Canada, in the branch opened at Fergus, where he remained until in

1881 he was shown still greater confidence by being appointed manager for that bank at Port Colborne, where he resided four years. In 1885 he established a branch of the Imperial Bank of Canada at Essex Centre, County Essex, where he devoted five years of his life to financial matters, so closely that his health became sadly impaired. This led him to seek a change and a rural life appealed most strongly to him, resulting in his purchase of a forty-acre tract of desirable land on Pelee Island, well located although yet uncultivated. In 1890 he resigned his position in the bank and embarked in farming. The family was soon settled on Pelee Island, where they have enjoyed country life for the past fourteen years. Despite his early pursuits of so different a nature Mr. Watt has made a great success of his agricultural experiment. He was a pioneer in the sugar beet industry, and acted as the agent for the Dresden Sugar Beet Co., his industry in this line proving exceedingly profitable. He carries on general farming and is a large fruit grower, having been the first on the Island to propagate successfully a number of choice varieties. In addition to managing his own property, he is agent for the Dr. Scudder estate. A mercantile business which he established near the Scudder dock was capably carried on by his estimable wife and daughters, until sold in the spring of 1904.

On July 6, 1869, near London, Ont., Mr. Watt married Charlotte Vining, who was born at Thorndale, County of Middlesex, Sept. 11, 1847, daughter of Rev. Salmon and Maria (Bodville) Vining, the former of whom was a minister of the Baptist faith. The eight children of this union are: Ethelind, who married Samuel Graham, lives on Pelee Island, and has four children; Maud, wife of Capt. S. A. McCormick, also lives on the Island, and has two children; John, Jr., a fisherman of the Rainy River District, who married Anna Bottum (since deceased), and has one son, John, who resides with our subject; Albert, a coal operator in Estevan, Assa.; James, Margery and Catherine, at home; and Grace, who died December, 1902. Mrs. Watt is a lady of education and refinement, and is president of the Ladies' Aid Society of the North End of Pelee Island. The home life of the family is characterized by extreme culture. Both Mr. and Mrs. Watt are members of the Presbyterian Church, but as there is no Presbyterian Church on the Island they attend the Methodist, and are active in

its charitable and benevolent missions. Mr. Watt has always taken a deep and intelligent interest in public affairs and has been one of the prime movers in the accomplishment of the drainage of the Island. His four years of service as a member of the township council, during three of which he was reeve, were marked by much influence in the direction of permanent improvements and public-spirited enterprises, and for several years he served as chairman of the school board, his education and knowledge of the demands of modern life making him well qualified for these positions. Fraternally he is a Master Mason, belonging to the lodge established at Essex.

JOHN H. CONOVER, of the firm of Greenhill & Conover, very prosperous hardware merchants of Leamington, and a man who has been quite prominent in the affairs of that city, was born in the County of Kent, Ont., Oct. 31, 1864, a son of Garrett and Julia Ann (Kenney) Conover. He was one of a family of nine children, six of whom survive: David H., a lumberman of Baldwin, Michigan; William A., a lumberman of Onaway, Michigan; Mary C., who married Albert Bowersox, of Cedar Springs, Michigan; Hulda M., who married Albert Corey, of Muskegon, Michigan; Sarah A., who married John Ainsley, of Pierson, Michigan; and John H.

Garrett Conover was born near Toronto, and there grew to manhood, working upon the farm. His father, also named Garrett, a farmer and brewer, came to Canada from Pennsylvania; he took a prominent part in the colonial wars. Garrett Conover, the father of John H., was married in Little York, now Toronto, and soon thereafter moved to the County of Essex, Ont., where he engaged in farming. In 1872 he went to Newaygo county, Michigan, where he engaged in lumbering, and was very successful, continuing in that line a dozen or fifteen years, when he retired from active business. At present he is living in Muskegon, Michigan. In politics he was a Conservative, and he still retains his citizenship in Canada. His religious opinions make of him a Baptist, and he is still a member of that church. His first wife died in 1872, and he later married Mrs. David, by whom he had no children.

John H. Conover remained at home until he was ten years of age, when he went to live with his uncle, Peter Conover, at Sea Cliff, County of Essex, and continued with him until he was sev-

enteen years of age. He then went to Michigan and associated himself with his brothers in a milling business, remaining there for three years. However, in 1884, he returned to Canada, and settled at Leamington, occupying a position in the hardware store of W. C. Coulson, with whom he remained until Mr. Coulson was burned out, at which time he accepted a position with W. S. Pulford, and thus continued until 1890. That year Mr. Pulford sold his business to Mr. Greenhill, and Mr. Conover engaged with the latter gentleman. In 1899 Mr. Conover purchased a half interest in the business, and he is now one of the leading business men in Leamington, the concern occupying first place among the houses of its kind in this vicinity. He is also identified with other enterprises, being a director of the South Essex Oil & Gas Co., of which he was one of the promoters; it was capitalized at \$500,000. In politics Mr. Conover is a Liberal. He is now serving his fourth term as a member of the town council, and, judging from the trend of public sentiment, it is safe to predict that he will be offered the nomination of his party for mayor.

On Nov. 18, 1889, Mr. Conover was married to Miss Dora Crosby, of Uxbridge, County of Ontario, and they had one child, Clinton C. Mrs. Conover died in March, 1895, and in April, 1896, Mr. Conover married Miss Ida M. Ryall, daughter of W. H. Ryall, of Leamington, now deceased. One child was born to this marriage, Garrett R. Fraternally Mr. Conover is a member of I.O.O.F. Lodge No. 140, and the Encampment, and has filled all the chairs in both lodges. He is also a member of the Chosen Friends, and is very popular in all these organizations. Mr. Conover is one of the most popular business men of Leamington. He is an enthusiastic sportsman, one of the best trap shooters in the county, and is a man generally liked by all classes of men. He has a handsome and valuable collection of coins, which is well worthy of note.

ROBERT G. MOON, of Gosfield North, is one of the many men in the County of Essex who have made agriculture their lifelong occupation, and, bringing to their work intelligence, industry and good business skill, have reaped a bountiful reward from their labor. Mr. Moon was born in the neighboring County of Oxford, in the town of Woodstock, Oct. 26, 1856, son of Jesse and Mary (Burtin) Moon.

Jesse Moon was born in England, where he was reared. About 1833 he there married Mary



John H Conover

Burtin, and, in 1849, came with his family to Canada. He settled on a farm in the County of Oxford, where he died ten years later. Mrs. Moon survived till 1875, when she, too, passed away, leaving nine children living, most of them grown. (1) Miss Mary, born in 1835, resides in Essex. (2) Caroline, born in July, 1837, married George Leak, of Essex, and has a large family. (3) Ellen, born in 1839, is the wife of Charles Smith, of Rochester township. (4) Eli died in England. (5) Frederick W., born in 1844, married Miss Mary Roe, of Rochester, and settled there. He died in February, 1896, and his wife in 1902, the parents of children—John E., Albert R., Grace C., Ebert, Lunetta A. (deceased), Carrie and Harry (both deceased), Cecil, and Jessie M. (6) Samuel, born in 1846, married in Detroit, and settled there in business. (7) David, born in 1848, lived for some years on a farm in Gosfield, Concession 9, and is now living retired in Battle Creek, Michigan; he married Miss Levera Tilden, of the County of Essex, and has one son, William. (8) Elizabeth, the first child of the family born in the County of Essex, in 1851, married Thomas Knight, deceased, and lives in Port Huron, Michigan, with her two sons, Jesse and Thomas. (9) Amos, born in December, 1853, when last heard from was living in Michigan. (10) Robert G.

The father died when Robert G. Moon was only two years old, and his mother moved to a farm in Rochester township, in the County of Essex, where he was reared. He attended the district schools, and afterward, when quite a young man, went for one year to the Woodstock high school. He learned the carpenter's trade, and had been working at it a few years when he married. Then he bought fifty acres of land in Concession 9, Gosfield North, and lived there in the woods for a year, after which he rented a farm in Rochester for three years. In 1882 he returned to Gosfield and purchased a farm in Concession 10, Lot 24, his present home. He built a log cabin in which he lived for some years until he got his farm cleared and good barns and other buildings erected. Much of the credit for his success he gives to his wife, on whose good judgment and able management he could ever rely, and who was his cheerful helpmeet in all the hardworking years. In 1900 the present large brick house was built, finished in hard wood, and with all modern improvements. In 1895 Mr. Moon bought an adjoining fifty acres, which he has

also cleared and improved, and again in 1902 another fifty acres, and he now has one of the fine places of Gosfield.

On Sept. 9, 1878, Mr. Moon and Miss Maggie Turnbull were united in marriage. Mrs. Moon, who is a year younger than her husband, was born in the County of Essex, daughter of Jenkins and Jane Turnbull, Scotch people who came to Canada and settled in Tilbury, where their daughter was educated. To Mr. and Mrs. Moon six children have been born: George R., born Aug. 2, 1879, married Miss Emma Bacom, of Gosfield, and has one daughter, Laura; he resides on Concession 11, in Mersea. Charles E., born in Rochester May 15, 1881, is a graduate of Leamington Business College, and is now employed as a clerk and bookkeeper in Woodslee; Malvena, born on July 17, 1882, resides with his parents on the farm, and helps in the tillage of the soil; Clarence O., born July 29, 1884, is learning the plumbing trade in Detroit; Sarah Edna, born Dec. 26, 1886, is a great source of help and comfort to her parents and brothers; and Athol A., born Oct. 14, 1888, is a student in the Leamington high school.

Mr. Moon belongs to the old Reform party in politics, but has never taken an active part in such work, and has no ambition to hold office. His only official connection has been with the schools, of which he was a trustee for nine years. The family all attend the Methodist Church, and are relied on to help in all its good works. Mr. Moon belongs to Woodslee Lodge, No. 220, I. O. O. F. He is one of the progressive, self-made men of the county, and one of Gosfield's most substantial and respected citizens.

MICHAEL McHUGH, town clerk and municipal officer of Maidstone township, residing on Lot 22, N. M. R., was born on Lot 16, Concession 5, in Maidstone, Sept. 22, 1850.

Michael and Ellen (McHugh) McHugh (no relation), his parents, were pioneers of Maidstone. They were both born in County Cavan, Ireland, where they grew up and married, coming to Canada as early as 1845, via Quebec. They made the trip on a sailing-vessel, the voyage taking seven weeks, and upon reaching Quebec they came direct to Maidstone. They settled in a little log cabin in Concession 5, where they made their home for a number of years, until they erected a better house. The father died in August, 1872, aged sixty-four, while the mother survived until August, 1893, pass-

ing away at the age of eighty-four. Religiously they were Roman Catholics and devout in their faith. Politically Mr. McHugh was a Conservative. Five children were born to himself and wife: Peter, born in Ireland, was educated in Canada, and is now a resident of Detroit; he has a family. Philip, born in Maidstone, married and settled there, but later moved to Detroit, where he died, leaving a wife and family. Mary, born in Maidstone, married Peter L'Esperance, of Maidstone, and they have a family. Annie, born in Maidstone, married C. Maitre, and they reside in Maidstone; they have a large family.

Michael McHugh, Jr., the subject proper of this sketch, grew to manhood on the homestead, and received his education in the district schools, and later became a student in the Toronto schools. After completing his course he engaged in teaching for nearly a quarter of a century, being successful in his work. After his marriage he lived for a time on the McHugh homestead, but in 1885 he purchased his present home, at Woodslee, where he owns a fine brick residence, and farm lands outside his premises.

In September, 1873, Mr. McHugh married Miss Mary Jane McPharlin, who was born in Maidstone Oct. 16, 1850, daughter of Hugh and Margaret (Nolan) McPharlin, pioneers of Maidstone. Mrs. McHugh is an educated woman and possesses a charming personality. This marriage has been blessed with fourteen children, two of whom died young, viz.: Agnes, born June 5, 1874, died young. Mary Clara, born in Maidstone, Nov. 1, 1875, was educated in the Essex high school, and for six years taught school; she is now the wife of James J. Murphy, a merchant of Ruscom, County of Essex, and they have three children, Francis, M. Monica and James Aloysius. Charles Joseph, born Dec. 26, 1877, is bookkeeper for one of the wholesale houses of Detroit; he is unmarried. Mary Jane, born in Maidstone, March 27, 1879, was educated for the profession of teaching; she is now the wife of Thomas P. McCloskey, a railroad employe, of Maidstone Cross, and they have one child, Mary Margaret. Jerome John, born Nov. 1, 1880, is at home. Arthur Michael born Jan. 1, 1883, assists in the office and on the farm. Ann Elizabeth, born Dec. 24, 1884, died in infancy. Agnes Anastasia, born Jan. 26, 1886, is a saleslady in J. J. Murphy's general store at Ruscom, Ont. Frances Loretto, born Aug. 27, 1887, assists her mother,

at home. William Vincent, born April 15, 1889, is a student at Assumption College, Sandwich. Simon Leo, born June 28, 1891, Mabel Margaret Ellen, born March 30, 1893, Ann Veronica, born July 26, 1895, and Francis Aloysius, born Jan. 29, 1897, are all pupils in the home school.

Religiously Mr. and Mrs. McHugh are members of the Catholic Church, and they were among the early supporters of the church in Maidstone. Politically Mr. McHugh has always been identified with the Conservative party. In 1891 he was elected town clerk, which position he still holds, and he is also one of the county auditors, having held that position for thirteen years. He is in every way a responsible, solid, upright man. He is a member of the C. M. B. A., at Maidstone.

Mr. McHugh has been engaged as a conveyancer of land, and is a general business man. For many years he was one of the leading instructors of the County of Essex, and he is one of Maidstone's public-spirited, ambitious men, whose efforts have always been directed toward good municipal government and improvement, provided the latter are best for the community at large. He is loved and esteemed by all who have relations with him, and many of the leading men of the County of Essex point to him with pride as the one who guided them in their early studies, and imparted knowledge gained during a long and useful life. Mr. McHugh is a man of untarnished honor, whose acts as a public official are such as to gain distinction for him and the gratitude of his constituents. He is one of the popular men of the township, and his standing demonstrates that sterling worth and high character are truly appreciated.

WILLIAM PHILLIPS is a native of Lincolnshire, England, where he was born in 1850, a son of Andrew Phillips. His grandfather was also born in England, and there died. We have mention of three of his children, William, Thomas and Andrew.

Andrew Phillips, the father of William, was the only one of the family to come to Ontario, and he settled in Windsor, where he followed the carpenter's trade. He married, in England, Miss Martha Morris, who was born in England, Feb. 18, 1823. Andrew Phillips died in November, 1887, but his widow still survives. They were the parents of the following children: James M., who served in the American Rebellion,

and is now deceased; Thomas, of Michigan; William; Frederick, of Windsor; Henry, of Michigan; Richard, of Owosso, Michigan (all of these were born in England); and Albert and Frank, born in Windsor, where they still reside.

William Phillips was only six years old when brought by his parents to Ontario, and with the exception of two years spent in Detroit has lived in that Province ever since. In 1866, when only sixteen, he served in the Fenian Raid, and he has a handsome silver medal, made at the Royal Mint, bestowed upon him for gallant services. After his war services he went into the bakery business, but was obliged to give up this line of work for one which would keep him out of doors, on account of ill health. He accordingly learned the carpenter's trade, and for many years was employed by the American government in the construction of lighthouses. Since 1898 he has been foreman for D. M. Ferry & Co., at their Windsor office.

On May 11, 1871, Mr. Phillips married Isabella Bain, daughter of William and Mary (Stone) Bain, and granddaughter of Angus Bain and William Stone. Mrs. Phillips was born in Cleveland, Ohio, Oct. 6, 1850. Her father followed the foundry business in Sandwich, and was also justice of the peace and inspector of weights and measures. His death occurred in Sandwich, Feb. 28, 1874, and his widow passed away in September, 1899. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Bain settled in Kingston, and they became the parents of the following children, all of whom, except Mrs. Phillips, are now deceased: Hugh, Martha, Jane, William, Isabella (Mrs. Phillips), Mary and Angus. Mr. Bain's father, Angus Bain, was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, and died in his native land; he was the father of the following children: Hugh, Angus, William, John, Isabella, Mary and Agnes. In 1852 Hugh Bain, when only fourteen years of age, received a gold medal for making a brass cannon. Mrs. Phillips has borne her husband six children: William; Mary, widow of William Sigler, who was killed in Detroit, July 13, 1901, by an electric light wire, while at work for the Bell Telephone Co. (she has two children, Hattie and Charles M.); Edith, married to Weston Hartford, of Leamington, Ont., a conductor on the Ann Arbor railroad, residing in Ypsilanti, Michigan; Charles Bain, deceased; Belle, deceased; and Isabella, a student in the Windsor Business College. Mr. and Mrs. Phillips are members of the English Church, in which they are quite active. Politically Mr. Phillips is a

Conservative, and fraternally he is a member of the I.O.O.F. Both he and his most excellent wife have spent most of their life in this vicinity and have been thoroughly identified with its best interests.

M. WILLIAM WHITE, a farmer of the township of Sandwich South, County of Essex, was born Nov. 10, 1860, at his present home. He comes from a family well known in the region, being a son of Peter White, and is a representative man of his generation, as his father was of the previous generation.

Peter White was born in 1809, in County Tipperary, Ireland, and came to America when a young man, settling in Amherstburg, County of Essex, Ont., in 1837. In 1838 he was married, by Bishop McCloskey, of Detroit, to Matilda Gore, who was born in 1815, in Dublin, Ireland, and the young couple located in the Indian Reserve, on the river front, near the old Indian burying-ground, where Mr. White farmed for a year. He then purchased the place now owned and occupied by his son William, which is on the town line in the township of Sandwich South, Lot 6. The place was then in its primitive state, and Mr. White erected a log house and commenced life in true pioneer style, prospering in spite of hardships, and laying the foundations for a comfortable home. He made numerous improvements on his land, which thus increased in value from year to year, and in time the log house was supplanted by a good frame dwelling, in which he lived until his death. He became prominent in the affairs of the locality, taking just as much interest in promoting the welfare of the community as he did in his own prosperity, and he was justly regarded as one of the most valuable citizens of his section. He was well known throughout his section of the county, and the invariable expression of his neighbors was that he was a good man in every one of life's relations. His kindly disposition and upright character made him beloved as well as esteemed, and his wife shared in the respect and affection which he commanded among their wide circle of friends. Mr. White was one of the early promoters of popular education in his county, and was one of the school trustees of the township of Sandwich, and continued to be active in the cause of education all his life. In fact, he was noted for solid worth wherever he was known, and as a man who followed the dictates of a strong conscience and a broad, charitable disposition.

Mr. and Mrs. White reared a large family of children, of whom we have the following record: (1) Hugh, the eldest, born in Anderdon, died at the home place when thirty-six years old. He was a clerk for George Mason, of Sandwich, for a number of years, and also left a farm. (2) Ellen is the wife of Richard Shuel, and has five children, Alvin, Maud, Lena, Fannie and Hugh. They reside in Sandwich South. (3) Louise, born in Sandwich South, is the widow of John Niel, and resides in the County of Welland, Canada. She has one daughter, Emma. (4) Fannie married Alexander Sunderland, and both are deceased. They left two children, Mary and Lillie, the latter since deceased. (5) Edward married Lizzie Rood, of Canada, and they settled on his farm in Sandwich South, where he died in 1880, leaving his wife with one daughter, Stella. (6) Lizzie died in young womanhood. (7) Emily is the wife of Robert Sunderland, now of Detroit, Michigan; they have no living children. (8) Alice died in childhood. (9) M. William, whose name introduces this sketch, is the only surviving son. The mother passed away in October, 1894, and the father on April 11, 1895. They were members of the Church of England, and politically he was a Grit. He held many local offices, serving acceptably in all of them.

M. William White grew to manhood on the home place, and has always remained there. He received the advantages of a good common school education, but began work quite early, and was only a young man when the management of the place came into his hands. He has made many improvements on the property, and in 1899 erected a large bank barn. His conduct of the place has been attended with profitable results, his work entitling him to a place among the intelligent and thrifty farmers of the neighborhood.

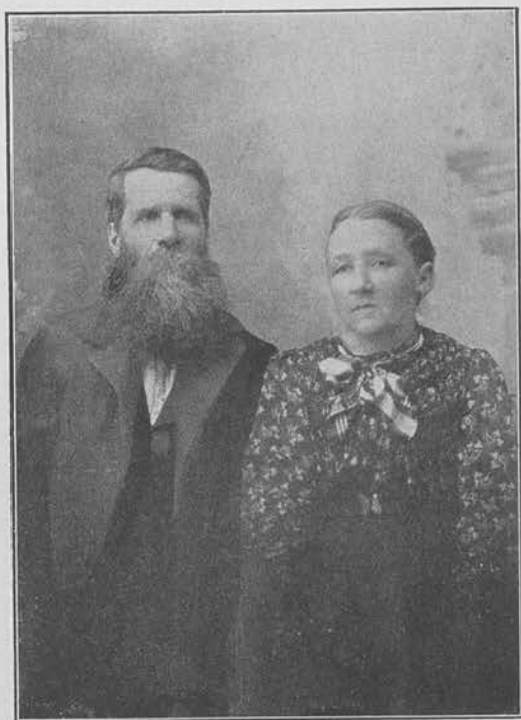
In February, 1890, Mr. White married Miss Sarah McLaughlin, who was born in the County of Welland, Canada, in 1866, grew up in that county, and came to the old White homestead upon her marriage, dying there in October, 1900. She left no children. Her parents, Edwin and Sarah McLaughlin, were natives of Ireland. Mrs. White was a member of the Church of England. Politically Mr. White has always been a Grit, and he has been active in local matters, like his father taking especial interest in public education; he has held the office of school treasurer for five years. Socially Mr. White belongs to the Masonic order at Windsor.

REMIE CECILE, one of the self-made men of Sandwich East, who has worked his way up till he now possesses a competence, was born at Windsor, Oct. 19, 1840, son of Antoine and Angel (Morand) Cecile.

Antoine Cecile, his paternal grandfather, was for many years a blacksmith on the river front, but later moved back to the Tecumseh Road, where he died, leaving one son and three daughters. Emily, the eldest daughter, was the wife of Victor Ouellette, of Windsor; both are now deceased, leaving two daughters who reside in that city. Monique, the second, born in Windsor, was the wife of Thomas Antaya, of the river Canard, and is now deceased. Catherine, born in Windsor, is the widow of Samuel LeTourneau, and with her children lives in Windsor.

Antoine Cecile (2), the only son, followed his father's trade and combined it with farming, as at the death of his father the farm home descended to him. He lived there at the homestead until his death in 1886, aged seventy years, and his wife survived him six years, dying at the age of seventy-nine. They were devout Catholics, and were numbered among the founders of the first church established in Sandwich. Antoine Cecile and his wife left a family of seven children, as follows: Emily, the wife of Frank Garden, who lives at Detroit; Artemise, who married Charles Teno, of Detroit; Emma, the wife of Cyrile Lesperance, of Sandwich East; Virginia, married to John Tour, of Walkerville; Eliza, who married George Nantais, of Walkerville; Ferdinand, a resident of Detroit, who married Arcanze Paquette, who is now deceased; and Remie.

Remie Cecile grew up on his father's farm, and he helped clear the land and develop it to its present condition. When a young man he bought a threshing machine, worked by horse power, and has worked at threshing in various parts of the county for forty-five years. His first more primitive machine was replaced by a steam thresher, and later by one of a still more highly improved variety. He also owns all kinds of machines for agricultural work, and has never had any difficulty with this kind of work. Mr. Cecile has also invested quite largely in real estate and has bought not only the old homestead, but 100 acres adjoining. On both he has erected an entire set of new buildings, and has established his son Joseph on the latter place. He also built a hotel on a part of it, which his son George conducts.



MR. REMIE CECILE MRS. REMIE CECILE.

In 1860 Mr. Cecile married Miss Caroline Hebert, who was born in Sandwich East, April 6, 1841, and belongs to an old French family of Sandwich. Her parents, John and Maggie (McGregory) Hebert, resided in the County of Essex, where the father worked as a farmer and carpenter, and he died in 1896, at the advanced age of eighty-eight years; the mother passed away in 1864, aged forty-four. Both were members of the Catholic Church. Their children were as follows: John, a fisherman of Sandwich East; Gregory, of Windsor, Ont.; Eliza, deceased; Henry, a hotel-keeper of Sandwich East; Annie, deceased, who married George Couvion; Peter, deceased; Thresa, who married Gilbert Sharon, of Windsor, Ont.; Caroline, wife of Remie Cecile; and Francis, a farmer of Maidstone township, County of Essex.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecile have had children as follows: (1) George, a hotel-keeper, who lives on the Tecumseh Road, married Florence Lafond, and they have six children, Eugene, Ida, Eva, Rosa, Clarence and Adelia. (2) Albert, who lives on the river front in Sandwich East, married Eliza Tousignant, and has seven children, Louise, Alex, Alfred, Josephine, Lina, Jerry and Isadore. (3) Henry, living on the river front, married Miss Sophia Mailloux, and is the father of four children, Alphonse, Vendrille, Valerie and Omev. (4) Adolphus, who lives on the Tecumseh Road, married Florence St. Antoine, and has three children, Ellen, Raymond and Eveline. (5) Joseph married Armeline Berthiaume, and lives on a part of the old homestead; they have two daughters, Marie and Mabel. (6) Arthur, who married Edwige Gouin, is a clerk in a store in Tecumseh. (7) Albemle, living on the Tecumseh Road, married Ella Pritchard, and has two children, Belva and Oscar. (8) Ferdinand, unmarried, is at home. (9) Ernest, unmarried is at home. (10) Elizabeth, the deceased wife of Israel Louzon, of Sandwich East, left two sons, Arthur and Adolphus. (11) Minnie, unmarried, is at home. The family are all members of the Catholic Church. All have received good educational advantages.

In politics Mr. Cecile is a Conservative. For a year he served as a councillor, and for fourteen was treasurer of the school board. He is a deserving and industrious man, and, though he started in life with no advantages of education and with little means, he has by unremitting toil succeeded in life, and is now reaping the reward of his early industry, enjoying in his present af-

fluence the universal respect and liking of his neighbors. He has proved a good business man, and has won success by being honorable and just in all his dealings, and has never been engaged in a lawsuit, even when he has been the injured party. It is no wonder that he is well thought of by all who know him. He has always been public-spirited, and is at present serving as commissioner of West Marsh Drain; he gave a strip of land on his farm forty feet wide, comprising five acres, for an electric railway, as well as two places where the pumps are situated. In spite of hard work he is well preserved and young in appearance, and he is very active and pleasant to deal with.

ALBERT S. CUMMIFORD, a farmer of Gosfield North, on the Talbot Road North, Lot 277, is a member of one of the prominent pioneer families of the County of Essex, and bears a name always regarded with the highest respect. His present home was also the scene of his birth, which occurred Sept. 17, 1841. His parents were James and Ann (Jones) Cummiford, the former born in Chatham, County of Kent, July 25, 1818, and the latter in Somersetshire, England, in January, 1819.

The maternal grandparents were John and Elizabeth Jones, who came to Canada from England, and settled on a farm in Maidstone, County of Essex. John Jones was a weaver by trade, and followed that occupation as long as he lived, while his sons carried on the farm. The paternal grandparents were Thomas and Margaret Cummiford, who were both born in Ireland. He was a soldier in the British army, came to Canada, and was stationed at Fort Malden at the time of his discharge. He first settled at Chatham, County of Kent, for a short time, and then moved to the present home in 1832. He cleared the wild land and made a good farm, and remained there until 1848, when he moved to Grand Rapids, Michigan, settling on a farm, where he died. His first wife died at Chatham, and for his second he married a Miss Moore, who left no family.

Mrs. Margaret Cummiford left three sons and two daughters: (1) Thomas, the eldest, followed the lakes and became a captain of a vessel. He died of smallpox while on one of his voyages. (2) Isaac died when a boy of sixteen years. (3) Rebecca became the wife of John M. Dalson, of Chatham, and died leaving a family of three children, Ellen, Charles and Henry. (4) Mar-

garet married W. Wigle, who settled in Gosfield, where they both died, leaving six children, Joseph M., deceased; Rebecca, deceased wife of Henry Fox; Euphemia, deceased wife of Jackson Reeves, of Gosfield; Louisa, wife of Jason Herrington, of Gosfield; Catherine, wife of James Endsley, of Gosfield; and Josiah, deceased. (5) James was our subject's father.

James Cummiford grew up at the present home purchased from his father in 1840, and made it his permanent abode. There he erected a log house and made general improvements. Later in his life he built a sawmill at North Ridge, which he operated, and he died in North Ridge in April, 1901. His widow now lives with her son Albert. James Cummiford was a local minister in the Methodist Church for forty years, and was one of the first founders of church work in his section. Politically he was a Liberal for a great many years, was magistrate of Gosfield, also a member of the council, and a very prominent man in local politics generally.

To James Cummiford and his wife a family of nine children was born: (1) Albert S. is the eldest. (2) Catherine, born in 1843, became the wife of John J. Williams, of Gosfield; both are deceased. (3) Salina, born in 1845, is the widow of John McAlister, of Michigan, and has two children, Stella and Maud. (4) Rebecca is the deceased wife of Thomas Squires, of Gosfield, and left two daughters, Cecilia and Minnie, the latter deceased. (5) Louisa became the wife of Andrew English, of Blenheim, County of Kent, and died leaving no family. (6) Windle S., born in 1853, married Miss Bell Hillier, of Gosfield, and resides at South Woodslee; they have one son, Frank. (7) Milton married Miss Sarah Armstrong, of Strathroy, where he engaged in business. They have a family of five children, Shirley, Pauline, Bessie, Lytle and Edith. (8) Amelia died when a young lady. (9) Emily is the wife of David McCreary, of Gosfield, and has one son, Glen.

Albert S. Cummiford grew up at home, receiving most of his education in the family, as school advantages then were limited. He always assisted about the farm and while still young assumed all the responsibility of the management. When he married he brought his wife there, and has always made it his home. Most of the improvements on the place are his work, as he cleared the greater part of it, put up needed farm buildings, and in 1872 erected the comfortable modern house in which his family now lives.

In October, 1865, Mr. Cummiford was married to Miss Ellen Colthorp, who was born in 1842, daughter of James and Elizabeth Colthorp, who moved to the County of Essex from Lower Canada. To this union have come three children: (1) Arthur, the eldest, born in October, 1866, has received a good education at the home schools. He married Miss Presetta R. Garinger, of Gosfield, and they reside with his father at the homestead. They have two children, Gladys, born in 1893, and Lorne, born in 1900. (2) Ada, born in 1868, married W. N. Trimble, of Ottawa, and they now reside at Strathcona, near Edmonton, in Northwest Canada, where Mr. Trimble is engaged in the real estate business. They have two children, Grace and Albert. (3) Maud, born in 1880, was graduated from the Essex high school, and is one of the successful teachers of the County of Essex.

Religiously Mr. Cummiford and his family are connected with the Methodist Church, where he has been one of the active workers ever since he was a young man; he was a steward for seven years. In politics he has always been found in the ranks of the old Liberal party, and for over twenty-five years has filled the office of county constable, a record which alone would speak for his interest in the public welfare, for his faithfulness in service and his efficiency.

CHARLES LITTLE, SR., a retired farmer of Maidstone, South Talbot Road, Lot 291, is a well-known resident of the County of Essex. He was born March 31, 1836, in County Tyrone, Ireland, and his parents, Lindsey and Catherine (Cocane) Little, were both also natives of County Tyrone, where the father was born in 1818, and the mother in 1821.

In 1837 the family crossed the ocean on a sailing-vessel to New York, the voyage taking fourteen weeks, and went thence to Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, where they lived some six years, removing then into Ohio. There Mr. Little farmed for a year, and then removed to Detroit, which, at that time, in 1843, was but a small village. The family soon moved to Windsor, Ont., where they resided awhile, and then removed to Sandwich East, living there for several years. Then Mr. Little purchased of Col. Talbot a farm in Maidstone, located near Woodslee. Here a log cabin was built, the largest part of which was a huge fireplace built of mud and sticks, the logs for which were drawn from the forests by a horse and rolled into the fire, later becoming a bed of glowing coals, and throwing out heat and

cheeriness not to be equalled by any modern methods of lighting or heating. Here Mr. Little engaged in ditching on Lake Erie, earning enough to provide for his family. He had to carry his provisions on his back a distance of some twenty miles. There being no gristmills at this time, they found it necessary to burn a hole in the heart of a large oak stump and there pounded and ground corn to make mush and cakes. The next best grinding machine was about two miles away, their neighbor having a home-made coffee-mill, and our subject and his brother Robert carried the grain to be crushed in this crude mill. For a long time they lived on the cakes made from this coarse meal and the wild game that was still plentiful.

In 1851 Mr. Little was bereft of his wife, who left five children. She had been a faithful participant in all his hardships, and during the lonely years on the farm assisted all in her power. The death of his wife induced Mr. Little to trade off his farm of 100 acres for one horse, with which he took his children back to Windsor. There he married Eliza McNattan, who was born in Ireland, and then he purchased the farm on Talbot street where our subject now lives, cleared the same from a wild condition and made many improvements. He died there May 9, 1887, leaving his widow and two children. She died June 6, 1903. The children were William and Sarah, the former of whom married and settled in Essex; the latter is the wife of Joseph Farrow, of Sandwich South, and has five children, Lindsey, William, Thomas, Eliza and Pearl.

Our subject is the eldest son of the first marriage, the others being as follows: (2) Robert, who married in Maidstone Miss Matilda Ake, of Essex, resides in Manitoba, where he is postmaster of his village and engaged in a general business line. Their children were Eliza, Lindsey, Frank, Belinda, Annie, Edward, Albert, Amos (deceased), Emory and Allen. (3) Mary A. (deceased), born in the County of Essex, married (first) Robert Hurst, deceased, by whom she had three children, Lindsey, Eliza and Robert Hurst; she married for her second husband the late Reuben Smith, and had seven children, George, William and Herbert, all residing and ranching in Manitoba; and David, Hattie, Cassie and Daniel, in the County of Essex. (4) Eliza J. is the wife of Samuel Ellis, a retired farmer of the County of Essex, and they have three children, Felecia, Samuel and Sarah. (5) George, who married Miss Harriet Dixon, of Sandwich South, is a farmer on the town line, and they

have a family of ten children, Charles, Susan, Harriet, Arthur, George, Roy, Leonard, Jennie, Nellie and Cora.

Our subject learned the carpenter trade in his youth and worked at the same for twelve years, and then began to farm. On Feb. 9, 1859, he married Miss Elizabeth Robinson, daughter of James and Sabina Robinson, one of the first families of Essex Centre, where their sons still reside. Mr. and Mrs. Little settled on the present home farm, on which Mr. Little erected a comfortable frame house, which the family occupied until 1880, when he built his present brick home, one of the fine modern homes which now ornament Talbot Street. For fifteen years Mr. Little followed butchering, having a stall in the Windsor market, and delivering meat through Essex and other towns. He also had a sawmill business, and engaged in merchandising for twenty-four years, having much business ability and enterprise. Beginning with a tract of twenty-five acres of land given him by his father, Mr. Little purchased fifty acres more, and still another fifty acres in Sandwich South, also owning eighty acres near the homestead, on which he has located his children. He owns additional tracts in different parts of the county. His home farm is conceded to be one of the finest in this section, well located, capably managed and finely improved.

A record of the nine children born to Mr. and Mrs. Little is as follows: (1) Sabina, born Nov. 18, 1859, married Thomas Webster, who has been grain buyer for Hiram Walker & Sons for the past thirty years, and they have five children, Lizzie, Mary, George, Thomas and Madeleine. (2) Catherine, born Dec. 21, 1861, is the wife of Albert Perry, who resides in Essex, and they have five children, Ada (the wife of S. Johnston), Martha (the wife of John McKee), Charles, John and May. (3) George, born Aug. 14, 1863, was drowned in his father's millpond May 27, 1881, a young man of great promise. (4) Nelson, born Feb. 4, 1866, was married Oct. 24, 1888, to Miss Alberta Stokes, of Detroit, and they reside in one of his father's farms in Maidstone; they have six children, Ethel, Lizzie, Robert, Myrtle, Harold and Hazel Pj. (5) Charles and (6) Jennie, twins, were born Dec. 16, 1870. The former married Ida Springstead, of Dutton, Ont., and they reside on his farm in Maidstone; they have four children, Ernest, Flossie, Gertrude and Bessie. Jennie married Charles Madams, who was born in England, and is an engineer on the Detroit boats; they have two chil-

dren, Edison and Ella. (7) John R., born Jan. 31, 1874, was graduated from the Detroit Business College in August, 1894, has spent four years of his life in buying and selling lumber, and has engaged in sawmill work in partnership with his brother Charles; he also operates the farm given him by his father. He is one of the intelligent, progressive young business men of his section and is very cordially received socially. (8) Robert, born Sept. 11, 1875, died Jan. 15, 1891. (9) Thomas, born April 16, 1877, married Miss Maggie Chevella, a French lady, of Maidstone, where they reside on a farm; they have three children, Gladys, Wallace and Florence. Mr. and Mrs. Little adopted Teresa Silverthorn, from the London Orphans' Home, and she has grown into a dutiful maiden of eleven years.

Religiously this family is connected with the Baptist Church, but the elder Mr. Little was a member of the Methodist Church, and was one of the founders of religious work in this section. Mr. Little has always been interested in church and Sunday-school work, and has been a liberal contributor to its support. Politically he is identified with the old Liberal party, but has never aspired to office. Positions have been many times pressed upon him by different boards, but he has refused to assume the duties.

Mr. Little has now reached that part of his life when he can feel entitled to enjoy the results of years of activity. Few men in the neighborhood are more widely or favorably known. From early boyhood he has watched the development of his section, and has been identified with most of its progression, assisting in establishing schools and churches and business enterprises, and in turning the waste places into blooming gardens and fertile fields. He has set an example in his community, and has reared to the utmost respectability and reliability a family whose members reflect credit upon him and his most estimable wife, and upon the locality where they have been reared.

THOMAS REID, head distiller at the Hiram Walker & Sons' Distillery, Walkerville, Ont., is descended from Scottish ancestry, though his father, Joseph Reid, was born in Ireland in 1811. In his native land Joseph Reid married Mary McNeil, who was also born in the Emerald Isle, in 1813. In 1833 they came to Canada, locating in Stanbridge township, County of Missisquoi, Province of Quebec, where the father followed farming until his death, May 10, 1844. He

served in the Rebellion of 1837-38. In religious faith he was a Presbyterian. His widow resided in Walkerville, surviving him until September, 1887. To Joseph Reid and his wife were born the following children: Eliza, widow of Mathew Clark, of Belleville, Ont.; Matilda M., deceased, who married Thomas Gallaway; William, deceased, who was for a time with Hiram Walker of Walkerville; Susan, deceased, who married Isaac Hillier; and Thomas.

Thomas Reid was born in the Province of Quebec, July 14, 1844, two months after his father's death, and when a year old was taken by his widowed mother to Collins Bay, near Kingston, Ont., where he grew to manhood. At eleven years of age he commenced to work out his own destiny, taking up any honest work he could find, and he early found employment on the Grand Trunk railroad, at Collins Bay. Later he was in the mills at Collins Bay, but in 1862 he removed to Walkerville. At that time the Walkerville distillery had been in operation four years, and he found employment in that plant, where he rose rapidly, in April, 1873, becoming head distiller of that immense concern, the position he still retains. In 1890 Walkerville was incorporated as a town, and Mr. Reid was a member of the first council. In 1897 and 1898 Mr. Reid was made mayor of Walkerville, and with the exception of two years has been a member of the council since his first election in 1890. In 1897 he was appointed justice of the peace for the County of Essex, and is an incumbent of that office at the present writing.

In August, 1866, Mr. Reid married Miss Elizabeth McAfee, who was born in Ottawa in 1847. Her grandfather, James McAfee, born in Ireland in 1790, died in Detroit in 1857; his wife, Elizabeth, born in Ireland in 1798, died in Detroit in 1855, and both are buried in that city. Their children were: Mary, Ellen, Elizabeth, John, Ann, Fanny and Henry. Henry McAfee, father of Mrs. Reid, was born in Ireland, Jan. 10, 1816, and died in Detroit, Oct. 25, 1892. He married Ann Jane Carter, born in 1819 and died in 1853, and to this union were born the following children: John, deceased; Jane, who married Charles B. Ford; Elizabeth, Mrs. Reid; and William Henry, of Michigan, who married Caroline Daly. For his second wife Henry McAfee married Mrs. Jane Ann Smith, and to this union was born one son, James Lee, now of Detroit, who was married there to Elizabeth Strause.

Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs.



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Reid: Hattie died at the age of five years; Andrew, who is employed in the distillery at Walkerville, married Lena Kendal, by whom he has one son, Walter; Jennie is the wife of Dr. W. H. Rankin, of Brooklyn, New York, and has two children, Thomas Reid and Edith Annetta; Annie Edith is deceased; Adaline Louise is at home. In 1892 Mr. and Mrs. Reid erected the modern brick residence on Second street, Walkerville, where they still reside. Mr. Reid and his family attend the Presbyterian Church, of which Mrs. Reid is a member. Politically Mr. Reid is a member of the Liberal party, and fraternally he is a member of the Masons and of the I.O.O.F. Upright in all his dealings, progressive and public-spirited, he is justly regarded as one of the leading men of his section of the county.

VICTOR E. MARENTETTE, a leading dealer in books, stationery and fancy goods, of Windsor, is descended from one of the pioneer French families of the County of Essex.

Benjamin Marentette, his grandfather, was born in Windsor in 1783, of French parentage. The maiden name of his wife was Genevieve Peltier, and to them were born children as follows: (1) Clotilde (deceased), married David Parent, and after his death became the wife of Charles Francois Jannisse; both were farmers in the County of Essex. (2) Alexander, a farmer in the County of Essex, married Adeline Marentette, of Sandwich West. (3) Justine married Hypolite Reaume, now deceased, who was a mason contractor in Windsor. (4) Caesar (deceased) was city treasurer for several years. He married Sarah Parent, of Sandwich East. (5) Samuel, a farmer in the County of Essex, married Salomé Jannisse, of Sandwich East.

Benjamin Marentette, Jr., the father of our subject, was born in Windsor, at the old homestead, in 1813, and died in his native place in 1897. He was a blacksmith by trade, and also owned a farm in the County of Essex. During the Rebellion of 1837 he was a private and served bravely. In politics he was a Conservative, and in religious faith a Roman Catholic. He served as councillor, also school trustee, for several years. In 1841 Mr. Marentette and Victoire Parent were united in marriage. She was the daughter of James Parent, of Sandwich West, and is still living, at the advanced age of eighty-seven; she has seen her fourth generation. This union was blessed with the following children: (1) Adolphus married Marie Anne Berthiaume, and lives in Windsor. (2) Euphrasie, unmar-

ried, is at home. (3) Anastasie married Charles H. Marentette, and lives in Windsor. To them were born the following children: Rose (deceased), George, Arthur, Victor F. (who served in the South African War), Blanche, Beulah (deceased), Ulysse (deceased), Dora and Flossie. (4) Joseph A. (deceased) married Julia Geraud, and to them was born one daughter, Irma. (5) Onesime married Kate Cloutier, and both are deceased. (6) James E. married Hedwidge Ouellette, and to them were born the following children: Oscar (deceased), Eugene, Lena, Theodore (deceased), Alma, Alfred and Louis.

Victor E. Marentette was born in Windsor, Dec. 11, 1854, and was educated in the public schools of that city. Upon reaching man's estate, in the year 1871, he commenced his business career as a clerk in the bookstore of George Fraser, and later in the same capacity was with George Grant, M. Dalgelish, Colbour Wright and George Copeland. Having thoroughly mastered all the details of the business, Mr. Marentette embarked in the same line for himself in 1881, and now occupies three floors of the building in which he first located. During the holiday season he employs from ten to twelve clerks. Having devoted his time and attention to his business affairs, Mr. Marentette takes but little interest in political matters, aside from casting his vote for the candidate of the Conservative party. In 1879 Mr. Marentette and Susan Delphine Labadie, a daughter of Charles and Susan (Jannisse) Labadie, were united in marriage. Mrs. Marentette was born in Sandwich in 1857. To this union have come the following children: May Beatrice (deceased), Ernest, Leo (deceased), Amanda, Edna, Marie Rose (deceased), Cecila and Hortense. Mr. and Mrs. Marentette adopted Miss Rose Labadie, a niece of the latter, and have given her a pleasant home since childhood. All are consistent members of the Roman Catholic Church. Mr. Marentette is one of the enterprising business men of the city, and he and his family enjoy a widespread popularity among their fellow-townpeople.

JOHN DONNELLY, a prosperous farmer of East River, Puce, 5th Concession, County of Essex, was born at his present home, April 14, 1867, and is a son of John and Mary (Sexton) Donnelly, old pioneers of Maidstone. His grandfather, John Donnelly, for a time lived at Black Rock, New York State. He came to Canada and died in Maidstone, near the present home of his

grandson, John. His death occurred in 1846, and he left two sons and three daughters: (1) William, the eldest, lived at London, Ont., being a conductor on the Great Western for many years, and he died at London, leaving two sons, Charles and John, both of Buffalo, New York. (2) Margaret married Henry Bray, of London, Ont. (3) Sarah married Patrick Murphey, of Chicago, but had no children. (4) Jane married John Dugan, of Chicago, and died in that city, leaving a family. (5) John became the father of our subject.

John Donnelly was born at Black Rock, New York State, in May, 1821, and his wife was born in County Limerick, Ireland, in 1825, daughter of Cornelius and Mary (Connely) Sexton, who came to Canada from Ireland in 1826, crossing the ocean on a sailing-vessel; the voyage consumed nine weeks. They settled on the Talbot Road, in Sandwich West, where he lived as a farmer all of his life, and both died at that home. Mrs. Donnelly and Mrs. Catherine Blanchard are the only survivors of this old family.

John Donnelly was reared in Canada, and early engaged in work on the lake, running a scow to Detroit, handling wood for a large number of lumber yards. In 1841 he married Mary Sexton, and settled at the homestead on Puce Creek, where he cut down the timber to build a home. Here he and his wife passed their married life, and he cleared up and improved the farm, erecting barns and outbuildings. His death occurred Feb. 14, 1895, and his widow now makes her home on the farm. Politically he was a Reformer, and held the office of member of the council for a number of years. In religion he was a devout member of the Catholic Church.

The children of John and Mary Donnelly were: Ellen, born in 1849, died unmarried at the home, April 21, 1901; Margaret, born in 1851, now deceased, married John Rodgers, of Detroit, who died Jan. 4, 1900, leaving three children, John, William and Ellen, who make their home with the mother of our subject; Catherine, born in 1854, married Edward Sexton, of Buffalo, New York, and has two sons, Bernard and Edward; Sarah, born in 1856, married William Elwood, a farmer of Maidstone, and has five children, William, John, Mary, Sarah and Joseph; Rose, born in 1859, married Frederick France, of Buffalo, New York, and has five children, Joseph, Marie, Alice, Lawrence and Vincent; Emma, born in 1861, married Ernest Calkins, of Chicago, and has one daughter, Mary Calkins; John is the subject of this sketch.

John Donnelly, the youngest in the family, was reared upon the farm, receiving a fair education, and earnest training in the faith of the Catholic Church, at the Catholic schools of Detroit, Michigan. When a young man he was employed in the car shops at Pullman, Illinois, there remaining seven years. He also worked at the same business at Buffalo, New York, but returned home after the death of his father, and became manager of the farm.

On Jan. 17, 1895, Mr. Donnelly married Mary Blanchard, born in Maidstone in April, 1875, a daughter of Joseph and Catherine Blanchard, pioneers of this locality. Mr. and Mrs. Donnelly reside at the homestead, where he carries on general farming, in which he is very successful. He and his wife have become the parents of the following named children: Mary, born April 21, 1896; Rose, Oct. 13, 1897; William, May 3, 1899; Joseph, July 9, 1901; Margaret, Oct. 23, 1902. Religiously Mr. Donnelly, like all the members of his family, is a consistent member of the Catholic Church, and his father and mother were among the founders of the church of that faith in Maidstone. He is also a member of the church order of C.M.B.A., Bee River Order.

Mrs. Donnelly, the mother of our subject, relates many stirring events of those days when she and her husband were struggling with the many hardships incident to the lives of pioneers. After enduring great privations, and working beyond his strength, John Donnelly left his family surrounded with comforts, and bequeathed to them a stainless name and untarnished record as an honorable Christian man.

GEORGE MULCASTER, a prosperous farmer of Gosfield North, County of Essex, resides upon a fine farm in Lot 2, Concession 8, South Talbot Road. He was born in Goderich township, County of Huron, Ont., July 13, 1848, son of Edward and Esther (Cottrell) Mulcaster, old pioneers of Ontario.

Edward Mulcaster was born in Cumberland, England, in 1803, while his wife was born in Hertfordshire, that year, and he came to Huron when a young man, his parents having died in England. His marriage occurred in the County of Huron, Ont., and there he lost his wife when his son George was three years of age, in 1851. She left him with four children: Richard, born in the County of Huron, is married and a resident of Windsor; he has been twice married and has a family by his first wife. Mary, born in

Huron, married Robert Dulmage, who moved to the Northwest Territory, and she had four children, Esther, Lucy, Howard and Anson; she is deceased. Thomas E., born in Huron, died there at the age of eleven years. George is mentioned below. In 1873 the father brought his family to the County of Essex.

George Mulcaster grew to manhood's estate in the County of Huron, where, in 1870, he married Miss Jane Lippett, of that county, who died at her home, Dec. 2, 1884, leaving five children, Thomas, Henry, Maggie (who married G. Blair, of Gosfield North), Esther and George W.; the two last named are unmarried and at home. Of these, Thomas married Lena Lewis, of Colchester; they reside on his farm in Gosfield North, and have two daughters, Lytha and Alma. Henry married Miss Rose Sweetman of Gosfield, and they reside on a farm adjoining his father's property.

In 1886 Mr. Mulcaster was married to Miss Martha Thomas, who was reared in Darlington, where she was born Feb. 25, 1855, the daughter of Richard and Rebecca Thomas, who came from England to Canada, where they both died, leaving four children: Mary married Garance Haynes, of Mitchell, Ont.; Lazarus, of Gosfield North, is unmarried; Joseph, a farmer of Gosfield North, is married and has three daughters, Ann, Lotta and Vida; Martha became Mrs. Mulcaster. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Mulcaster are: Mary, Elsie (a student of the Essex high school), Wesley, Lillian (also a student of Essex high school), Ernest and Howard.

Mr. Mulcaster purchased his present farm in 1873, when it was all wild land, but since then he has cleared off the farm, which is now numbered among the best in the township. In 1901 he erected a fine brick residence to replace the log house he built when starting to cultivate his farm. He has now 200 acres in one body, on which he and his sons reside, and he also owns a farm of fifty acres in Colchester North. Religiously Mr. Mulcaster and his wife are members of the Methodist Church, of which he has been a trustee for many years. His political affiliations are of an independent order, and he has never aspired to public office. In every relation of life our subject has shown himself to be an honorable, upright man, hard-working and energetic, who, through good management and thrift has raised himself to his present position in the community. He and his family are most highly respected, and they have many friends among their associates.

JOHN B. FAROUGH, who is well known through the County of Essex as a successful farmer and stockman, is located in Sandwich South, Lot 3, Concession 10. He was born Feb. 28, 1848, in Lansdowne, Upper Canada, son of Joseph and Sarah (Desile) Farough, one of the old pioneer families of the County of Essex.

Joseph Farough was born in 1820, at Three Rivers, and his wife in 1821, at Montreal, where they married, removing in 1848 to the County of Essex. Both families were of French extraction, and the father of Mrs. Farough accompanied her to Sandwich, where he died aged ninety years. The parents of Joseph Farough died in Montreal. Grandfather Desile was a soldier in the War of 1812.

After locating in the County of Essex, Joseph Farough purchased wild land and built a log cabin, which served as the family home until the property was sufficiently cleared to erect a better one of hewed logs. This also gave way in a few years to a comfortable frame dwelling, and there Mr. Farough died, Oct. 12, 1876. His faithful companion in his privations and hardships survived him a number of years, dying in May, 1892. They were both members of a religious body, which is now known as the Christian Church. Politically Mr. Farough was an active Conservative, although he never aspired to office of any kind, content to pursue the even tenor of his way, and to provide to the best of his ability for his large family of children. Both he and his wife were great Bible students, and possessed wonderful memories, being able to make appropriate quotations from any part of the Scriptures. These good and pious people were very highly esteemed by all who knew them. They were the parents of fourteen children, as follows: (1) Israel, (2) Moses and (3) Alonzo died young. (4) Peter, born in October, 1846, in Upper Canada, there married Mary Raisler, a native of Germany, and they settled on his farm near the old homestead, where his wife died, leaving him these children, Alexander (deceased), Mary (wife of Thomas Greaves), Martha (wife of George Greaves), David (of Detroit), Angeline, John and Retta. (5) Joseph, born in 1850, in Sandwich South, married Sarah Little of Sandwich, and they reside on a part of the old Farough homestead; they have these children, Lindsey, William Thomas, Eliza and Pearl. (6) Nicholas, born in 1853, married Sarah Collins, daughter of Charles Collins and sister to our subject's wife, and they reside on his own farm in Sandwich South; they have two chil-

dren, Charles and Lottie. (7) Caroline, born in May, 1856, married Thomas Collins, of Sandwich, and has three children, Malina (wife of George Gerrid, of Essex), Charles (who was drowned in boyhood) and Charles J. (at home). (8) Glode, born in 1858, married Eliza Little, of Sandwich, and they reside in Manitoba, engaged in farming; they have these children, Rose, Alice, Robert, Frank, Nettie (deceased), Emery, Roy, Nelson and Orvil. (9) Michael, born in 1860, married Vianna Butt, of Goderich, Ont., and they reside in Essex; they have two children, Arthur and Mildred. (10) Mary, born in 1863, married (first) John Campbell and (second) Norman Dones, and has no children. (11) Alpina, born in 1865, married Mark Butt, who resides at Essex Center, and they have five children, William, Mary, Flossie, Alma and Henry. (12) Lawrence, born in 1868, married Clara Brown, of Essex, and they reside on the old Farough homestead; they have one daughter, Greta. (13) Charles, born in 1870, married Rosie Meyers, of Essex, where they reside, and have one son, Norman. (14) John B.

John B. Farough is indebted to the tender solicitude of his mother for his education, only having attended the district school for the space of one month. When it is recalled how many duties must have clustered about the path of this most estimable woman, it is remarkable that she could still find time to be the teacher of her numerous children. From boyhood to manhood our subject worked hard on his father's farm, and materially assisted him in clearing it and putting it into a state of cultivation. In young manhood, in association with his father, he bought 100 acres of wild land adjoining the homestead, and there began his own domestic life. He built a small house, in which he and wife were quite comfortable until he felt able to enlarge to its present ample proportions.

In May, 1873, Mr. Farough married Jemima G. Collins, the estimable daughter of Charles and Elizabeth (Richards) Collins, the former of whom was born in England in 1818, and the latter in 1827. They crossed the Atlantic ocean in a sailing-vessel in 1850, landing at New York, and then came to Canada, locating in Maidstone township, where Mrs. Farough was born in October, 1856. Her parents later moved to Sandwich, where she was educated.

After marriage our subject and wife settled on the present farm, which he has transformed from its original wild state to one of the best and most attractive farms in this section. Many im-

provements have been made, all of a most substantial character. He has engaged in farming and stockraising, and has been eminently successful in both branches of agriculture. He owns two good farms in Sandwich South, in sections 1 and 11, either of them being sufficient to make an ordinary man well pleased with his possessions.

A family of eleven children has been born to our subject and wife, as follows: (1) Elizabeth, born in May, 1874, is the wife of Thomas Kennedy, of Chatham, and resides in Colchester; they have four children, Myrtle, Alma, Cecil and Edna. (2) Jessie S., born in April, 1876, married Henry Ellis, of Maidstone, where they are engaged in farming; they have two children, Effie and Harvey. (3) Katie L., born in December, 1879, married Edward Ellis, of Maidstone, where he owns a farm. (4) Charles S. was born in February, 1880. (5) John A. was born in August, 1883. (6) George J. died aged eight years. (7) Walter E. was born in March, 1889. (8) Grace A. was born in October, 1891. (9) Lillie B. was born in January, 1894. (10) Leah was born in 1896. (11) Collins S. was born in August, 1898. This is a family of intelligence and education, one which reflects credit upon their parentage, and upon their place of birth. Mr. Farough has given them advantages denied himself.

Religiously our subject and wife are members of the Methodist Church, on the official board of which body he has served for the past twenty-eight years. Politically he is identified with the Conservative party. He is a leading man in the affairs of the township, and while he has never consented to hold office, his good judgment, backed by an exemplary life, wields a wide influence.

JAMES A. COULTER, a prominent coal and lumber dealer of Essex, was born in the County of Durham, Ont., Dec. 7, 1859, son of Alexander and Eliza (Byers) Coulter, of the County of Durham, Ont., and a grandson of Alexander Coulter, Sr., who came from Ireland to the County of Durham, where he reared a family of one son and one daughter, the latter, Mrs. Mary Klisdell, residing in the States.

Alexander Coulter, father of our subject, was well educated in the schools of Ireland and Canada, and he began teaching when a young man, continuing in that profession all his life. His death occurred at his home in the County of



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Durham in 1863, at which time he left a widow and three children: James A.; Mary J., who died when fourteen years of age; and Margaret A., who married Joseph A. Clark, and they settled at Iona, Michigan, where her death occurred.

James A. Coulter was reared at his mother's home, she in her widowhood having married Charles R. Sweet, who came to Colchester North in 1870, and settled on a farm, where his wife died in 1900, leaving no issue by her second marriage. A fair education was given the young boy, and he also worked upon the farm. When he grew to manhood, however, he engaged in buying and selling lumber, and has followed this calling until the present time, being very successful in his operations.

In 1887 Mr. Coulter married Miss Sarah J. Pipe, who was born in the County of Durham, Dec. 24, 1866, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Phillips) Pipe. John Pipe was born in 1834, of English parentage, and he resided in the County of Durham until 1884, when he purchased a fine farm in the County of Oxford, for \$11,000, and removed there, remaining until 1894, when he retired, locating in Norwich. He and his wife, Elizabeth (Phillips) Pipe, born in 1838, are both members of the Methodist Church. Their children are: Sarah J., Mrs. Coulter; Josephine, who married William Sangster, and resides on the homestead in the County of Oxford; and Oda May, who is with her parents. The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Coulter: Rhoda Belle, in 1888; Viva May, 1891; John Stanley, 1893; Charles C., 1895; Olive S., 1897; Ina W., 1899.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Coulter settled on his bush farm in Colchester North, and cleared it off, erecting good buildings, and converting it into a fine property. In connection with his farm work, Mr. Coulter was extensively engaged, as before stated, in lumber operations. He has certainly borne his part in the development of Canada, for, in addition to his own farm, he assisted in clearing off that of his stepfather. In 1896 Mr. Coulter sold his Colchester farm and erected a home in Gesto village, Colchester North, continuing his lumber operations, but in 1900 he located in Essex, and added the handling of coal to his lumber business.

Politically Mr. Coulter has always been identified with the Liberal party, and while a resident of Colchester North he was township auditor for three successive years. In 1887 he was appointed township clerk, and filled that office

until he resigned in 1898, after a term of service extending over eighteen years. In 1902 he was again called upon for public service, and was elected reeve of Colchester North, which position he still holds. In 1901 he served as census commissioner for South Essex. He is a prominent member of Essex Lodge, No. 218, Order of Odd Fellows. The religious affiliations of Mr. and Mrs. Coulter are with the Methodist Church. Mr. Coulter is one of the county's self-made and thoroughly reliable men, who have steadily climbed from very discouraging beginnings to success and prominence through frugality, industry and good management. He is a man who labors not only for personal success, but also for the good of the community, and his public-spirited efforts have resulted in a remarkable development of the different places in which he has made his home. Such a man could not fail to command the highest respect from those who are brought in contact with him, either in business, social or religious circles. Endeavoring to assist others to help themselves, his charities are numerous, although apt to be unknown, and there are a number of men to-day who owe their present prosperity to his help, both financially and otherwise, at the critical moment when support was absolutely necessary. In the life of a man like Mr. Coulter much that is admirable can be discovered, although he is very unostentatious about it, letting his deeds speak for him rather than any words of his own. In his family circle he is tenderly loved, while he has a host of warm personal friends throughout the County of Essex, and the surrounding neighborhood, who thoroughly appreciate his many sterling traits of character.

ENOCH WINDSOR, one of the leading men of Leamington, County of Essex, Ont., is a son of Timothy and Elizabeth (Lingard) Windsor, and was born in Staffordshire, England, June 27, 1836.

Both parents were natives of Staffordshire, and came to America in 1846, locating first in Easton, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, where Timothy worked at his trade of stationary engineer. Two years thereafter, the family removed to Detroit, Michigan, where they resided three years. In 1851 they removed to the County of Essex, and subsequently to Chatham, thence to Manitoba, where both died.

During this wandering life, young Enoch managed to acquire a good common school edu-

cation, principally in the County of Essex, and at Chatham, and as he grew up he learned to be a stationary engineer, under his father's instruction, although early in life he worked in a brick yard. For a number of years he was engaged in engineering and milling in Leamington, and is at present the owner and proprietor of a chopping mill, to the operation of which he devotes a portion of his time.

Mr. Windsor has always taken an active interest in public affairs, and is an earnest promoter of all matters tending toward the advancement of the interests of the town of Leamington. He has served several terms in the town council, and also as a member of the school board. In religious matters he is a consistent member of and liberal contributor to the Methodist Church.

On Nov. 23, 1858, Mr. Windsor was married at Leamington to Caroline Sutterington, daughter of John and Lucretia (Kenyon) Sutterington, and seven children have been born to them: Victoria Olive married Dr. A. Foster; Jabez Franklin; Lucretia Jeanette married Allen Dougherty; Addie E. married Jefferson Pullford, M.D.; Mary is a teacher in the kindergarten schools of Trenton, New Jersey; Maude married Leonard Harston; and Milton died in childhood. Mr. Windsor is esteemed by his fellow-townsmen, being a man of sterling ability and integrity.

ZENAS ORTON. Among the residents of Gosfield who can claim the township not only as their present abode, but also as their birthplace, Zenas Orton, a retired farmer, enjoys the distinction of seniority, as he was born on a farm in Gosfield South, on the shore of Lake Erie, March 10, 1827, and his whole life has been passed in that locality. His parents, Zenas and Julia (Malotte) Orton, were pioneer settlers in the county.

The Orton family is of English stock, but came to Canada from Connecticut, where the grandfather, Zenas Orton (1) was born. He was one of the U. E. Loyalists who migrated to eastern Canada and settled there for some years, but about the time of the War of 1812 moved to the County of Essex, and occupied a tract along the lake in Gosfield South, which had been given him by the English government. Later he removed to the County of Leeds, Ont., and there died. He left two sons, Zenas (2) and Alvin.

Zenas Orton (2), the father of our subject, was born in the County of Leeds in 1806. He

inherited from his father the land in Gosfield South, and began life there on his own account in early manhood. He married Miss Julia Malotte, who was born in Gosfield, daughter of Theodore and Katie (Wigle) Malotte, who were among the first to make their permanent home on a farm in that section. Mr. Orton put up a little log house on his place, and thither took his bride in 1826. In spite of the hardships, their life passed happily there till 1851, when Mrs. Orton died, leaving her husband with children as follows: Zenas (3); Theodore, who was a resident of Muskegon County, Michigan, until his death in April, 1902; Catherine, the wife of Alonzo Brown, of Chicago; John, of Mersea, who died leaving a wife and family; Friedeux, of Gosfield, who died leaving a family; William, now a resident of Florida, where he went for his health; Alvin, a farmer of Gosfield North, who was killed by an accident in 1900, and left a family; Lucinda, who married Samuel Whitesel, of Michigan, and died in June, 1903, leaving three children.

For his second wife Mr. Orton married Mrs. Margaret (Hickman) Lovelace, daughter of William Hickman, an English soldier, who came to the County of Kent during the War of 1812. To this union two daughters were born, namely: Alda, now the wife of Alexander Hyslop, of Gosfield North; and Urie, Mrs. Andrew Wright, of Colechester South.

Zenas Orton (3) grew up on the old home farm, assisting in the work and receiving the limited education which alone was available then. He remained at home till within a few months of his majority, and then, as he had just married, started out for himself on a tract of wild land in Gosfield South, living there till 1881, during which time he had developed a fine farm of 170 acres. In that year he sold this place, and bought the original Jacob Fox farm, on Concession 6, Lot 21, which has been his home ever since, and on which he has made many general improvements.

On Jan. 25, 1848, Mr. Orton was married to Miss Eliza Hickman, who was born in eastern Ontario, March 9, 1826, daughter of William and Elsie (Prosser) Hickman. Her parents were natives of England and Lower Canada, respectively, and of the ten children in the family five are still living. Mr. and Mrs. Orton have had nine children, all married and with families of their own, so that in their declining years they are surrounded by the love and attention of a large circle of their descendants. (1) Emily, the

oldest child, born in 1850, married Darius Fox, and lived on his farm in Ruthven, where he died, leaving her with two children—Gordon, who married Miss Cora Bund, of Gosfield; and Carrie, the wife of Charles Wigle, of Gosfield. (2) Andrew, born in 1853, married Miss Alice Brigham, of Gosfield, where they reside on a farm with their six children, George, Blanche, Pearl, Laura, May and Everett. (3) Celestia, born in 1854, received a good education, and was one of the county's successful teachers for four years. She is now the wife of Albert Royal, who is a cattle buyer at Leamington, and they have two daughters, Bertha and Laura. (4) Oliver, born in 1856, grew up at home, and, like the rest of this family, received a fair education. He married Miss Roxie Hillier, of Mersea township, and resides on the homestead, where he is manager and owner of the farm. To them five daughters have been born, Ruby, Mary, Laura, Stella and Doris E. (5) Amelia, born in 1858, is the wife of Thomas Renwick of Romney, County of Kent, and has one daughter, Grace, now Mrs. Dawson, of Calgary, N.W.T. (6) Almina, born in 1860, is the wife of Thomas Jenner, of Colchester, and has five children, Arthur, Amelia, Stanley, Rosie and Flossie. (7) William, born in 1862, married Miss Annie Noble, daughter of John Noble, deceased, and they reside on a part of his father's farm. They have five children, Emma (the wife of Charles Milten), Eva (the wife of Everett Millen), Roena, Stanley and Carrie. (8) Laura, born in 1866, is the wife of Wilford Lovelace, a business man of Detroit, and has one daughter, Leila Mabel. (9) Sabina, born in 1868, is the wife of John Smith, of Cottam, and has three children, Roy, William and Edward.

During the many years that Mr. Orton has been a citizen of the county he has been a well-known figure in public life, and has served in both township and county positions, in which he has always represented the Conservative party. Besides acting as school trustee for many years he was township councillor for a considerable time, was deputy reeve, and for ten years sat in the county council, while the ability and integrity with which he discharged all his duties made him increasingly popular with his constituents. In religious belief Mr. Orton and his wife, while not members of the Methodist Church, have been liberal supporters of its various philanthropies. Mr. Orton is a Mason and belongs to St. George's Lodge of Kingsville; he is also a member of the Order of Orangemen. In

all relations of life and among all ranks he is a man justly held in the highest esteem.

ROBERT COULTIS (deceased), who for many years was a leading man in the affairs of the County of Essex, a representative farmer and fruit grower, was born in Yorkshire, England, a son of William Coultis. In boyhood he came to Canada, locating in Mersea township, County of Essex, where he spent his life and amassed a comfortable property in the pursuit of farming and fruit growing. In politics he was a staunch Conservative, and he held a number of township offices. He passed away Dec. 5, 1892.

On Wednesday, March 1, 1882, Mr. Coultis was married in Mersea township to Mary Jane Bee, who was born in Romney township, County of Kent. No children were born to them.

The Bee family originated in England, William Bee, the father of Mrs. Coultis, having been born in Yorkshire. He came to Canada when ten years of age, entering the home of his sister, Mrs. Isaac Watson. He continued to live upon this farm until he grew to manhood, when he purchased a farm in Romney township, and there lived until his death, extensively engaged in fruit growing and farming. In religious affiliation he was a member of the Methodist Church, and he died in that faith about 1874, aged sixty-two years. Mr. Bee married Ruth Toughmire, who was born in Gosfield township, a daughter of John and Susanna (Fullmer) Toughmire, and children as follows were born to them: John Thompson B., deceased; Isaac B., born Aug. 10, 1856; Mary Jane (Mrs. Coultis); Hannah, who married David Metcalfe; Frances, wife of Albert Settrington; Amanda, who married Thomas Stobbs; Melinda B., who died at the age of twenty-two, in October, 1878; Rachel, Mrs. William McLaughlin; Cordelia E., who married William Wright; and William Russell, who died in infancy. The parents of Mrs. Coultis died in Romney township, the father April 12, 1874, and the mother in September, 1898. Mrs. Coultis was brought up a Baptist, but, as her husband was a Methodist she has attended that church, and is one of the active workers in its midst. She is one of the most respected residents of Leamington, and successfully conducts the property left her. Mr. Coultis was a charitable man, contributing to all worthy causes. He left \$15,000, the interest of which was to be distributed among the poor of the township of Mersea and the town of Leamington.

WILLIAM COULTIS COULSON, a prominent citizen of Leamington, town clerk, custom house officer, and county councillor of Essex, was born Sept. 8, 1849, in Mersea township, County of Essex, son of William and Harriet (Coultis) Coulson. He is one of the eight survivors of their family of eleven children: Nicholas, a retired business man of Detroit; Henry J., in the agricultural implement business at Leamington; William C.; Wesley J., a lumberman, land owner and speculator at Leamington; Gordon, a farmer at Leamington; Victoria F., wife of Ephraim Jackson, of Walkerville, Ont.; Maria, wife of Johnson Sheldon, of Mersea township; and Miss Sarah, of Leamington. The parents were born respectively in England and in Mersea township, County of Essex, the Coultis family coming from Devonshire, while the Coulson family belonged to Northumberland. Grandfather Coulson was a man of wealth and influence in his own land and owned property on which he passed his life, within ten miles of the borderland of Scotland. His sons, Edward, John and William, were afforded excellent educational advantages. Edward, being the eldest son, inherited the property, and later became a man of large wealth.

William Coulson, father of William C., came to Canada and located in Mersea township, County of Essex, where he married. He was one of the pioneer settlers in the bush, acquiring 200 acres of land, one-half of which he later gave to a neighbor, the property now being owned by Wesley Coulson, one of his sons. Mr. Coulson died in 1883, aged eighty-two years, but his widow still survives and resides at the home of her son, bearing well the weight of eighty-four years. In politics Mr. Coulson was a staunch Conservative. Although he held a number of minor offices, serving as assessor several terms, he never sought preferment, the offices coming unsolicited from his fellow-citizens. In early life both he and his wife were members of the Church of England, but in the early settlements the Methodists were the pioneers in establishing churches, and in this religious body Mr. and Mrs. Coulson found Christian fellowship.

William C. Coulson was born on a farm on Talbot Street, now owned by Rev. W. H. Bull, six miles east of Leamington. At the age of eight years he moved with his parents to the farm now owned by his brother, Wesley Coulson, two miles and a half east, and lived there seven years. He received his education in

school section No. 7—in a school presided over by Ralph Foster, a much respected teacher of youth in Mersea township—although, as he was needed at home to help with the work, he could not attend very regularly. On attaining the age of fifteen, and seeing that the revenue derived from the farm at home was not sufficient to meet the growing wants of the family, he resolved to strike out for himself, and with this end in view he made his way to Romney. Here he hired out for a time, and later secured work in the bush, cutting ties, staves and timber, taking advantage of slack times to increase his book knowledge. Subsequently he came to Leamington, where he entered into partnership with Horace Deming, the latter supplying the capital, and cut staves, with a gang of men, for a year, boarding at the Deming home during this time. At the close of the year the partners found they had been very successful, each clearing the sum of \$800. The partnership being so profitable, and Mr. Coulson and Mr. Deming being warm personal friends by this time, they continued together for some eleven years, engaged in cutting. Mr. Coulson's next business venture was in the hardware business with W. S. Pulford, this firm being dissolved seven years later, by mutual consent. After a partnership of three months with Ephraim Jackson, Mr. Coulson then engaged in business alone, continuing very successfully for six years, closing out his interests in August, 1891.

In the latter year Mr. Coulson's fellow-citizens, mindful of his public-spirited interest in all that concerned the community, took measures to secure the appointment of one they had learned to respect and admire to the position of municipal clerk of Leamington, which he has most capably filled ever since. In March, 1902, he was appointed collector of customs for the town of Leamington. In 1879 he entered the council, serving as councillor for a period of ten years, and was elected reeve in 1887 and returned by acclamation in 1888. His services during this long period of over twenty years of official life have been of a marked character. It was through his earnest efforts that the by-law was passed through the county council securing the erection of Leamington into a high school district, and he also assisted materially in securing the first grant of \$500 for the 21st Battalion, which the next year received \$200. Another instance of his influence was his success in keeping down the equalization of the town, as was evi-



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denced by the immediate change when he left the council. He is considered one of the best posted municipal men in the county, thoroughly competent, and an obliging gentleman under all circumstances. He not only commands the respect but enjoys the esteem of the public. Besides attending to his public duties he carries on an insurance business.

No less conspicuous is Mr. Coulson in Masonic circles. He became a Mason in Leamington Lodge, No. 290, May 6, 1873; passed to the degree of Fellowcraft, June 10, 1873; was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason, July 19th; was Master between 1881 and 1883; in January, 1888, became a member of the Royal Arch Chapter of Windsor; in 1891 was appointed Grand Superintendent of Erie District, No. 1, by the Masonic Grand Chapter of Canada; in February, 1898, became a member of the Windsor Preceptory, and in 1897 was appointed representative of the Masonic Veterans' Association for the Province of Manitoba.

Mr. Coulson's brother, Nicholas Coulson, of Detroit, is also a very prominent Mason, of the 33d degree, being Grand Hospitaler of the Consistory and Grand Marshal of the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite. He has been much honored in the fraternity, and is widely known in Masonic circles both in the States and in Canada.

In politics Mr. Coulson is an active Liberal, in this one respect differing from his father. The latter was fixed in his own views and always declared himself satisfied to have sons capable of thinking for themselves. Mr. Coulson has served as president of the Liberal Association of Leamington.

Mr. Coulson was married, in 1876, in Leamington, to Miss Alwilda Askew, a native of Leamington, daughter of John Askew, and to this union came one son, Ozeal S. Mrs. Coulson died in 1879, at the age of twenty-seven years, and in 1882 he married, for his second wife, in Leamington, Miss Ellen Robson, daughter of the late James Robson, of the township of Mersea. They have had two children, Milton A. and Ella M.

WILLIAM DALGLIESH, who has been farming at his present location in the township of Tilbury West since 1881, is one of the well-known farmers of his section of the County of Essex. He is of Scottish ancestry, his father, Robert Dalgliesh, having been born in Scotland, where he grew to manhood. He was reared to farming. When a young man he decided to try

to better his fortunes in the New World, and accordingly emigrated to Canada, locating first in the County of Huntingdon, Quebec, where he commenced to work among farmers. There he married Margaret Wheley, a native of Ireland, and a few years after their marriage they moved into Ontario, settling on a tract of fifty acres which Mr. Dalgliesh purchased, in Mersea township, County of Essex. This was all bush land, and Mr. Dalgliesh devoted himself to the work of clearing and improving it, until his death, which occurred about three years after his settlement on the place. He is buried in Mersea township. He left four children: Albert resides in Michigan; Angeline married Moses McColough, and resides in Huron county, Michigan; William is mentioned below; David resides in the township of Tilbury West. The parents were Methodists in religious connection, and the father was a Conservative in politics. The mother subsequently married Alexander Rock, of Tilbury, and had four children by that union also: Ellen, who married Newman Garbut, of the township of Tilbury East; Eliza, who married Adam Pinch, of Rodney, County of Kent; Vina, who married W. Mosgrove; and Thomas, who died young.

William Dalgliesh was born Sept. 8, 1858, in Mersea township, County of Essex, where he received such education as the local schools of his boyhood afforded. Losing his father when a mere child, he was early thrown on his own resources, and was but twelve years of age when he began work as a farm hand, receiving \$4 a month for the first seven months he worked. Until twenty-two years of age he continued as a farm hand, and by strict economy he managed during that time to save \$700 out of his earnings. He then spent one season in the West, and on his return bought a tract of fifty-seven acres of bush land in Mersea township, on which he resided until 1881, clearing and making many improvements. In 1881 he came to the township of Tilbury West, where he bought fifty acres of bush land on Lot 5, 10th Concession, and began again the work of the pioneer, clearing the land, and building a substantial house, barn and other outbuildings. In time he added sixty-six acres to his original purchase, cleared that also, and is now cultivating 116 acres of excellent land, devoting himself to general farming and stock raising. Mr. Dalgliesh has brought his affairs to their present prosperous state by his own exertions, and he is a self-made man in the best sense of the term.

He is noted for industry, strict honesty and thorough uprightness of character, and he enjoys the unfeigned esteem of his many acquaintances in the neighborhood where he makes his home. He has given proper attention to his business interests, but has also found time for public affairs, has served seven years in the township council, filled the office of deputy reeve, and also acted as trustee of his school district, giving efficient service in every capacity. He is a staunch Conservative in political faith. Socially Mr. Dalglish affiliates with the branch of the Loyal Orange Association at Comber, and is lecturer in the county lodges.

Mr. Dalglish was married in Tilbury township, Sept. 15, 1883, to Alice Carder, who was born in the County of Bruce, daughter of Henry Carder, and they have become the parents of six children: Margaret, Jane, Robert, Henry, Clair and Thomas. Mr. Dalglish and all the family unite with the Methodist Church at Comber.

JOHN CADA, a successful farmer of the township of Maidstone, Pike Creek West, living on Lot 1, was born in that township July 13, 1841, a son of John B. and Margaret (St. George) Cada, pioneers of this locality.

John B. Cada was born in Wayne County, Michigan, son of John B. Cada, who came from France to Quebec, and died in Wayne County, Michigan. The son who bore his name was reared in Michigan, at Grosse Pointe, but later in life came to Maidstone, County of Essex, Ont., where he married Margaret St. George, a native of Montreal. He took up land at Pike Creek, where he cleared up a farm from wild land, making an excellent home, and there he died at the age of seventy-seven years, while his wife died aged sixty-six. They were both consistent members of the Catholic Church. They were the parents of eight children: (1) Maggie, born at Maidstone, became the wife of John Maynard, who settled in Wayne county, Michigan, where she died, leaving a family. (2) John is mentioned below. (3) Ellen, born in Maidstone, married Julius Damm, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work. (4) Mary died in her youth. (5) Marian became the wife of John Villiare, of Bay City, Michigan. (6) Joseph, born in 1846, married a Miss Montroy, of Sandwich East, and settled on a farm in the township of Maidstone; he has five living children—Henry, manager of Walker's farm, at Walkerville; Ann, married to William May, of

Maidstone; Lucy, who married Michael Strong, of Rochester township, and Gilbert and William, at home. His daughter Mary, who married Henry Vivier, is deceased. (7) Jerome, born in 1849, married a Miss Emme Letourneau, and they reside in Maidstone township; they have two sons, Pat and Paul. (8) Moses was killed while engaged with his brother John in the lumber woods, while a young man.

John Cada was reared to manhood at his father's homestead in Maidstone township, but was given little or no opportunity for acquiring an education, his schooling being quite limited. Working upon the farm until he attained his majority, his first occupation thereafter was with the Grand Trunk Railroad Co., with which he was engaged for three years, after which he purchased a small boat and was on the lakes, buying and selling merchandise. About that time he established a store at Maidstone. He followed the lakes for some fourteen years, proving himself a shrewd, keen business man. He then engaged in the hotel business at Pike Creek, and conducted a mercantile establishment for seven years, when he closed his hotel and turned to the operation of a sawmill, manufacturing for thirteen years. During this time he owned various tract of timber. In 1887 he formed a partnership with Hypolite Mailloux, for the purpose of manufacturing flour, and five years later he purchased the interest of Mr. Mailloux, continuing the mill for five years, until it burnt. In 1872 he bought his present farm, and he also owned another farm in Maidstone, bought prior to the purchase of his homestead. Upon it he erected good buildings. During his active life he has cleared up over 300 acres of land, and now owns a large amount of real estate in the County of Essex.

Mr. Cada first married Annie Gordon, of Sandwich East, who died at their home, leaving one daughter, Elizabeth, now the wife of Joseph Lupien, of Montana; they have two children, Joseph and Annie. Mr. Cada subsequently married Lizzie Reaume, of Sandwich East, a member of an old and prominent family, and the following children have come to this happy marriage: Maggie, born in Maidstone in 1878, was well educated in the schools of Maidstone and in the Chatham Business College, and lives at home; Thomas, born in 1880, is now a student in the Windsor high school; Frank, born in 1882, is also a high school student; Constant was born in 1884; Hector, born in 1886, is a student of the Detroit Business College; Clara, born in

1888, attends high school; Victor was born in 1890.

Politically Mr. Cada is a member of the Conservative party, and he is president of the North Essex Conservative Association. He has filled very acceptably the office of member of the council for eleven years, and has also been trustee of the schools of Maidstone for many years, being a very prominent and influential man in his party. He is one of the stockholders, president and manager of the Tecumseh Canning Co., and has been since the factory was built in 1900. Through his able efforts this venture has been made a very successful one, and is numbered among the leading industries of the county. All of the family are members of the Catholic Church, and Mr. Cada was one of the builders of the church at Tecumseh. Fraternally he is a member of the C.M.B.A. He started out in life with nothing to depend upon but his own strong and capable hands and intelligent brain, and with this capital has amassed a fortune, and placed himself among the substantial men of his community. Such industry, thrift and uprightness of purpose as he has displayed in his life work cannot fail to impress the younger generation with the fact that success in life depends more upon what a man is, than upon what he has, and that almost anything is possible to the one who works intelligently and honestly.

AUGUST ST. LOUIS, an enterprising and successful farmer of the County of Essex, located in Sandwich East, was born March 4, 1860, in the township of Sandwich East, a son of Antoine and Annie (Baby) St. Louis. Both the parents are members of families old and prominent in the county.

Antoine St. Louis was born in 1823 in Sandwich East, and his wife in 1821 on the river Thames, in the County of Kent. His father was Francois St. Louis, who came of French ancestry, and died in Sandwich East. Two sons survived him, Alexander and Antoine, the latter being the father of August. Antoine St. Louis resides on the old homestead on Lot 115, Concession 1, on the river front. He was bereaved of his wife in 1880. Nine children were born to them, namely: Frank, born in Sandwich East in 1851, married Miss Charles Demuchell, and they lived for some years in Sandwich West, in 1902 moving to Windsor, where he is an official in the custom house; they have had three children, Rainey and Mary, living, and Arthur, deceased. Henry, born in March, 1854, on the old home-

stead in Sandwich East, married Clara Marentette, of the city of Windsor, and they settled on a part of the father's old farm, where he died in October, 1898, leaving three children, Frank, Blanche and Edna. Joseph, born in 1856, married Rose Mailloux, of Sandwich East, and they reside on a part of the old homestead; they have twelve children, Oscar, Eva, Armand, Gaspard, Columbus, Lorette, Denice, Albenie, Ida, Violy, Dora, and Rufus. Charlotte, born in 1858, married Jerome Janisse, who is bookkeeper for Alexander Campeau, one of the prominent business men of Detroit, and they have three children, Jerome, Harvey and Ella. August is mentioned below. Adolphus, born in 1862, married Rosie Stamour, and they reside on his farm in Sandwich South, and have a family of nine children, Woodwill, Ernest, Josephine, Eugene, Marie, Cecile, Beulah, Frank and Laurenea. Annie, born in 1865, died unmarried at the home of our subject, in April, 1900. William, born May 24, 1867, married Miss Mary W. Seidler, of Michigan; they reside on the old homestead on the river front, and have five children, Alma, Henry, Lillian, Frank and Heman. Fannie died in young womanhood.

August St. Louis, the sixth member of his parents' family, was born at the old family homestead. His education was gained in the public schools of Sandwich East, and he remained on the home farm until he was twenty-three years old. On Nov. 12, 1883, he was united in marriage with Delphine Janisse, who was born in March, 1861, a daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Gogean) Janisse, very prominent people of the county.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. St. Louis settled on the south part of Lot 115, Concession 2, which was a portion of the old original St. Louis homestead, and here Mr. St. Louis has devoted time and energy to developing one of the finest farms in the township. His buildings reflect credit upon the owner, and an air of plenty and comfort surrounds his home. A family of eleven children has been born to himself and wife, as follows: Charlotte, deceased; one that died in childhood; Fannie, born in 1884; Locadie, born in 1886; Clara, born in 1888; Alfred, born in 1890; Corinne, born in 1892; Blaze, born in 1894; Lawrence, born in 1896; Edna, born in 1898; and Normand, born in 1902.

Politically Mr. St. Louis has been identified all his mature life with the Liberal party, and in 1899 he was selected as one of the councilmen for Sandwich East. For the past seven years

he has been constable of his district, and it was his courage and energy that accomplished the arrest of the noted Levi Stewart, for the assassination of James Ross, of Sandwich East. Religiously the whole family cling to the faith of the Catholic Church, and all are active in church work in this section.

WILLIAM COBLEY, a retired farmer of Gosfield North, residing on a fine farm in Lot 275, on the Talbot Road, is an Englishman who came to this country in early manhood in the hope of achieving the success which has, in fact, crowned his life of persevering industry. He was born in Leicestershire, England, April 7, 1830.

The parents of our subject were William and Mary (Smart) Cobley, who lived and died in England. Of their five children who grew to mature years, Mary and Eliza remained in their native land (the latter married James Bindley and had four sons), as did also the oldest son, Charles, who married Mary Ann Erbert, had one daughter, and settled on his father's old home, where he died. Isaac and William came to America in 1851. The former lived in Ohio for awhile, then removed to Gosfield, where he married Miss Susan Gilboe, and later settled permanently in Pontiac, Michigan, where he and his wife died, in 1899 and 1884, respectively, leaving two children, Charles and Julia, both living in Pontiac.

William Cobley was educated in England, and after finishing school learned the trade of candy making, which he followed for some five years. In 1851 he was married to Miss Eliza Hewitt, who was born in Leicestershire Sept. 6, 1830, daughter of Philip and Sophia (Warrow) Hewitt, who spent their lives in England, where the former was a prominent manufacturer of farming implements. Immediately after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Cobley sailed for New York on the "William Stedson," being two months and four days on the voyage. From New York they went to Sheffield, Ohio, where Mr. Cobley was occupied in farming and driving cattle until 1860. He then went to Canada, and bought fifty acres of his present farm in Gosfield North, and proceeded to clear all but five acres, later on purchasing 200 acres on Lot 6, Concession 6. For about fifteen years he devoted himself chiefly to the cattle business, buying, selling and butchering. He sold his meat in Windsor, hauling it thither himself, and found

it a most profitable business, as his returns were both ample and rapid. He did all his own slaughtering, and sold entirely at wholesale. For sixteen years he and George W. Payne were partners in the butcher business, but in 1884 Mr. Cobley gave that up. When the volunteer soldiers were camping in Windsor in 1876, our subject did all the butchering for the soldiers. In the course of time he cleared his entire property, and has built two homes, the later one a large brick house erected according to modern ideas. He became possessed of considerable other real estate in Gosfield, but at present owns but eighty acres.

Mrs. Eliza (Hewitt) Cobley, passed away at the family homestead Aug. 29, 1900, leaving two daughters: Mary E., born in Ohio, Feb. 24, 1860, married Daniel Read, and they made their home with her father until her untimely death Nov. 6, 1894, at the age of thirty-four (she left no children); Sarah J., born in December, 1864, was given a good education, and, in 1885, became the wife of Charles Lonsberry, of Gosfield, and they now make their home with Mr. Cobley.

Mr. Cobley has long been identified with the old "Grit" or Liberal party. Brought up in his youth to believe in the doctrines of the Church of England, he has always adhered to the faith of his ancestors. Fraternally he belongs to the Order of Orangemen, and is also a charter member of the I. O. O. F., Essex Lodge. Mr. Cobley is essentially a public-spirited man, who has done all in his power to assist in developing his locality, while his philanthropic endeavors and private benevolences are endless. Of a broad heart and ready sympathy for all, whether rich or poor, his kindly deeds and charitable aid have been unceasing, and many regard him with an affection and gratitude which even his acknowledged honesty and integrity alone could not have won.

ALBERT MALOTT, a thrifty farmer of Gosfield South, belongs to one of the notable old pioneer families of County Essex, being a descendant of Theodore Malott.

John W. Malott, his father, was born July 6, 1816, on Lot 13, Gosfield township, where he grew to manhood. At about the time of his marriage he purchased of his father the farm on Lot 10, 4th Section, consisting of 100 acres of entirely wild land. He first erected a log house a few rods from the present Colin Malott home, at a later period supplanting it with a comfortable



William Solley

frame one, which he occupied until his death. This house was destroyed by fire some three years ago. John W. Malott probably cut the first tree on Lot 10, and during his lifetime all of his property was cleared up; before his death he purchased the remainder of Lot 10. In political views he was a Liberal. In religious affairs he was a consistent member of the Methodist Church, in the work of which body his father had taken a prominent part in this section. After a life of usefulness and helpfulness, John W. Malott died Dec. 23, 1894, and he is still recalled as a man of excellent parts.

On Feb. 18, 1845, John W. Malott married Maria Hickmott, who was born Jan. 5, 1824, and died Dec. 21, 1899, universally beloved as a good mother and a kind neighbor. Their children were as follows: Eliza, born Feb. 8, 1846, married Daniel L. Wigle, a hardware merchant of Windsor; Albert was born Feb. 20, 1848; Colin, born Jan. 7, 1850, married Jane Quick, and occupies the homestead; Jason Digman, born Nov. 7, 1854, a butcher and farmer of Ruthven, married Ida Fox, and they have eleven children; Lucinda Evaline, born Sept. 30, 1856, died Jan. 27, 1862; Gordon, born Aug. 29, 1859, died Nov. 7, 1860; Ambrose Eli, born March 1, 1861, married Adella Orton, and they live at Olinda; Ruby Wilhelmina, born March 5, 1864, married Fred Betcher, of Gosfield North; Sabina, born Jan. 6, 1867, resides in Harrow.

Albert Malott was born on the family homestead and received his education in the stone schoolhouse which took the place of the early one of logs. When he started out for himself, he was given half of the uncleared ninety acres of Lot 10, and, settling on it, began its clearing, which he has accomplished. One year after locating there he purchased the other forty-five acres.

On Jan. 1, 1879, Mr. Malott was united in marriage with Mary Fox, a daughter of George J. Fox, and two children have come to them: Eva Jane, born Aug. 18, 1885, and Edna Maria, born Aug. 13, 1892, both young ladies of education and intelligence. With his family Mr. Malott belongs to the Methodist Church. Fraternally he is a member of the Order of Foresters at Kingsville, and politically he is a Liberal. Mr. Malott has demonstrated his ability as a progressive farmer, and is also reckoned with the public-spirited citizens of his locality.

JOHN BAILEY, a retired farmer on Concession 10, Mersea township, County of Essex,

and one of its oldest pioneer settlers, was born March 1, 1831, in Northamptonshire, England.

William Bailey, father of our esteemed subject, was also born in that locality, where he followed an agricultural life. He married Alice Atkinson, and they became the parents of thirteen children. This family did not all grow to maturity, a number dying young, but we have the record of the following: Sarah is the widow of Robert Cowan, and resides on Concession 8, Mersea township, County of Essex; John is mentioned below; Mary and Emma both died young; Ann is the widow of William Ellison, and resides at Belle River, Ont.; George is a retired farmer of Mersea township; and Catherine, who married Henry Frederick, died on their farm in Rochester township. In 1835, William Bailey and family embarked on a sailing-vessel bound for Quebec, reaching that port in safety, and they then came to Ontario, locating first in Gosfield township, County of Essex, where work was obtained in the old furnace. Later he came to Mersea township, and settled on Lot 6, Concession 9, securing 100 acres of bush land. Here he erected a log house and started in to clear this large body of land, converting the timber into potash, which was easily disposed of at Windsor. Thus he was able to purchase the necessary supplies, although there were times when want stared them in the face. On one well-remembered occasion, the family subsisted for six weeks on Indian cabbage, which they found in the timber and boiled with basswood leaves and wheat bran. While this was no epicurean feast, it at least satisfied the pangs of hunger and tided them over until more prosperous days. The family had never been accustomed to such rigorous weather, and they suffered much from the cold during the winters. The log cabin was picturesque and a sufficient shelter during the warm weather, but as it was neither wind nor frost proof, the winters were times of suffering. Despite these hardships, which none but the pioneers themselves can ever really understand, the family thrived, and Mr. Bailey continued to work at the clearing and cultivating of his farm as long as he lived. He was a supporter of the Reform party, and a worthy member of the Methodist Church. The first wife of William Bailey and the mother of his children, died on the farm, and was buried in the cemetery at Albuna. She was a good, Christian woman, and cheerfully cared for her husband and family. The second marriage of William Bailey was to a Mrs. Morse, and they spent

their last years at Leamington. Mrs. Bailey was buried in Lake View cemetery.

John Bailey, subject of this sketch, was four years of age when his parents came to Canada. When the family located in Mersea township, there were few homes, one school and no church in their neighborhood. The school was a long distance from his father's log house, and he attended but two weeks. It is remarkable that with so little advantage he learned to read. No one taught him to write, and, after the long days of hard labor, felling trees and breaking land, he had little ambition at night to try to teach himself. He remembers when the timber around the home was full of wolves, bears, deer and wild turkeys, and when but little game was killed, the family fare of Indian cabbage, prepared as stated above, was all they had with which to appease hunger.

Mr. Bailey remained with his parents until he was twenty years old, and then started out for himself. He drew a tract of 100 acres from Col. Talbot's grant, and, as did his father, settled down in the wilderness to make a home. He built his log cabin, 18 x 24 feet in dimensions, cut down timber and reduced it to potash, and through great industry and much self-denial, at last brought it under a fine state of cultivation. Since 1902 Mr. Bailey has not been actively engaged in farming, having turned the labors and responsibilities over to his sons. In 1903 he suffered a loss by fire, amounting to about \$2,000, his home and its comforts being burned. Mr. Bailey immediately rebuilt, and now has a very comfortable residence in which he can spend his declining years.

In February, 1852, Mr. Bailey married Elizabeth Bailey, born in England, a daughter of Henry Bailey. They had two children, namely: Esmond, the farmer on a part of the homestead, married Margaret Wilson, and they have three children, Alfred, Lawrence and Violet; Mary Jane, wife of John Dalton, who also farms on the homestead, has two children, Roy and Florence. Mrs. Bailey died in 1872, and was buried in the cemetery at Albana. She was a consistent member of the Baptist Church. Mr. Bailey married (second) Mary Ann Hawman, born in County York, Ont., daughter of John Hawman, and widow of Jonathan Rhodehouse. The one child born to this marriage died in infancy.

Mrs. Bailey had these children born to her first marriage: Lucinda, who married Hudson Langton; Benjamin, a farmer of Tilbury West township; Susan, who married Henry Walters;

Rachel, who married Benjamin Wright; Elizabeth, who married (first) Robert Reed, and (second) James Fleming; Ann, who married John Pierce, a farmer on a part of the homestead; and John, of Tilbury West township.

In politics Mr. Bailey is independent. For forty years he had been a member of the Baptist Church, when the claims of the Seventh Day Adventists were brought to his notice and understanding, and he became convinced of their truth, and for the past nine years he has subscribed to this doctrine. He is a man of most exemplary life. Mrs. Bailey is a Methodist, their religious creeds being the only matter in which they differ, but each gives way to the other and they are both perfectly contented and set an example of Christian fellowship. Mr. Bailey is a member of the Loyal Orange Association, and is a man respected wherever known.

GEORGE BAILEY, a native son of Mersea township, where for over sixty-four years he has made his home and has been a witness of the transformation of that section from a wilderness into cultivated fields and fine homes, was born in a little log cabin on Lot 6, Concession 9, July 11, 1840, son of the late William Bailey, and brother of John Bailey. The scarcity of schools and the necessity for work limited Mr. Bailey's educational opportunities to a three months' attendance at Blytheswood, on Concession 8. He is, however, a great reader, and is a close Bible student, thus by his own efforts remedying in a large measure the deficiencies of his early days. From his earliest boyhood he assisted on the home farm, and there he continued to work for many years. After the death of his parents he purchased a tract of fifty acres in the north part of Concession 5, which was owned by John Minnis, making some improvements and spending four years there. Dividing the homestead between his sons, Henry and John, he bought 168 acres on Lot 6, Concession 11, all timber land. He settled on his new acquisition, improving it with house and barns. He sold off a portion of the timber to Ainslie Brothers, lumber manufacturers of Comber, and later sold the rest to the Nerbergall Stave & Lumber Co., of Staples. He cleared up the land, and brought it to a fine state of productiveness, continuing there until 1904, when he retired, renting 100 acres, and dividing the remainder between his sons. He was energetic and capable, and did much toward the development of his county.

In Mersea township Mr. Bailey married Eliza

Ann Riley, who has proved herself a noble wife and Christian mother. Nine children were born of this union, namely: Henry, agent for the Michigan Central railroad at Blytheswood; George, of Mersea township; Louise, wife of George Nebitt; Gurdon, at home; John, of Mersea township; Ida, who married Bruce Lattem, of Mersea township; Jessie, who became Mrs. Reuben Walter; Jason, a fireman on the Michigan Central railroad; and Charles, at home.

Politically Mr. Bailey is a staunch supporter of the Liberal party, and is a member of the Loyal Orange Association at Blytheswood. For many years he belonged to the Baptist Church, but by careful study of the Scriptures, and after earnest prayer for divine guidance, he was converted (1894) to the faith of the Seventh Day Adventists, and since then has lived strictly according to the teachings of that denomination. He is a deacon in the church at Gosfield, and is also an exhorter of considerable force and eloquence, having himself an abiding faith in the goodness and power of God. For forty-two years he was a sufferer, but after his conversion he threw aside his medicine, and by prayer has become a strong man. He is universally respected.

THOMAS H. WIGLE, a prosperous farmer of Gosfield South township, County of Essex, located on the 3rd Concession, belongs to the prominent old pioneer family of that name, the early ancestral data of which will be found elsewhere.

John Wigle, grandfather of our subject, was the oldest child of John Wigle, the pioneer settler of that name in Gosfield, and he was born Dec. 21, 1778, at York, Pennsylvania, and died Jan. 28, 1871, aged ninety-two years, in Gosfield. At Amherstburg, Feb. 9, 1802, he married Susanna Scratch, born July 23, 1785, on Hog Island, and died Jan. 29, 1860, aged seventy-four years, in Gosfield. They had the following children: Mary, born Feb. 10, 1803, married John Roe, and died Dec. 4, 1827; Leonard, born March 14, 1804, married Jane Hairsine, and died in Mersea, Feb. 27, 1878; Julianna, born June 4, 1805, married Peter Malott; Wendel, father of Thomas H. Wigle, born Sept. 9, 1806, married Hannah Hairsine; Isabella, born June 2, 1808, married Thomas Williams; Joseph, born Oct. 8, 1809, married (first) Miss McKenzie, and (second) Sarah Stewart; Peter, born Aug. 25, 1811, married Mary Augustine; Susanna, born Nov. 18, 1813, married John Iler; John, born Sept. 19, 1815, married Ann Randall; Sarah, born Sept.

8, 1818, married Joseph Coatsworth; Robert, born May 24, 1820, married Elizabeth Williams; Solomon, born May 14, 1822, married Ann Iler; Adam, born June 14, 1824, married Lucinda Buchanan; Nancy Jane, born June 1, 1828, married Louis Jasperson, and they are the parents of George Jasperson, of Kingsville; Michael, born March 15, 1831, married Jane Crow, and is the only surviving member of this large family, and now resides in Kingsville.

Wendel Wigle, the fourth child of John Wigle was born on the Wigle homestead in Gosfield, and there grew to manhood. At maturity his father gave him a tract of 142 acres of land on Lot 3, Eastern Division, and upon this he settled, building here first a hewed frame house on Mill Creek, some 200 rods north of the house now owned by Benjamin Wigle. After some years he moved this house, and put up the stone addition that for many years was known as the homestead. He began the first clearing on this farm, and was permitted before his death to see it practically all cleared. He was an excellent farmer and manager, and added to his holdings by the purchase of eighty acres in Lot 2 of the 2nd Concession.

On Nov. 23, 1830, he married Hannah Hairsine, born March 5, 1812, in Yorkshire, England, who died April 6, 1888, in Gosfield. She was a daughter of Charles and Mary (Burton) Hairsine, and was five years old when the family came to Canada and settled in Mersea township. Wendel Wigle was a Conservative in his political views. He was a faithful member and an active worker in the Methodist Church. His life, which covered ninety-two years, three months and ten days, ended on Dec. 19, 1898. He retained his faculties to a remarkable degree.

To Wendel and Hannah (Hairsine) Wigle were born the following children: Mary, born Dec. 1, 1831, married James Flood, and died July 8, 1868; Thomas H., born April 2, 1833, is the subject of this sketch; Susan, born Feb. 4, 1835, married Hubert Deming, and died in 1880; Stephen, born Jan. 8, 1837, married Sarah Wilcox; Sarah, born March 9, 1839, married John Harrington, of Kingsville; Julianna, born Feb. 22, 1841, married Edward Rodgers, of Gosfield; Jane, born Jan. 4, 1842, married Drake Wilcox; Charles, born in 1844, died aged two and one-half years; Wendel, deceased, born Sept. 9, 1846, married Mary Vansleet; Benjamin, born July 4, 1848, married Colinette Deming, and occupied the home place; Lucinda, born in September, 1850, married Aaron Haycock, and died

Sept. 12, 1878; Amelia, born Dec. 22, 1852, married Duncan Montrose, and resides in Detroit; and Janette, born July 6, 1856, deceased, married Eugene Augustine.

Thomas H. Wigle was born in the frame house above mentioned, in Lot 3, on Mill Creek, and he remained under the home roof until he was twenty-six years of age. As he was the eldest son, much hard work was his share, in the clearing of the land, and in the first preparations for farming. These were all carried on under most adverse conditions, and there are few pioneer hardships Mr. Wigle did not go through. However, the outdoor life and constant industry made muscle and brawn, and, like others of his family, he grew into strong young manhood, perfectly capable of undertaking the clearing and cultivating of the farm given him by his father. The land was perfectly wild at that time, and even the 2nd and 3rd Concession roads had not yet been cut through. Mr. Wigle put up a frame house on his land, and occupied it until 1875, when he replaced it with his present commodious brick residence. He has cleared all his land, drained wet places, put out orchards, erected substantial buildings, and has made the other improvements which mark the farmer who is both modern and practical. His first tract included eighty acres, to which Mr. Wigle has added eighty-five acres, and is now in possession of one of the most desirable farms of this locality.

Mr. Wigle easily recalls the time when wild animals were seen almost daily. He became expert with his gun, and killed the last wolves seen in the township. He has always enjoyed hunting, and even in the past year joined a party of sportsmen in a trip to the North, and was gratified by being able to bring home a larger pair of deer horns than any other of the party.

Mr. Wigle was married (first) to Delilah Wilcox, of Malden, who died two and one-half years later, and he married (second) Elizabeth Ann Rodgers, and to them were born: Thorpin, born May 18, 1865, married Alva Peterson and they have Eva, Ella and Alla; Ortena, born Dec. 28, 1866, married Thomas O'Donald, a merchant of Wallaceburg, and they have John and Lillie; Laona, born Nov. 27, 1867, married John Minor, a tile manufacturer, and they have Carl, Manley and William; Lillie, born June 15, 1869, married Manley B. Squires, a plumber of Windsor; Wellington, born Oct. 21, 1872, married Mary Bruner, and they have John, Lila, Elizabeth and Beatrice (he graduated from the Detroit Den-

tal College in 1900, and is now practicing his profession in that city); and May, born Jan. 20, 1877, married Dr. George E. Christmas, of Harbor Beach, Michigan, and they have one son, Thomas William E. Mr. Wigle and family belong to the Kingsville Methodist Church.

RODGERS. Henry Rodgers, the paternal grandfather of Mrs. Wigle, was born Nov. 6, 1768, in Cornwall, England, where he married Philippa Short, born also in Cornwall, Dec. 25, 1766. Both died in England, survived by only one son, Henry Rodgers.

Henry Rodgers (2) was born May 25, 1803, in Cornwall, England, where he grew to maturity and married Elizabeth Westlake, of the same locality, born May 10, 1806. In 1837 they came to Canada, and soon after located at Bear Creek, County of Kent. Here Mr. Rodgers bought a farm of 100 acres of wild land, which he was engaged in clearing until July, 1852, when he removed to the County of Essex. There he located, securing 200 acres of land in Gosfield township, on the south-east of Lot 4, Concession 2, all of which was still in nature's keeping. There he built the family's first home, and died on this place, May 28, 1864, before he had accomplished much in the way of its improvement. His wife had died in the previous September, and both were buried in the old Kingsville cemetery. They had these children: George, born Nov. 2, 1826, became a successful lumberman, farmer and business man, married Sarah Little, of Wallaceburg, Ont., and died Sept. 4, 1897, at Clairmont, South Dakota; Mary, born July 2, 1828, died aged ten years; Digooy, born Aug. 12, 1830, married Sarah Dustin, lived at Wallaceburg, and died aged sixty years; John, born July 6, 1832, married a Miss Shaw, and lives at Elk Rapids, Ont.; Henry, born May 28, 1834, married Ann Smith, and they live in Gosfield; Edmund, born Jan. 10, 1840, married Julianna Wigle, and is a farmer in Gosfield; and Elizabeth Ann, born July 2, 1846, is the wife of Thomas H. Wigle.

JOHN B. COUSINEAU, a prominent farmer of Sandwich West, living on Concession 5, Lots 3 and 4, in the County of Essex, was born Sept. 12, 1842, in Sandwich West, son of Frank and Angeline (Drouillard) Cousineau.

John B. Cousineau, the grandfather, was born at Montreal, and came to the County of Essex at a very early day. After his marriage with Josephine Bigras, of Sandwich, he settled on the river Canard, near Detroit, and purchas-



Pauline Cousineau C. B. Cousineau

ed a farm of 500 acres on the Canada side, becoming in the course of time wealthy and prominent. He was a soldier in the war of 1812, and became an admirer and personal friend of the great chief Tecumseh. The following named children survived him: Frank; Joseph; John B.; Christopher; August; Monique, Mrs. Charles Drouillard; Archangel, who married Louie Venieux; Palazee, who married James Malashe; and Florence, who became the wife of Jacob Langlois.

Frank Cousineau was born in Sandwich in 1814, and after his marriage settled on the river Canard, where he remained during his lifetime, engaged in farming, and died in 1858. In religion he was a devout Catholic, which religious connection is also enjoyed by his wife, who still survives, at the age of eighty-four years, having been born April 8, 1820. She is a descendant of Simon Drouillard, of France, who came to the County of Essex, Ont., and made a permanent home here, engaging in farming. He was married in the county to Miss St. John Martin. His son, Louis Drouillard, was born in the County of Essex, and was one of the first settlers on the Canard river, eight miles from Detroit, his descendants still living on his farm, which is now owned by his grandson, Louis Drouillard, who conducts a hotel there. Bazile Drouillard, son of Louis, and father of Mrs. Cousineau, was born in 1794 in the County of Essex, and he and his father served in the War of 1812.

Seven sons and three daughters were born to Mr. and Mrs. Cousineau, namely: (1) Frank, born in December, 1838, was drowned in Lake Erie in young manhood. (2) Angeline, born in November, 1840, is the wife of Gregory Pare, a resident of Detroit, and they have children—Frank, Elizabeth, Maxim, Adolphus, Agnes, Alice, Emma and William. (3) John B. is mentioned below. (4) Eli grew up on the homestead, and when the American war broke out, in 1861, went to Chicago and enlisted there in an Illinois regiment, serving through the whole war, and participating in the most important battles. He was honorably discharged at its close, when he came home for two years, and then removed to Saginaw, Michigan, married Mary Berrard, removed to Illinois, and later to Galveston, Texas, where he follows his trade of contractor and builder. His children are, Mary, Richard, Anna, Louis and Albert. (5) Bazill, born in 1846, married Lizzie Valentine, of Bay City, Michigan, where he followed carriage building. They have children, Alfred, Helen, Sadie,

Frank and Albert, all of whom are well educated and holding lucrative positions. (6) Josephine, born in 1848, married Felix Tourangeau, and they reside in Alpena, Michigan, where he is engaged in lumbering. They have five children, Jennie, Clement, Julianne, Eva and Fred. (7) Denis, born on the old home in Anderdon township in 1850, died in 1879. (8) Ellen, born in 1852, married Eli Gignae, resides in Detroit, and has six children, Emma, Raymond, Ernest, Eva, Hector and Leon. (9) Joseph, born in 1854, married Agnes Tourangeau, of West Sandwich, and they reside in Standish, Michigan. Among their children are Zoie, Henriette, Millie, Tarsille, Richard and Eli. (10) Alfred, born at the old home in 1857, was married in Michigan to Delima Fontaine, and resides with his family at Lake Superior. They have the following children, Earl and Tutsie.

From early manhood John B. Cousineau has been an industrious and energetic man. He started his business career as a jobber and lumberman on the Canard river and followed this work for a number of years. After his marriage he began farming in Anderdon township, where he owned land, and in 1874 he purchased his present fine farm in Sandwich West, which, through his activity, has been made one of the finest estates in the township. In 1888, following other improvements, he erected his handsome brick residence, in which he has introduced all the modern improvements, and which is an ideal country home. His barns, fences and outbuildings all show the management of a man of taste, while his abundant crops testify to the excellent methods which have transformed an old exhausted tract of land into the present valuable and productive one.

On Jan. 14, 1868, Mr. Cousineau married Miss Pauline Girard, who was born Aug. 1, 1848, in Sandwich West, daughter of William and Matilda (Dufour) Girard, and is a member of one of the county's old and prominent families. Mrs. Cousineau was educated in the County of Essex, where her parents were farming people, and her father lived retired for ten years prior to his death, on his farm in Sandwich. He died in September, 1898, aged seventy-eight, and his wife, who was born Feb. 10, 1830, is still on the old homestead. She is a member of the Catholic Church, to which Mr. Girard also belonged. Children as follows were born to their union: Pauline, Mrs. Cousineau; Helen, who married Frank Rocheleau, a farmer on the old homestead;

Toussent, who died young; and Joseph, who married Cirine Field, and is a farmer on the old homestead. The paternal grandparents, Toussent and Felice (Meloche) Girard, lived in the County of Essex, as did also the maternal grandparents, Antoine and Archange (Velleau) Dufour. Antoine Dufour took part in the war of 1812.

Children as follows have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Cousineau: Emma, born in 1869, is the wife of Columbus Marentette, and they reside in Windsor; they have two children, Mabel and Vandetta. George, born in 1870, married Libbie Ginett, of West Sandwich, and they reside on a farm in Sandwich West. Albert, born in March, 1873, married Cora Dupuis, of Sandwich West, and they now reside near Toledo, Ohio, where he is employed with the Standard Oil Co.; he has one son, Blake. Albert is a graduate of the Windsor high school, and fills a prominent position with the great corporation mentioned. Alice, born in 1876, is the wife of George McKee, and they reside in Sandwich West; they have sons, Lauren, Roy and Albert. Sebry, born in 1879, is the wife of Albert Longworth, of Windsor, and they have one daughter, Ermaugh. Alfred, born in 1883, is a graduate of the Sandwich College and also of Detroit College, and is now a capable assistant in the post office at Windsor; he is unmarried. Blanche, born in 1886, is, at present writing, a student in the Detroit Dress Schools. Raymond, born in 1889, remains at home. John, born in 1891, died in childhood. This family reflect the greatest credit not only upon the estimable parents, but upon the locality in which they were reared.

In his political sympathies Mr. Cousineau has always been identified with the Reform party, and he has held a number of the local offices in its gift. He was collector for two years, and for two more was one of the ablest reeves the county ever had, his work being eminently satisfactory to all concerned. Since 1898 he has held the Canadian Government appointment of fishery overseer, one of considerable responsibility.

Mr. Cousineau and all his family are consistent members of the Catholic Church, and his contributions to charity are always commensurate with his means. For a number of years he has been a member of the C. M. B. A. and also of the Order of United Workmen. He is one of the popular and leading citizens of Sandwich West, a self-made man, and one who is

highly esteemed for his sterling traits of character.

JAMES STEWART, a farmer and carpenter in Gosfield North, is the last surviving member of a family long known in the County of Essex, where they were among the earliest of the pioneer settlers, while still farther back he traces his ancestry to the famous Stewarts of Scotland. He was born in the County of Norfolk, Middleton township, Oct. 13, 1840, son of Rev. James and Jane (Philpox) Stewart.

Originally three brothers came from Scotland to America: Charles, grandfather of our subject, settled in Canada; John went to Pennsylvania, and was killed during the Revolution; and James, a soldier in the British army, died near Amherstburg, in Malden township, after the War of 1812. Charles Stewart, with his wife, Peggy, made his home in Mersea township, and lived to the remarkable age of 104 years. He had seven children, all now deceased: John, Charles, Abel, Rev. James, Polly (wife of L. D. Vaughn), Peggy (wife of Michael G. Fox) and Tabitha (Mrs. George Brown).

Rev. James Stewart was born in 1794. While he owned and lived on a farm, his life work was in the Baptist ministry, and he was a well-known preacher in the County of Essex. His death occurred in 1841, while he was at Long Point, Canada, engaged in the discharge of ministerial duties. He was twice married, and by his first wife, Betsey (Fulmer), of Mersea township, had five children, David, John, Isaiah, Jane and Margaret, all now deceased. By the second union with Jane Philpox, born in Iona, Canada, in 1800, there were three children, namely: Esther, the deceased wife of the late Thomas Craney, of Gosfield; Eliza A., the late wife of Thomas Hawkes, of Grand Rapids, Michigan; and James. After her husband's death Mrs. Stewart married William Taggatt. Her death occurred in 1898.

James Stewart was reared and educated in the County of Essex, and early learned the carpenter's trade. While he has always followed this to some extent, he bought a tract of wild land while he was still a young man, and has devoted his life mainly to farming. He now has a highly-productive farm on Concession 6, Lot 23, a place which he has himself cleared and cultivated, and on which he has built a number of unusually good buildings. To this home in 1861 he brought his wife, whose maiden name was Miss Julia Lane. She was born in Colchester

South in 1846, the daughter of Aaron and Eleanor Lane, who were early settlers in that region, descendants from an old English family. Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Stewart, but all have passed away save one daughter, Cecilia, the wife of John C. Hutchinson, a business man in Leamington, who has one daughter, Mildred.

In their religious belief Mr. Stewart and his wife are Methodists, and are members of that church, in whose work they have always taken an active part. Politically Mr. Stewart has always adhered to the Reform party, but has not been prominent in politics, as his services to the public have always been in connection with educational work, as a school trustee, or in some similar position. In his home Mr. Stewart has been an admirable husband and father; as a citizen, public-spirited and honest; among his friends and neighbors, upright in conduct, genial in nature and charitable in thought and deed, so that he is held in high esteem, respected and honored.

JOHN TURK. One of the old established families of the County of Essex is that of Turk, and a most worthy representative of the same is found in Mr. John Turk, of His Majesty's Customs at Windsor. The arms of Turk of Wilts are described as follows: Argent, on a bend azure, between two lions rampant, gules, three bezants. Crest: An eagle en erriere, sable, beak and legs or. Motto: *In Deo Omnia*.

William Turk, the grandfather of Mr. Turk, of Windsor, was of English ancestry, and was born in England in 1757, dying there in 1837; the death of his widow followed in 1839. Their children were: William, Elizabeth, Henry J., Walter Alfred, Frank, Mary Jane, Ann Sophia, Thomas and John.

John Turk, the eldest of the above family, was born Dec. 24, 1810, in England, coming to Detroit, Michigan, in early manhood, and was there married, Sept. 24, 1838, to Miss Mary Ann Hutchings, a daughter of Richard and Elizabeth (Bradfield) Hutchings. In 1841 they removed from Detroit to Amherstburg, County of Essex, Ont., where for nine years Mr. Turk followed the brewing business, and during four years of this time was chief of the fire department. On Oct. 11, 1851, they removed to Windsor, where Mr. Turk built "The Turk House," which hostelry he successfully conducted for twenty-eight years. To a limited extent he also engaged in a mercantile business. After retiring from the

hotel business he built a private residence in Windsor, where he died in 1867. For many years he was one of the most prominent citizens of this place, commercially and politically, and efficiently held the offices of assessor, councilman, magistrate and trustee. Politically he was a Conservative. In religious matters he belonged to the Methodist Church.

John Turk and wife reared and educated a most estimable family, seven reaching maturity: Elizabeth A., deceased, married John O. Hayes; Mary Ann married William Carr, of Lapeer, Michigan, and has one daughter, Emma; Emaline L. married R. R. Abel, and they had three children, Albert, Clarence and Maud; John, of Windsor, is mentioned below; Jane D. married D. H. Abel, of Michigan, and they have two children, William and Elizabeth; Edward J. married Sarah Jane Pulford, and they have five children, John, Minnie, Ada, Flossie and Lorraine; Lydia A. married H. H. Blackadder, and they have three children, Helen, May and Henry. Mrs. Turk, the mother of this family, is one of the most charming elderly ladies of Windsor, and, although she has reached the age of eighty-seven years, is an active and valued member of the Methodist Church. No gathering of this religious body is complete without her, her efficiency being as great as it has been for the past half century. Her birth took place June 21, 1818, in Berkshire, England. She came to Detroit at the age of eighteen years, in fact passing her birthday on the Atlantic Ocean. Her grandparents were William and Rebecca Hutchings, the former of whom was born in 1750 in England, and died there in 1825, his wife passing away some years previously. By occupation Mr. Hutchings was a merchant, and the property owned by him has been in the family for more than 300 years. The children of William Hutchings and his wife were: Thomas, Richard, William, Eliza, Arthur, Richard (2) and Edward.

Richard Hutchings (2), of this family, was born in 1788, in England, and died in 1840. His wife, Elizabeth (Bradfield), was born June 21, 1798, in England, and died in Windsor in 1871. In 1836 Richard Hutchings and his wife came to Detroit, and soon after purchased a farm in the County of Essex. In England he was engaged in a bakery business, and in farming operations, with which he was unfamiliar, he contracted a cold which resulted in his death in 1840. His children were: Mary Ann, Mrs. Turk; John (deceased), a mariner, who owned some fine boats in lake traffic; Richard, of Windsor; Thomas, of

Holly, Michigan; and Edward and Joseph, deceased. The maternal grandparents of Mrs. Turk were John and Rebecca Bradfield, natives of Berkshire, England, where they spent their whole lives. They were the parents of twelve children, the ten who grew to maturity being: John, James, Robert, Richard, Elizabeth, Annie, Jemima, Mary Ann, Martha Jane and Maria.

From this honorable ancestry came John Turk, of Windsor, born in 1844, in Amherstburg, County of Essex. He was seven years old when his parents moved to Windsor, where he was educated, and has passed the greater part of his business life. In 1866 he engaged in clerking and followed the same line for five years, and then became interested in the lumber business, making this his concern for some sixteen years, after which he was associated with John Curry and also with the late William McGregor, ex-M.P., in real estate operations. Since 1897 he has been connected with His Majesty's Customs at Windsor, proving a careful, conscientious and efficient officer.

In 1867 Mr. Turk was united in marriage with Elizabeth Newcomb, whose death occurred within the following year. In 1873 he was married (second) to Miss Minnie C. Wigle, a daughter of Peter Wigle, of a prominent family of the county. Politically Mr. Turk is identified with the Liberal party, and fraternally he is a prominent member of the I.O.O.F., in which he is a Past Grand and Past Chief Patriarch. Mr. Turk is much esteemed in every relation of life in Windsor, and occupies with credit a responsible position in His Majesty's government.

FOSTER. The family of this name in Mersea township is one of the oldest and most influential in that section of the County of Essex, where they have owned land for nearly eighty years.

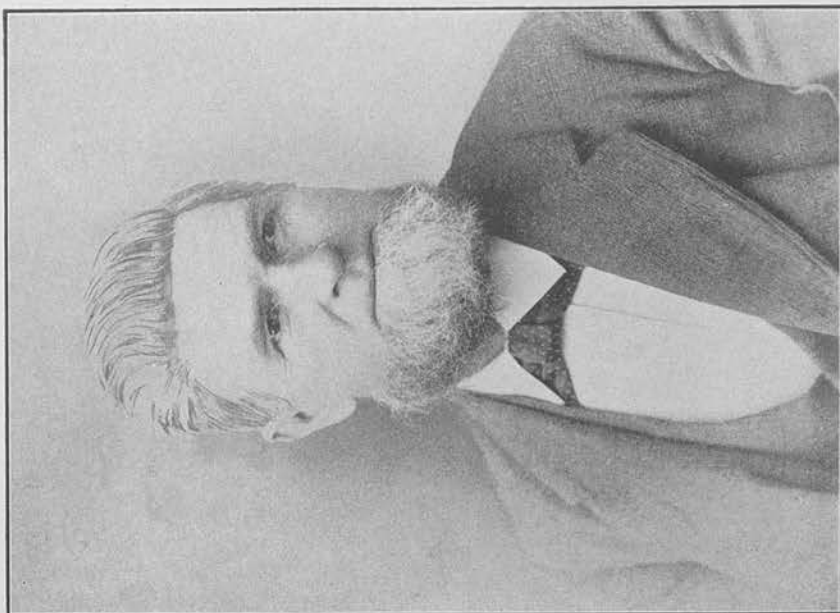
The Fosters are of English descent, Ralph Foster, the founder of the family in this country, having been a native of England, born Dec. 27, 1795, in the parish of Wardell, County of Durham, son of John Foster, of the same parish. Ralph Foster was educated in the parish schools of his native town, and as a young man worked in the mines, principally in the lead mines. He married in Hexham, County of Northumberland, England, April 25, 1817, Ann Wilthew, who was born May 16, 1796, in the parish of Hexham. Shortly after their marriage they embarked for the New World, coming to Nova Scotia, and

first settled on Prince Edward Island. Later they returned to Nova Scotia, where Mr. Foster followed different occupations, and in time removed to New Brunswick, eventually coming to Ontario, and making their way to the County of Essex in about 1826, nearly ten years after they first landed on the Canadian shore. He located in Mersea township, on the farm now owned and operated by his sons, James W. and George, and was one of the first settlers in that region. At that time the farm was a wilderness on the South part of Talbot street, in Lot 239, a part of the Col. Talbot grant. Here he built a small log house and brought his family, settling down to agriculture, and with the help of his sons he cleared up his farm, a tract of 164 acres, on which he made many improvements. As early as 1852 escaping natural gas was found on this farm and Mr. Foster had always a strong conviction that this indicated the presence of an oil field, which conviction proved true, for on the same farm in 1896 the first oil was discovered in what has since developed, in 1904, into the present extensive Leamington oil field. There the remainder of his days was spent, and farming was his life occupation. He attained the ripe old age of eighty-two years, a strong, active man to the last, and died, full of years and honor, Aug. 21, 1877; he is buried in Lake View cemetery, at Leamington.

Mr. Foster was a member of the Church of England, and in politics was a Conservative. He was interested in public affairs, was justice of the peace for many years, was a member of the township council, and reeve of the township. He was a volunteer in the British service during the Rebellion of 1837-38, and served as an officer. He was a well-read man and a good writer. Mr. Foster led a true pioneer life after coming to Mersea township, for at the time of his settlement there were no roads or bridges, and wild animals, wolves, deer, turkeys, etc., abounded in the forests. Amid such surroundings he reared his large family, all of whom reflected credit upon their training, by their sober and industrious lives. By his first marriage Mr. Foster became the father of eight children: Ann, born June 7, 1818, on Prince Edward Island, married James Robson. John, born in Nova Scotia, Aug. 15, 1821, married April 12, 1842, Mary Richardson. Thomas, born in Nova Scotia July 29, 1823, resides in Mersea township; he married Oct. 21, 1849, Sarah Scott. Matilda, born in Nova Scotia, July 29, 1825,



Mrs Ann Foster



Ralph Foster

died in August, 1825, when three weeks old. William Henry, born in Mersea township, County of Essex, Oct. 2, 1827, is mentioned below. Ralph, born March 3, 1830, in Mersea township, is mentioned below. James W., born Sept. 23, 1832, is mentioned below. George, born Jan. 21, 1836, is mentioned below. The mother of these children died May 22, 1867, and was buried in Lake View cemetery. She was a true Christian woman, a loving wife and mother, and shared with her husband the trials and hardships of pioneer life, proving a willing helpmate. Mr. Foster married (second) Dec. 27, 1868, Ann Dennis, who after his death moved to Ohio.

WILLIAM HENRY FOSTER, son of Ralph, was born in a log cabin on the home farm on Talbot Street, and attended the little log school with its slab benches, taught by a teacher who in these days could not get a third-grade certificate. It was a subscription school, and the children attended three, six or twelve months. Mr. Foster remained at home with his parents until of age, helping his father clear up his farm, and after reaching his majority he rented the homestead and operated it for four years, after which he bought a tract of land on the Leamington side road, in the 5th Concession, Lot 6, 100 acres of bush land, the purchase of which involved him in debt. He built a small log house containing only one room, and thither he brought his young wife and settled down to farming. At that period there was no Leamington side road, there were no bridges or roads, and no other inhabitants near where he settled. He cleared up the farm and put the land under a good state of cultivation, and in 1876 he built his present home, a brick dwelling house, which was the first of the kind in that section. Mr. Foster was one of the pioneers in tobacco raising in his section, and he made a thorough success of farming. He bought a 200-acre tract in Tilbury West township, which he divided with two of his sons. After carrying on the homestead for over a quarter of a century he turned over the management of the farm to his son Reginald, who is now operating it. During his active life Mr. Foster worked hard to clear up his farm, and experienced many of the inconveniences of pioneer life, traveling some distance to get flour, tea and groceries in those early days. Leamington was not yet founded. He always supported the Conservative party, but is an independent, and votes more for the man than the party. Though not an office-seeker he has filled the offices

of tax collector and assessor and school trustee, and took the census in the township twice. His habits are strictly domestic, and he is temperate in his tastes, never drinking or using tobacco in any form. Mr. Foster was baptized and confirmed in the Church of England, but after his marriage he became a member of the Methodist Church, and he was one of the organizers of the Mt. Carmel Church, in which he has filled the office of trustee, recording steward and class-leader.

On March 9, 1851, in Mersea township, Mr. Foster married Sarah Ann Crow, Rev. William Boyer performing the ceremony. Mrs. Foster was born in London, England, March 11, 1830, daughter of Joseph H. and Sarah Ann (Wilshire) Crow, both natives of London, England, who came to Canada in 1850, with their family, and settled in Gosfield township, County of Essex. Mr. and Mrs. Foster celebrated their golden wedding March 9, 1901, and many of their friends attended on that occasion. They are still active, enjoying the best of health, and are much devoted to one another. Mrs. Foster possesses a refined Christian character, and has proved a loving mother and wife. She is a member of the Mt. Carmel Methodist Church.

Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Foster: (1) Henry, born Dec. 8, 1851, married Chloe Minnis, and resided in Leamington, Ont. He is a carpenter and contractor. (2) Edwin, born Feb. 6, 1854, is a farmer in Tilbury West township, County of Essex. He married, June 1, 1881, Mary Hannah Dresser, and has one son, Orly. (3) Reginald, born Nov. 10, 1856, operates the homestead. He married, June 8, 1879, Margaret Laird, who died April 24, 1895, aged thirty-nine years, and left five children, Byron L., Rowland, Everett B., Stanley and Floyd. For his second wife Mr. Foster married Elizabeth Wilson. (4) Sarah Ann, born July 2, 1862, married Dec. 31, 1883, James Rolfson, of Walkerville, and has one son, Orville. (5) Laura Jane, born Jan. 13, 1865, died March 13, 1868. (6) Charlotte Josephine, born July 1, 1867, married, Oct. 23, 1889, Nelson Doyle, and resides in Merlin, Ontario.

RALPH FOSTER, JR., son of Ralph, and brother of William Henry, was born in Mersea township, on the homestead, March 3, 1830. He attended the little log schoolhouse in which his brothers also received their training. Preferring a professional life to that of a farmer, he gave him-

self to hard study, and while working on the homestead with his father, helping to clear up the farm, splitting rails, etc., studied hard. His early ambition was attained when he received a third-grade certificate, and he taught his first school in Romney township, County of Kent. He also taught his home school. But not content with a third-grade certificate, he continued his studies, and after saving a little money went to Toronto, where he attended the Normal school, and where his ambition was rewarded with a second-grade certificate. He returned to the home school and taught for two years, but he was a man of high spirit and one who knew his position, and when a dispute arose between the school trustee and himself he threw up his position. Returning to the Normal school at Toronto, he took up further study, and obtained a first-class certificate, after which he taught in Macville, County of Peel, and township of Albion, and from many places where he taught he was presented on his retirement with an address and a present by the pupils. These are now in the possession of his widow, who treasures them, and among other things there is a handsomely bound Bible. Besides the places previously mentioned Mr. Foster taught five years at Blytheswood, and three years at Olinda, and in the schools of Leamington, where he acted as principal, spending in all upwards of thirty years in the school room, which he loved faithfully and well, and to which he gave his entire attention. He bought a tract of land on the 5th Concession, where, in February, 1883, he built a fine brick dwelling house, at a cost of over three thousand dollars, retiring to that place when he gave up his profession, and spending the remainder of his life in farming. He taught his last school in No. 4 school section, for which he struggled hard to have established. He died at his home Jan. 9, 1894, after a seven weeks' illness, and was buried in Lake View cemetery. Mr. Foster was a scholar, a man of refined tastes and culture, and was the first young man in the township to take up the profession of teacher. He became converted at the age of twenty-seven years, and from that time until his death led a Christian life. For many years he was a member of the Wesleyan Church, and when the union of that church and the Methodist took place he still attended; but when a rupture took place he joined the Presbyterian Church at Blytheswood, of which he remained a faithful member until his death. He performed the duties of Sunday-school teacher, and was superintendent

of the school, and quite active in all church matters. He was a staunch Liberal in politics, but never sought nor accepted office, though he was trustee of school section No. 4. Socially he was a member of the Masonic fraternity, joining the lodge at Kingsville. He was a member of the Sons of Temperance, and a staunch temperance man, and was a member of the Patrons of Industry. He was a domestic man, much devoted to his wife and children, a good neighbor, and a friend to all who needed assistance or advice.

Mr. Foster was married, in Mersea township, Oct. 29, 1858, by Rev. Thomas Atkinson, to Ann Whealy, who was born Aug. 6, 1836, in County Huntingdon, Quebec, daughter of Thomas Whealy (Sr.) and Margaret Dowler, of County Huntingdon. Mrs. Foster has proven herself a willing helpmate, and much of her husband's success in life is due to her, for she made many sacrifices that he might succeed, helping and encouraging him in every way. He sought her advice in his every undertaking. She was devoted to him during life, and still cherishes his memory. Mrs. Foster is active for her years, and a good Christian woman, a member of the Presbyterian Church, attending at Blytheswood. Mr. and Mrs. Foster had three children, viz.: (1) Thomas Jefferson Jackson, born Nov. 16, 1862, at Albin, County of Peel, Ont., married Priscilla Minnis, daughter of John Minnis, and now resides in Gosfield township, where he is engaged in farming; he has two children, Addie and Raymond. (2) Laura Victoria, born Nov. 6, 1864, at Albin, County of Peel, was a school teacher. She married George Switzer, and resides in Maidstone township. They have three daughters, Pearl, Viola and Ethel. (3) Arilla, born in Mersea township, May 18, 1867, married Rev. Benoni Gibson, a pastor of the Methodist Church of Osseo, Michigan, and their children were, Floyd M., Essie A., Ivan S., Effie G., Roy DeL. and Leon E., the last two deceased. Mrs. Foster is now living on the homestead, esteemed and beloved by all who know her, rounding out a Christian life in the calm enjoyment of the love of her children and the memories of a happy, useful life.

JAMES W. FOSTER, farmer and stock raiser, was born on the Talbot Street farm Sept. 23, 1832, son of Ralph and Ann (Wilthew) Foster. His boyhood days were spent on the farm, and he attended the little log school, where the teacher was paid for by subscription; still later it became a free school. Working hard from early boyhood, he remained on the homestead with his

parents until his father retired from farming, when he rented the place, operating it until his father died, when it was divided between himself and his brother George, James W. taking the part on which the old log house stood. Here he has been ever since engaged in practical farming and stock raising, and he is still active, though now over seventy years old. He put up a fine brick dwelling house, and made other improvements on the farm. Mr. Foster has always been a staunch Conservative, and an admirer of the late lamented John A. Macdonald. Religiously he is a member of the Presbyterian Church of Leamington, and socially he holds membership in the A. F. & A. M. lodge at Kingsville, to which he has belonged for over fifty years; he is a member of the A. O. U. W., at Leamington. He was a member of the cavalry under Capt. Theodore Wigle, and served five years. He is a man of domestic tastes, and his habits are temperate and exemplary.

In 1859 Mr. Foster married, in Mersea township, County of Essex, Sarah Jane Derbyshire, daughter of George and Mary Derbyshire, and seven children blessed this union, namely: (1) George Collingwood, a resident of Leamington, married Mary J. Newcomb, and has five children. (2) Mary A. has been housekeeper for her father since her mother's death, and has proved a most devoted daughter. She is a member of the Methodist Church of Leamington. (3) Eliza Matilda married George W. Jackson, of Leamington, and had four children, two of whom are deceased. (4) Euphemia married Frederick De Laurier, of Leamington, and has three children. (5) Rose E. married Frederick Harrison, a baker of Leamington, and has five children. (6) Clara Annie married Albert Evans, a farmer of Mersea township, and has two children. (7) Louis died in infancy. The mother of these children died Aug. 22, 1877, and was buried in Lake View cemetery. She was a good Christian woman, reared a creditable family, and was much devoted to her husband and children, leaving nothing undone which would add to their comfort and happiness. Indeed, in this respect, the entire family have emulated her example in their devotion to each other's interests.

GEORGE FOSTER, like his brothers, was born on the homestead farm, and attended the log schoolhouse. He worked on the home farm from early boyhood, meantime attending the school near Lake Erie, in the township of Mersea, taught by an Irish schoolmaster named Otter, who was a soldier in the British army. He re-

mained on the homestead with his father, and when the homestead was divided obtained the eastern half of 164 acres, on which he built a dwelling-house, and which he has been cultivating ever since. He was among the pioneer tobacco growers in this section, and has ever been noted for his thrift and industry, as well as his integrity. Early in June, 1904, the Natural Gas and Oil Co. bored for oil on his premises and now have four producing wells, and are sinking two more. He is a man who has the respect of all who know him, for his honest and upright character. He is a Liberal in the very best sense, broad-minded, and though not an office-seeker does not neglect the duties of a good citizen, and has served as school trustee of his section, No. 2, for six years, taking a deep interest in education. He is liberal and broad-minded in his religious views, preferring the Golden Rule as his motto. He was one of the first members of the Agricultural Society.

Mr. Foster married, in Mersea township, May 12, 1861, Elizabeth Scott Derbyshire, daughter of George and Mary Derbyshire, and sister of the late Mrs. James White Foster. Children as follows came to this union: Ida Ellen, died young. Clotilda is at home. Mary Amelia married (first) Robert Laird and (second) Mack Roach. She resides in Leamington. Norman Scott, a tailor, resides at home. Ella Britomarte married Robert Winters, and resides in Leamington. Colin Elmer died young. Bertha died when six months old. The mother of these children suffered from heart trouble for several months, and died suddenly in her husband's arms Nov. 18, 1899; she was buried in Lake View cemetery. Mrs. Foster was a true Christian woman, devoted to her husband and children, a consistent member of the Methodist Church, and was deeply mourned by many besides her husband and children. Mr. Foster has a taste for music, is a performer on the violin and the clarinet, and was leader in the band at Leamington for four years, and clarinet player in same. His son, Norman Scott, has also become a performer on the clarinet, under his father's tuition, and has taken his place in the Leamington band. In 1862 Mr. Foster joined the Canadian Volunteers and served six years under Capt. T. M. Fox; he was also stationed at Windsor as guard for eight weeks during the Fenian Raid.

EDWIN FOSTER, son of William Henry Foster, of Mersea township, is a well-known and prosperous agriculturist of Tilbury West, where

he has been actively at work for a quarter of a century. He was born on Talbot Street, in Mersea township, and his education was all acquired under the primitive conditions incident to the old-time log schoolhouse. He remained at home with his parents, assisting in the work of the home farm until he attained his majority, when his father purchased for him a tract of one hundred acres on the township line of Tilbury West, near the village of Staples. His first efforts in making this a home were expended in the erection of a log house, and then he began to clear the land for cultivation. Under his father's careful tuition he had acquired a practical knowledge of the work before him, and he started systematically to work. As his land became better adapted to the plow, and the financial returns for his labors more abundant, he made extensive improvements, the log cabin being replaced by a substantial and commodious brick dwelling, costing about \$2,500, and the original outbuildings gave way to modern structures. He is industrious and thrifty, and the neat appearance of his farm is but tangible evidence of his methodical habits. The success he has attained has been well deserved.

In Mersea township, Mr. Foster married Mary Hannah Dresser, daughter of the late William Dresser, and granddaughter of the late George Dresser. To this union has come one son, Orland, born Sept. 6, 1884, now attending high school. Mrs. Foster is a lady of refined taste, and an artist of ability. She is devoted to her home, and much of her husband's success may be attributed to her sympathy and co-operation. Both Mr. and Mrs. Foster are members of the Methodist Church at Staples, and are active in the work, he being a trustee and steward of the Church, while Mrs. Foster was superintendent of the Sunday-school one year, and is assistant this year, and is also a most efficient teacher in the Sunday-school. Mr. Foster is a school trustee at Staples, and he takes a keen interest in all progressive measures, being ever ready with time and means to do a good citizen's duty in improving and advancing his town and county.

THOMAS COLLINS, one of the highly respected retired farmers of the County of Essex, residing on his valuable farm located on Lot 4, Concession 10, in Sandwich South, was born Feb. 15, 1852, in Maidstone township, this county.

Charles and Elizabeth (Richard) Collins, his parents, were born in England, reared and married there, and together came to Canada about 1850. They settled on wild land in Maidstone township, County of Essex, beginning pioneer life in a little log cabin in the woods. Here Mr. Collins cleared up a fine farm, cultivating the same until the year 1865, when he purchased the present home of his son Thomas, in Sandwich, and resided upon his property until his death, in 1894. With the assistance of his sons he here cleared and put under cultivation a large farm, erected substantial and comfortable buildings for family, stock and grain, and made the improvements which mark it as one of the fine farms of the locality. Here Charles Collins, after a busy and useful life, passed away. His widow, who for so many years was his cheerful, helpful companion, still survives, aged seventy-six years. Both she and her husband belonged to the Church of England in their native land, but in Canada became connected with the Methodist Church, in which Mr. Collins, a pious and godly man, became one of the pillars. There were three Collins brothers who came to Canada, George, Stephen and Charles, all now deceased.

Charles Collins left a family of six children, as follows: Louisa, born in Maidstone township in 1850, is the wife of John Greaves, a prominent and wealthy retired farmer of Sandwich South. Thomas is mentioned below. George, born in 1855, married Mariah Butts, and they have three children, Alfred, Altney and Edith; they reside on a part of the old homestead. Jemima, born in 1858, is the wife of John Farough. Sarah, born in 1860, is the wife of Nicholas Farough, and they reside in Sandwich South; they have two children, Charles and Lottie. Hannah, born in 1862, is the wife of William Campbell, who resides in Essex town, and they have three children, Charles, Clara and Carmen.

Thomas Collins grew up on the old homestead and received a district school education. He continued to reside at home as manager of the farm for a number of years prior to his father's death. In 1898 he erected a fine modern house on the old place, and at the same time made other improvements. The home and farm rank with those which have given the County of Essex a reputation throughout the Dominion as one in which the best agricultural conditions prevail, and as a most desirable section in which to live.

In 1879 Mr. Collins was united in marriage with Catherine Farough, daughter of Joseph and Melena Farough, and a member of one of the old

and prominent families of Sandwich South. To this marriage have been born three children, as follows: Melena was carefully educated in the local schools and is now the wife of George Gerard, who was born in England and emigrated to the Dominion, now residing in Essex, where he is engaged in business; they have three children, Violet, Llewellyn and Marguerite. Charles Collins, the first son, was accidentally drowned in a small well near the house, when six years of age. Charles (2), born in 1890, is pursuing his studies.

In religious connection this family belongs to the Methodist Church, in the work of which Mr. Collins has taken a very active part and to which he is a liberal and regular contributor. For ten years he has been one of the stewards, and much of the progress of the church in this locality is due to the example and efforts of men of such high character as he has displayed. Politically he has always supported the Conservative party. From his father, who is yet remembered with the greatest respect in Sandwich, Mr. Collins inherited integrity of character and those personal attributes which go to make a useful citizen. All the members of the family are held in the highest esteem in Sandwich South.

CAPT. JOSEPH ALEXANDER JENKING, one of the most highly esteemed residents of Walkerville, Ont., is also one of the most venerable, his year of birth being the same as that of the late Queen Victoria. His life has been full of incident, and none can speak more interestingly of either public or local history than can Captain Jenking.

John Jenking, the grandfather, was born in England, and by trade was a ship carpenter, being one of the skilled members of his craft, engaged in the great government dockyards. He died in his native land at the age of eighty-five years, leaving two children: John and Shadrach.

Shadrach Jenking, the father of Capt. Jenking, was born in 1792, and he served for seven years in the dockyards with his father, prior to emigrating to Canada, in 1816. His crossing of the Atlantic consumed eight weeks, not eight weeks of luxury, on a floating palace, but probably eight weeks of misery, crowded on a little sailing-vessel which pitched and tossed across the stormy waters. His landing at New York entailed a still further journey to Buffalo, and reaching that place with his kit of tools he made a skiff and rowed up the river to Ashtabula,

where he was engaged in the shipyards some time. When work grew slack here he went to Detroit, and then crossed to Windsor. In the latter place he was engaged by Angus McIntosh to take charge of his shipyard, and remained with that builder for three years. In 1818 he married Margaret Maisonnville, who was born in Walkerville in 1800, daughter of Major Maisonnville. After marriage they settled on the farm now owned by John Lewis, and continued to manage the McIntosh yard for some years. After leaving the yard he went on the "Wellington" as captain, and remained on the water some years, returning, however, to his trade, at which he continued to work until his death in 1853. His widow survived him until 1864. He belonged to the Church of England, while she was a Roman Catholic. Captain Joseph Alexander is the oldest of a family of twenty-two children born to his parents, twelve of whom died in infancy, the others being: Robert, Shadrach, Henry, William, Horatio Nelson and Thomas, twins, John, George and James.

Capt. Joseph Alexander Jenking was born Nov. 24, 1819, on the farm in Windsor. On attaining manhood he went to Detroit and Windsor and worked as ship carpenter, later taking charge of a shipyard. He assisted in building the old Great Western car boat now running in connection with the Grand Trunk railroad. He continued to engage in shipyard work until 1839, when he shipped as a sailor, serving for five seasons between Buffalo and Chicago. After this experience he was made foreman on a boat for the Central road, and he remained in this connection until 1842, becoming then foreman on the "Mayflower," built at Windsor. Capt. Jenking remained until the completion of this boat. In 1853 he was made foreman of construction and assisted in the building of these boats: the "Ottawa," which he finished in 1854, and then the "Windsor," which had the distinction of carrying the present King Edward on the occasion of his visit to Canada. In 1882 Capt. Jenking retired from active work, and has resided in his present pleasant home in Walkerville.

Capt. Jenking was married Oct. 7, 1845. By his wife, Susanna, who was born of Scotch parentage in 1822, he had the following children: Cornelia, wife of Capt. Bristol, of the American army; Charles H., captain of the Canadian Pacific car boat; Sarah, deceased; Isabella; Lillie and Joseph, twins, the former living at home, the widow of Mr. Hyslop, of Chatham, the lat-

ter in business in Detroit; and George, a bookkeeper in the First National Bank of Detroit.

Both the captain and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church. Politically he is a Conservative. He bore a gallant part in the Rebellion of 1837-38. Although he has passed the Psalmist's threescore and ten, Capt. Jenking shows no indication of age, his mental equipment being as complete as ever. No more interesting companion could be found, his clear recollections of pioneer days and of early and current events being recalled with wit and humor, and with a correctness as to detail which makes him the chosen village historian.

HUGH THOMAS COUSINS. Ontario has been particularly fortunate in the selection of capable and efficient officers for its railway mail service, and no more capable or faithful employee of the postoffice department can be found than Hugh Thomas Cousins, of Windsor.

In Mr. Cousins' veins is the blood of pioneer settlers in the County of Essex, who came hither from Scotland. His father, James Cousins, was born in that land in 1788, and lived to become an honored resident of Ontario, dying at Amherstburg in 1872. In 1813 he came to Halifax, a member of a regiment of English artillery, sent out for service during the War of 1812, although, as it happened, the trouble had ceased before they arrived. In 1818, while stationed in Halifax, he married Rosina Maloney, who was born in 1799, of Irish parentage, and died in 1893.

In 1826 James Cousins settled in Amherstburg, where he had been given charge of the government stores, and he served in this capacity during the Rebellion of 1837-38. Mr. Cousins had a life lease of Bois Blanc, and he became the owner of a farm within two miles of Amherstburg. Politically he was a Conservative. In religious belief he was attached to the Church of England. For a time he was a trustee of what was known as "The Old Kirk" at Sandwich, and it was related that on one occasion when some trouble arose during a service that threatened to grow, it was suppressed by his locking the doors and refusing to permit the building ever to be used again. He was a man of firm convictions, and stood stanch and true to what he believed to be right, an inheritance from his Scotch ancestry. His children, who were all devotedly attached to him, were: Isabella, born in 1819, died in 1885; Catherine; James J., born in 1822, resides with his brother, Hugh T.; William, de-

ceased; Rosina; Sarah, the widow of Dennis Ouellette, of Detroit; Ann, deceased; John D., of Malden township, County of Essex; Hugh T., and Henry, deceased.

Hugh T. Cousins was born in 1836, in Amherstburg, County of Essex, and was there educated. His early life he spent as a sailor on the lakes, in 1852 shipping before the mast on the schooner "Ellen Park," plying between Windsor and Kingston, Ont. Here he remained one year, and then went to the schooner "Conductor" for a year, as second mate, then as second mate on the brig "John Dashler," the property of Mr. Briggs, and, after other trips, became first mate on the "West Wind" for one year. However, in 1858, he left the water and engaged in the Canadian mail service, and after forty years may still be found one of the reliable men of his line of work, trusted to the utmost by the officials, and valued and esteemed by his associates and the general public.

In 1858 Mr. Cousins went into the postoffice at Windsor, and in 1866 was made mail clerk between Windsor and Chatham, and there he remained until the opening of a similar service on the Southern railway, in 1874, and he had charge of the first mail car run over that road, in April, 1874. Since that time he has been identified with the mail service on that line of railroad, it being now owned by the Michigan Central Company, and is one of the oldest mail clerks in Western Ontario.

In 1880 Mr. Cousins was united in marriage with Jennie Clement, a native of Hamilton and a daughter of Joseph Clement. She died leaving one daughter, Edna. In 1894 Mr. Cousins was married again, his choice being Miss Flora Laing. Both Mr. and Mrs. Cousins are members of the Episcopal Church, in which he has been warden for a number of years.

ESAU HILLMAN, one of the most highly respected citizens of the township of Tilbury West, County of Essex, is now living retired on the farm which has been his home for the past forty years. In the possession of good health and all his faculties, and enjoying the universal esteem of his fellow-citizens, he is receiving the benefits of a life of well-directed industry, and is an example the young men of the present generation would do well to follow.

Mr. Hillman is a native of England, born Jan. 15, 1830, in Westbury, Wiltshire, son of James Hillman, a native of the same place, and grandson of George Hillman. James Hillman

was a brickmaker by occupation. He married in his native land Mary Smith, and they had a family of four children when they left their native home for the New World in 1831. After a seven weeks' ocean voyage on a sailing-vessel the family landed at Quebec, coming thence to Ontario and locating in the wilderness, the father drawing a 100-acre tract of bush land, a Talbot grant, in Zone township, County of Kent. A log house was erected, and Mr. Hillman set about clearing the place. He was quite successful in his work, and made considerable improvement during his residence thereon. Selling out, he removed with his family to the County of Essex, and again began the life of a pioneer, locating on a bush farm of 100 acres in the 8th Concession, township of Tilbury West. He built a log house, and commenced the work of clearing and improving, which he continued until his death, for he passed the remainder of his life on this place. Mr. Hillman passed away at the age of sixty years, his wife, who survived him, reaching the age of sixty-eight; she also died on the old farm. They are buried in St. George's cemetery. Both were members of the Methodist Church, and lived most Christian lives. In politics James Hillman was a staunch Conservative, and he was a volunteer in the Rebellion of 1837-38, being one of the British soldiers stationed at Sandwich. Mr. and Mrs. Hillman were the parents of seven children, the first four born in England, viz.: Mary, who died young; Elizabeth, who died young; John; Esau; Samuel, deceased; Nathaniel, a farmer residing in the township of Tilbury West; and Mary Ann, who married William Brown, and resides in Alberta, Northwest Territory.

Esau Hillman was only a year old when brought by his parents to Canada, and he passed his boyhood in Zone township, County of Kent. His opportunities for obtaining an education were very limited, as the schools in those early days were "few and far between," in fact, all the helps which the boy of to-day meets at every turn were totally lacking. It was hard to obtain even the barest necessities of life. Things that the pioneers could not provide with the meager resources at their command were conveyed by water from Detroit or Windsor to Stony Point, and thence carried on horseback or on the men's shoulders through the woods. Deer, wolves, wild turkeys and other game abounded. Civilization made slow progress at first, for the settlers during the first few years

had enough to do to provide for their families. But as the work of clearing advanced and improvements were found to pay for themselves there was no lack of public-spirited men to organize and support the different enterprises which characterize the well-ordered community. Churches and schools and societies were established, agricultural implements and necessary machinery of all kinds were brought into the section, the prosperous conditions attracted other settlers, and the locality is now a typical thrifty farming district. There Mr. Hillman has spent seventy-two years of his life. As may be supposed, from the state of affairs existing in his boyhood, he was obliged to begin work at a very early age, helping his father in the duties of the farm. He remained at home until twenty-three years old, when he bought 100 acres in Mersea township, County of Essex, erected a log house thereon, and commenced farming on his own account. He had to clear the place, and succeeded in improving it vastly during the six or seven years he remained there. In 1860 he sold out and removed to his present home in the township of Tilbury West, where he purchased another 100-acre tract on Lot 8, Concession 8, and began all over again, erecting a log house and taking up the work of clearing. As the land was prepared for cultivation he engaged more and more extensively in farming, and in addition to general agriculture gave considerable time to stock raising, doing a profitable business in both lines. As prosperity rewarded his efforts he added to his equipment and put up a number of substantial buildings on his place. He also invested in two other tracts, of fifty and forty acres, respectively, each of which is operated by one of his sons. Mr. Hillman has worked hard all his life, but he has always enjoyed the blessing of good health, and he does not feel that work hurts him. Of late years he has retired from the more arduous work, handing over the management of the home place to his son, Edward. He can truly look back with satisfaction upon a long life of usefulness, for he has not only reared a creditable family, but has also done his share in the improvement of his section, having reduced several farms from their wild state to arability.

Mr. Hillman was married in Mosa township, Dec. 4, 1853, to Nancy Bright, who was born in Hamilton, Ont., and who has proved a most devoted and efficient helpmate. They became the parents of thirteen children: George Allen

died when fifteen years old. Laura Ann married Conrad Simons, of Rochester township, County of Essex. Hannah Jane is the widow of Jesse Ford, of Comber. Nancy married John Coatby, of Comber. Fannie is the wife of Henry Jury, of Detroit. Phebe married Edward Jury, and resides in Michigan. Esau, a farmer, married Almira Thorne. Edward, who cultivates the homestead place, married Sophia May, daughter of John May, and they have had one child, Maude Pearl. Bertha is the widow of Ransom Thorne. William is a farmer in the township of Tilbury West. Three died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Hillman are members of the Methodist Church. In political faith he is a Conservative, but has never cared for public position.

CECIL H. ROBINSON, the first clerk of Walkerville, County of Essex, Ont., can trace his ancestral line on both sides of the family to England. His grandfather Robinson was born in England, and there spent his entire life. His children were: George James, Thomas J., William, and Charlotte, all of whom lived and died in England.

Of the above family George James Robinson, the father of Cecil H., was born in England, and there married a Miss Smith, daughter of Sidney Smith, junior judge of His Majesty's High Court of Chancery, England. Their children were: George James, Jr., Henry, Frederick, William R., Emily, Louisa, Harriet, Caroline and Cecil H. Of this family Cecil H., the youngest, was the only one to come to Ontario.

Cecil H. Robinson was born in England, Jan. 11, 1838. As he grew to young manhood he displayed an inclination toward the law of which his maternal ancestors were leading representatives, and after a full course he became a solicitor in the High Court of Chancery and attorney in Her Majesty's Court, Queen's Bench, at Westminster, on whose files his name still appears. In 1869 he decided to see something of the Western World, and crossing the Atlantic located in Toronto, Ont. For a year he was with a law firm, and was then with D'Alton McCarthy, of Barrie, for eight years, and in 1879 he moved to Windsor, where for four years he was with the general offices of the Canadian Southern Railway Company. The next four and one half years Mr. Robinson was manager for Alexander Cameron, and in 1886 he settled in Walkerville, and four years later (May, 1890) was appointed Town Clerk when the place was incorporated. From that day to the present

time he has ably filled the office. Mr. Robinson has been a notary public in and for the Province of Ontario, and also has been commissioner of the High Court of Justice since 1887.

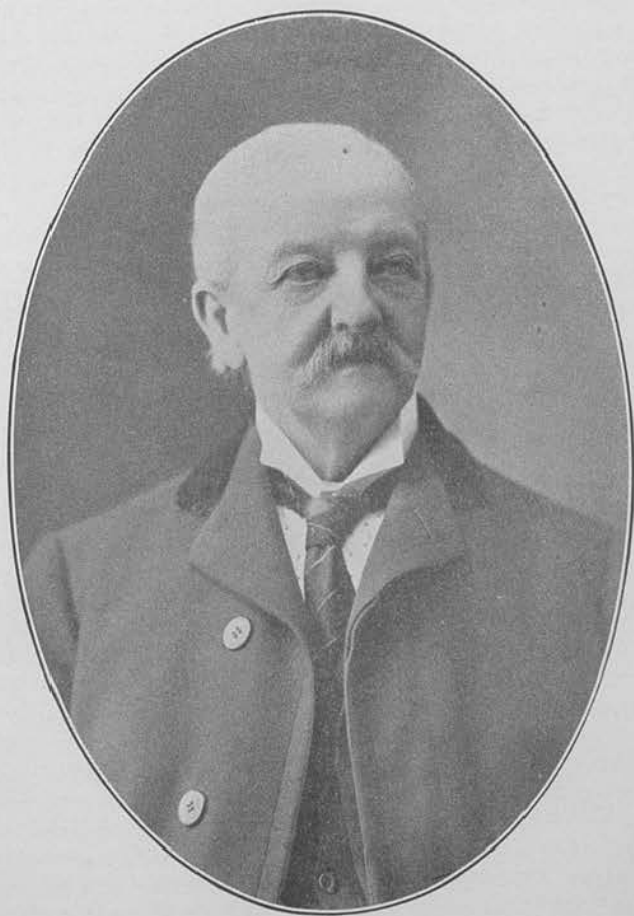
In 1868 Mr. Robinson married, in his native land, Miss Eliza Harriet Hamlin, daughter of William Hamlin. The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Robinson: Florence Maude married E. H. Bull, and has one son, Louis Cecil; Major Sidney Cecil married Martha Maud Stanley, and they have three children, Cecil Stanley, Florence Maud, and Sidney Hamlin; William Frederick and Arthur Reginald are in Walkerville; George James is deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Robinson are members of the Anglican Church, and his political affiliations are with the Conservative party. Fraternally he is a member of the Knights of Pythias.

ADOLPHUS F. RUTHVEN, a public official of the city of Windsor who, through efficiency, has won the confidence of the public, is the capable and obliging clerk of the money order and savings bank department of the Windsor post-office.

Mr. Ruthven belongs to one of the old settled families of the County of Essex, of Scottish extraction and sturdy, loyal citizenship. His great-grandfather, who lived and died in Scotland, reared a large family, one of whom was Neil, more adventurous than the rest. In his native country he married Catherine McColl, and in 1804 he took his little family and emigrated to Canada, locating in the Province of Ontario, County of Elgin, where he became a farmer, and thus passed a useful life. He was the father of the following children: Neil, James, Hugh, Angus, Robert (who was buried at sea), Catherine (widow of Joseph Coatsworth, still surviving), Sarah, and Ann (who married Archibald McIntyre).

Hugh Ruthven, the third member of the above family, and the father of Adolphus F. Ruthven, was born Oct. 19, 1826, in the County of Elgin, and when but sixteen years of age began teaching in the local school, later becoming an educator also in the County of Essex. For a time he was a bookkeeper for Michael M. Fox, but he later formed a partnership with John M. Wigle, in a milling and shipping business, at Ruthven, a hamlet named in his honor, and in this business accumulated a large property and became widely known commercially. He continued to be interested in the same dur-



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ing his active life, and now resides in retirement at Kingsville, County of Essex. Many local honors were shown him, and he served as reeve for Gosfield township, and for many years was the postmaster at Ruthven. Mr. Ruthven was the first member of St. George Masonic Lodge at Kingsville, having become a member of that fraternal order more than fifty years ago.

In 1855 Mr. Ruthven and Emily Fox were united in marriage, and to this union were born the following children: Adolphus F.; Amelia, the wife of Angus Wigle; Cora, deceased; and Miss Mary. Mrs. Ruthven was born Jan. 20, 1831, a daughter of Michael G. and Margaret (Stuart) Fox, of German extraction. George Fox, the grandfather, was born in 1781, in the State of Pennsylvania, where he married Julianne Wigle, and they reared these children: Michael G., the father of Mrs. Ruthven; Eliza, born Sept. 20, 1807; Mary, Aug. 15, 1809; Catherine, Oct. 10, 1811; John, Feb. 9, 1814; Theodore, Feb. 5, 1816; Joseph, July 20, 1818; Henry, March 15, 1821; Jane, May 15, 1823; Caroline, May 10, 1827; Robert, Nov. 28, 1831; and Harriet, May 8, 1833. The children born to Michael G. Fox and wife were: Emily, Oliver, Horatio, Testeniah, Almeron, Sabina, Adelia, Adolphus and Almira. The mother of this family was born March 5, 1811, a daughter of James Stuart, who was born in England. Mr. Stuart, with two of his sons, was one day engaged in his agricultural pursuits in Virginia, when he was attacked by Indians, shot by their arrows and then cruelly scalped, while the sons were carried away. Long afterward the distracted mother found one son, but the other was never again heard from. This tale was not an unusual one for those pioneer days, but it makes the present generation thankful that they live when such disasters are impossible. The first of this family in Canada was James Stuart, who came as a member of the 42nd Highland Regiment, Black Watch, to serve in the Revolutionary War. In the State of Maryland he married Margaret ———, and their children were: James, John, Daniel, Charles, Sophia, Jane and Mary. James married Jane Findlay, and their children were: Charles, James, John, Abel, Margaret (the grandmother of Adolphus F. Ruthven), Polly, Sarah and Tabitha.

Adolphus F. Ruthven was born March 3, 1856, at Union, County of Essex, and obtained his education in the local schools. From childhood he displayed an unusual talent for music,

and when he reached manhood he taught the same for a time and then went to Detroit, where he spent four years in the profession as a teacher. In February, 1882, he was appointed to his present position, and most efficiently performs its duties, without, however, limiting his interest in his art. For the past ten years he has been the leader of the 21st Regiment band at Windsor, and is known as one of the leading musicians of Western Ontario. He is using the old violin owned by Neil Ruthven, the instrument being over 250 years old.

On Dec. 27, 1882, Mr. Ruthven was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Chater, who was born April 20, 1865, in Windsor, daughter of Thomas and Ann Maria (Bull) Chater, who came to Windsor from the State of New York, in 1853. Thomas Chater was born in 1832, in England, and his wife in 1835, in Leamington, England, she being a daughter of William and Ann (Randall) Bull. To Thomas Chater and wife were born the following children: John, Emma, Jane, Mamie, Elizabeth and Frederick. Mr. and Mrs. Ruthven have one son, Frederick Hugh, born Aug. 27, 1884, in Windsor. The family are attendants on the services of the Church of England, of which Mrs. Ruthven is a member. Politically Mr. Ruthven is identified with the Conservative party, while fraternally he is a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Royal Arcanum. The family is well known socially in Windsor and has a wide circle of pleasant friends.

NAPOLÉON PICHI, a leading manufacturer and prominent citizen of Sandwich, traces his ancestry back to his grandfather Joseph Dufils Pichi, of French extraction, who died in Lower Canada about 1848. He married Miss Cameau, by whom he had the following children: Joseph; Noel, born in 1807; Francois, born in 1809; Osete, born in 1711; and Martine, born in 1813.

Joseph Pichi, the father, was born in the Province of Quebec in 1805, and there married Louise Houle, also of Quebec, where she was born in 1807. He died in 1885, and she died in 1893. They were the parents of the following children: Marie, who married Henry R. Richard; Joseph, who married Iles Richards; two that died in infancy; Lena, deceased, who married Adolphus Marisette; Lea, who married A. D. Sincir; Emeli, who died unmarried; David married a Miss Leblanc; Delfine, deceased, who married L. Hamel; Philias, who mar-

ried Leonard Mase; Alfred, who married Josephine Godet; Napoleon; Luc, who was thrice married; Eunice, who married Antoine Leblance; Lizzie, who married Joseph Godet; and Alice, deceased.

Napoleon Pichi was born Sept. 28, 1848, in the Province of Quebec, and at the age of twenty-one he came to Sandwich where he worked as a blacksmith for Mr. Lucier. In 1874 he began business in Windsor on his own account as a blacksmith, and continued for two years, when he settled at Sandwich, forming a partnership with F. X. Janet, under the firm name of Pichi & Janet, carriage makers. Mr. Pichi has served for fourteen years on the school board at Sandwich, and has been re-elected for another term of two years on the Liberal ticket. Religiously he and his family are members of the Assumption Roman Catholic Church, and Mr. Pichi has been a member of the choir for twenty-seven years.

In 1871 Mr. Pichi married Helen Maullieux, who was born in the County of Essex, a daughter of Alexander Maullieux, and by this marriage our subject became the father of the following children: Ulerie married Anna Meloeche, and has three children, Beatrice, Ralph, and Viola; Maria; William; Regina; Edward; Renaud; Joseph; and Ernest. Through industry and thrift Mr. Pichi has steadily worked his way upward, and is now reckoned among the influential men of Sandwich, where he has a host of warm friends.

WILLIAM J. FOX, a prosperous farmer and dealer in moulding sand in the township of Gosfield South, County of Essex, is a son of Henry Fox and grandson of Jonas Fox.

Henry Fox was born in Gosfield April 1, 1807, and there grew to manhood, during his boyhood attending the Master McMurry school, one mile west of his home. In time he came into possession of 100 acres of Lot 9, where he occupied the large frame house, carrying on farming, and clearing off the land as rapidly as possible. He died June 22, 1852, worn out with his labors. For many years he was a prominent figure in the Methodist Church, and served as class-leader for a long time.

Henry Fox married Margaret Willian, who as a child came from England with her parents, and they located in Tilbury East, County of Kent. She died in 1847, and was buried in the cemetery on the home farm. By this marriage Henry Fox had children as follows: Susan

(deceased) married N. J. Sears, and lived at Essex. Elizabeth, the widow of Joseph Wigle, resides at Ruthven, Ont. Thomas is a farmer in Gosfield North. Henry, a farmer of Gosfield, married Linnie Stewart, and has one daughter, Maud. William J. is mentioned below. Hugh (deceased) lived in Leamington, where he married Jane Hyatt, and carried on a livery and butchering business. John (deceased) married Demarius Stewart, and died at Windsor in April, 1903. Henry Fox married for his second wife Rebecca Wigle, and they had one son, Sylvester, who died in Leamington, unmarried.

William J. Fox was born in Gosfield South, on the farm where he now resides, March 13, 1840. He attended as a visitor, one day, the Master McMurry school. Later he went to the Jasper Golden school, and at the age of twelve years he began farm work, receiving five dollars per month. In time he became engaged in buying cattle for the Walkers, a business he carried on for sixteen years. In 1867 Mr. Fox began developing the business of handling moulding sand, cobble stones and building sand, and found it so profitable that he has since continued in this line, with almost uniform success. He has seventy-four acres of Lot 9, the homestead farm, and in addition to carrying on his sand business has completed the clearing up of his property, where he carries on general farming, and is recognized as one of the representative farmers of his neighborhood. In religious affairs he and his family are identified with the Methodist Church of Ruthven. Politically he is a Conservative.

On March 30, 1859, William J. Fox married Tabitha, daughter of Abel Stewart, and to them have been born children as follows: Orlan married Elizabeth Chase, and their children are Percy and Lottie; he is a farmer on Lot 9, in the township of Gosfield South. Carrie married Leonard Wigle, a farmer of Lot 8, Gosfield South. Cora is the wife of L. A. Bossey, of Harrow, Ont. Arthur married Ella Shanks, and their children are Marvel and Gerald; he is a farmer on a portion of Lot 9, Gosfield South. Ethel is the wife of Charles E. Baker, a druggist of Cheboygan, Michigan. William J. Fox and his children are very important members of society wherever they are located, and they are worthy representatives of the good old name handed down to them. Mr. Fox himself is an excellent and honorable business man, and one who stands high, not only in Gosfield South, but throughout the county. His success has

come to him through hard work and honest dealings, and is well merited. Fraternally he unites with the I.O.O.F. at Essex.

ALMANSON MALOTT, a farmer and fruit grower of Mersea township, belongs to one of the highly respected old families of the County of Essex. The founders of this family came from Maryland to Canada in the persons of a widow with her three sons and two daughters, namely: Peter, David and Theodore, and Catherine and Delilah. David Malott settled near St. Catharines, Ont.; Peter married Mary Jones, who was a captive among the Indians, and they were the progenitors of the numerous Malotts of Kingsville and Gosfield townships; and Theodore settled in Gosfield township, near the Mersea line, and became the founder of the branch of the family with which this sketch is concerned.

Theodore Malott owned 400 acres of land and engaged extensively in farming, devoting his whole life to the cultivation of his fields. He married into the Wigle family, one of the oldest and most prominent families of this section, Catherine, daughter of John Wendel Wigle, becoming his wife. Extended mention of the various prominent members of the Wigle family will be found in other parts of this work. The children of Theodore and Catherine Malott were: Joseph, Thomas, Peter, Judith, John, Sarah, Wendel, Theodore, Catherine, William and David.

Theodore Malott of the above family, obtained such meager schooling as the time and place afforded. When ready to establish a home of his own, he settled also in Mersea township on a tract of 100 acres of land, near the Gosfield line, built here a log house and began the clearing of his farm, an undertaking of no little moment, requiring months of the hardest kind of labor. He was a good farmer, and was a pioneer in the tobacco growing industry. In politics he was a Conservative, and he was elected to the office of reeve in his township, and for a number of years was a justice of the peace. In Mersea township he married Elizabeth Quick, daughter of Cornelius Quick. Both died in advanced age on this farm, he at the age of seventy-seven, and both were buried in Lake View cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Malott were among the early members of the Methodist Church, to which they were attached all their lives. They had five children: Sarah Jane, wife

of G. A. Morse, of Leamington; Darius Nelson; David Enoch, deceased; Huldah Ann, who married Lucian Morse, and both are deceased; and Robert Wigle, living on the 1st Concession.

Capt. Darius Nelson Malott, son of Theodore and father of Almanson, passed his youth until the age of eighteen years, much the same way as did his father, only surrounded by a little easier conditions, and then took up a seafaring life. His first experience was as an able seaman, on the schooner "Ellen Park," a grain vessel on Lake Erie. His next sailing was on the schooner "Conductor," partly owned and commanded by Capt. Joseph Fox, who was engaged in the grain trade sailing to Montreal. In that Northern city the youth secured passage on a vessel going to England, in which he reached London. There he shipped on a British merchantman bound for Van Dieman's Land, where he left his vessel, and started into gold digging. Finding that experience was needed in order to succeed in that business, he returned to the sea, and, as a ship was leaving short of hands for Ching Chee Island to gather guano for sale in London, he went again as a seaman, finally securing a berth on another vessel which brought him to Quebec. He then went to Detroit and shipped on board the bark "Sonora," as master, which was owned by Bissel & Davidson, and was freighting between Chicago and Buffalo. Later he became master of the schooner "Augusta," and sailed for a season on Lakes Huron, Michigan and Erie. His next engagement was on the barque "Ravenna," owned by Bissel & Davidson, plying between Detroit and Cleveland. Capt. Malott then made two trips to England with copper ore, and upon his return from the second trip, took charge of the schooner "Mo-jave," owned by the same firm, which was plying between Chicago and Buffalo. This vessel was lost on Lake Michigan during a heavy storm in 1864, neither captain nor crew ever being found. He was a man noted for his hardihood and bravery in time of danger, and desperate, indeed, must have been the case when his skill and seamanship could not save either lives or property. In politics he was a Liberal, and fraternally he was a Mason.

Capt. Malott married Mary A. Robson, daughter of Thomas Robson, and she still survives, residing on the homestead farm, carefully cherished by her son. She has long been a consistent member of the Baptist Church. The four children of this marriage were: Theodore, who died in 1882; Ada, who married James

Bradford, and died in 1892; Almanson; and Loretta, who died young.

Almanson Malott was born on the homestead, and was deprived of the care of his father while a child. He was carefully reared by his excellent mother, and was given fair educational opportunities in the Leamington schools. Mr. Malott has always resided on this farm, and has been very successful in his efforts at fruit and tobacco growing. He has made a specialty of peaches, having sixteen acres devoted to this luscious fruit and finding a ready market.

In Leamington Mr. Malott married Sabina Williams, daughter of Peter and Mary Williams, and one little daughter, Mary Erma, died in infancy. He is fraternally connected with the I.O.O.F., and the A.O.U.W., both of Leamington, and belongs also to the Fruit Growers' Association, and to the Mersea Township Agricultural Society. Mr. Malott is a worthy representative of a fine old family, and has the respect and consideration always given a man of industry, sobriety and kind and genial manner.

WILLIAM FLEMING, an extensive farmer and stock-raiser of Pelee Island, County of Essex, and one of the largest landowners in that section of the county, was born in County of Peterborough, Ont., March 14, 1848, son of Robert Fleming, and grandson of Robert, Sr.

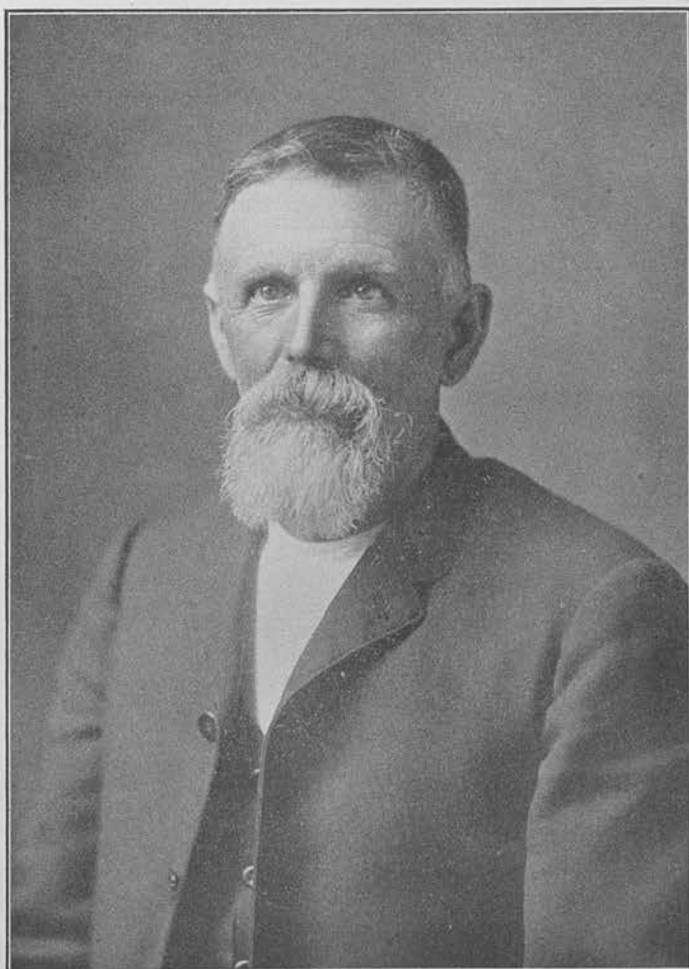
The family is of Welsh descent, but located in Ireland in the days of Oliver Cromwell. Robert Fleming, Sr., lived and died in his native Ireland, following the occupation of a farmer. His wife's maiden name was Martha Fleming.

Robert Fleming, father of William, was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, near Fintona, and was reared upon the family homestead. After reaching manhood's estate, to better his condition he came to Ontario, and located in the township of Smith, County of Peterborough. There he met and married Elizabeth Workman, a native of Ireland, and a daughter of Hugh and Anne (Galiway) Workman, of Scotch descent. After a short residence in Smith township, the young couple removed to a farm near Hamilton, and there the father lived to the age of sixty years. His remains were interred in the beautiful Peterborough cemetery. In religious matters he was a consistent member of the English Church, while in politics he was a Conservative. The children born to Robert Fleming and his wife were: (1) Martha married John Kil-

patrick Wilson, who died on Pelee Island, leaving two children, William Kilpatrick, and Margaret J. (who married John Jupp); Mrs. Wilson makes her home with her son, William K. (2) Mary Anne married Alexander Hamilton, proprietor of the "Hamilton Hotel" at Beaverton, Ont. (3) Robert died on Pelee Island. (4) David died young. (5) Sarah Jane married Thomas Treeleven, of Beaverton. (6) Eliza died at the age of thirteen years. (7) William. (8) Margaret married Joseph Cousins, and resides on Pelee Island. The mother of these children died in 1888, aged seventy-seven years, and was buried in Pelee Island cemetery. She was an earnest member of the Presbyterian Church, and was a most worthy and excellent woman, beloved by all who had the pleasure of knowing her.

William Fleming was reared upon the homestead, but when still a lad he removed to the County of Huron, locating in the township of Turnberry, and there worked at timbering, remaining until 1876. He then sold a tract of fifty acres of brush land, on which he had built a log house, and removed to Pelee Island, where he bought thirty-four acres, cleared it up, and put three acres in grapes. He also bought some marsh land, and is now the owner and operator of 300 acres of land, the greater portion of which he has in a fine state of cultivation. Upon this valuable property, Mr. Fleming has erected a commodious house, built other structures, and made many improvements. He is an extensive stock grower, having at all times as many as thirty head of Short Horn Durham cattle, and he is also a successful general farmer. All of his operations are carried on in a scientific manner, and his returns from his investments are very large.

The first marriage of Mr. Fleming took place in the County of Huron, when he was married to Mary Townsend, who died on Oct. 28, 1877. On April 15, 1887, in Kingsville, Mr. Fleming married Mary J. Henderson, by whom he had six children: David Howard; William John; Mary Ann; Leila Maud; Beryl Martha; and Katherine. Mr. Fleming has always been a staunch Conservative, and has served in the township council for three years; during his occupancy of this position, he has been an earnest advocate of the drainage of the Island. He has also served upon the school board, of which he has been chairman. He and his wife and children are all members of the Church of England. Fraternally he is a member of the Loyal



William Fleming

Orange Lodge, and has been its master for two and one-half years, and was one of the charter members of the organization. Mr. Fleming is well liked by all classes, and is a recognized leader among the prosperous farmers of Pelee Island.

Mrs. Mary J. (Henderson) Fleming was born in Ireland, April 11, 1860, daughter of John and Mary Ann (Downey) Henderson. In 1863 John Henderson brought his family to Canada and settled near the city of Ottawa, where he worked for a few years, and then purchased a farm. In 1887 they sold out and came to Pelee Island, purchasing fifteen acres, which was added to by additional purchases until he owned seventy acres. John Henderson died Jan. 4, 1900, aged seventy-six, and his wife died June 20, 1892, aged fifty-five years, both in the faith of the Church of England. Their children were: Mary J., wife of William Fleming; Catherine, who married Nelson Srigley, a farmer of Pelee Island; Henry A., reeve of Pelee Island; Thomas, a farmer in Pelee Island; and Isabella, who married Albert McLellan, of Windsor.

GIGNAC BROTHERS. Richard T. and Albert Simon Gignac, proprietors of the Poinciana Cigar Company, of Windsor, are descended from one of the pioneer French families of County of Essex. The early history of this interesting family is found elsewhere.

Thomas Gignac, father of the brothers, was born Feb. 13, 1822, at Petite Cote, a son of Simon, Sr. During his active life he was engaged in farming in the County of Essex. Being much interested in educational matters he served as a school trustee for some time prior to his death, which occurred May, 1897, in the County of Essex. In August, 1851, he was united in marriage with Miss Marielle Durocher, born in 1832 at Petite Cote, daughter of Antoine and Francoise (Tagot) Durocher. To this union have been born children as follows: Richard T., of the firm of Gignac Bros.; Joseph, deceased; Domitile, who married Renig Monforton, of Montana, and has two children, Lucile and Ernest; Albert Simon, of the above mentioned firm; Delphine; and Delima.

RICHARD T. GIGNAC, the senior partner of the firm of Gignac Bros., was born March 28, 1854, at River Canard. He remained on the homestead until eighteen years of age, when he began the trade of cigar making in Windsor. He followed this vocation in Windsor and Detroit until February, 1894, when he and his

brother Albert S. founded the Poinciana Cigar Company at Windsor. In 1899 they built a commodious two-story factory at No. 55 Chatham Street, West, where they employ about fifteen hands, and turn out annually about 300,000 cigars, all made from imported tobacco.

In 1886 Richard T. Gignac was married to Alice, a daughter of Laurent Odette, deceased, and to this union came four children: Adelard, Ernest, Raymond and Frederick. The mother of the family passed away Jan. 13, 1895. Politically Mr. Gignac adheres to the principles of the Conservative party. He belongs to the Roman Catholic Church, and affiliates with the C.M.B.A.

ALBERT SIMON GIGNAC, the junior member of the firm, was born Jan. 25, 1865, at River Canard. When but six years of age his parents moved to Windsor, where his mother now resides. In 1882 he took up the tailor's trade in Windsor, and after devoting three years to that work there, he went to New York City, where he made a specialty of cutting men's garments with John J. Mitchell, returning thence to Windsor, and for eight years was engaged with T. A. Bourke. He then established a tailoring business of his own on Ouellette avenue, which he conducted for two years, at the end of that time closing out the tailoring business, and with his brother Richard T. establishing the cigar business.

Mr. Gignac, like his brother, is a Conservative, politically. He is a member of the Catholic Order of Foresters, and attends the Roman Catholic Church.

The firm of Gignac Bros. has built up an extensive cigar trade through their strict attention to its details, and fair treatment of their customers, and the future has in store for them still greater business success.

PETER UPCOTT, one of the members of the council of Gosfield South, is a member of one of the old and substantial families of Essex County.

Grandfather John Ridge Upcott was a native of England, where he was reared, and where he married Miss Mariah Smale. He was a tradesman of London, and plied his craft at the East India dock, from which point he set sail for America with his wife and family. For a time he made his home in various places in the United States, including Ohio, and finally moved to Colchester, County of Essex, Ont., settling on the old McCormick farm. In 1831

he came to Gosfield, and took up seventy acres in Lot 260, Talbot Road North. This land was wild, and he endured the many privations incident to pioneer life. He built a log house some three rods east of the present dwelling, in which he died, Dec. 16, 1854, aged seventy-six years, eight months, twenty-five days. His wife died several years before, at the age of sixty-one years, three months, six days, March 1, 1848. Some time after his original purchase he added 100 acres to his holdings, but much of the clearing of it, and the payments, fell upon his sons. There were thirteen children in the family, but only the following survived infancy: Maria, who is now deceased; Elizabeth, Mrs. James Taylor; Ann, who died young; Louisa, who married Wendel Malott; Matilda, who married first Augustus Dustin and second George Cowan; Thomas, who married Rachael Hickmott; Jane, who married Peter Bruner; and John.

John Upcott, father of Peter, was born in Colchester, Aug. 28, 1829. He was two years old when the family settled on the Talbot Road, where he was reared to manhood. In time he came into possession of the home place, when little of it was cleared, but he worked on it and made many improvements. He died April 20, 1875. On Jan. 16, 1849, he married Rebecca Malott, a member of one of the old families of this locality, and the family born to this union was as follows: Elizabeth, born Jan. 3, 1850, married Alfred Ryall and died at the age of fifty-one years. Maria married Robert Neville, of North Dakota. Jane (deceased) married Raymer Wigle. Henry, who resides in Michigan, married Rachel Motley. Louisa (deceased) married William Pulford. Caroline married Elias Coalthorp, of North Dakota. Peter is mentioned below. William married Fanny Nash, of Mersea, and carries on the homestead. Minnie married Ambrose Foster, of Romney township. Richard married Hattie Whittle, and is deceased. Florence married Harry Whittle, of Bottineau, North Dakota.

John Upcott, the father, was a very energetic and capable man, and in addition to clearing off his property and farming owned and operated a grist and saw mill at Cottam, which was afterward burned; he also did considerable ditching. His loss was deeply felt in the community.

Peter Upcott was born Jan. 30, 1862, on Lot 260, and received a good common-school education. At the age of seventeen years he began working on the homestead farm, thus continuing

for nine years. In February, 1894, he bought forty-seven acres in Lot 260, Talbot Road South, about one-half of which was cleared and here he has erected substantial barns and other out-buildings, and in 1902 put up a handsome brick house, just opposite the site of his birth. In addition to this farm Mr. Upcott owns other lands, and is justly accorded a prominent place among the wealthy farmers of County Essex. Politically he is a Reformer, and at present is an active member of the township council. He is an attendant upon the services and supporter of the Universalist Church at Olinda, Ont. His social affiliations are with the Woodmen at Ruthven, Foresters at Cottam, and I.O.O.F. at Ruthven, and he is exceedingly popular in all these organizations.

With the exception of three years spent in the North-West Territory Mr. Upcott has lived in County Essex, and has great faith in the future of this portion of Ontario. While in the North-West Territory, he was first employed on Government surveys, and then on construction work by the Canadian Pacific Railroad Company.

In 1889 Mr. Upcott was married to Carrie Ann Orton, who was born Jan. 12, 1869, daughter of Prideaux and Esther (Whittle) Orton, of Gosfield, where the former was a farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Upcott have had the following children born to them: Mable Floy, Lawrence John, Stanley Prideaux, Florence Hazel and Everett Elwood, all bright, promising young people, the pride of their parents' hearts. The three eldest attend school. Mr. and Mrs. Upcott are very popular among their neighbors, and he is highly esteemed for his business acumen, strict integrity and excellent management, while personally he makes many friends by his genial, pleasing manner.

JUSTUS FRANKFURTH, a well known farmer and stockraiser of Tilbury West, County of Essex, was born Jan. 25, 1843, in Hainau, Hessen Cassel, Germany, a son of George and Gertrude (Simon) Frankfurth, both of whom were born in the same locality. In 1861 the parents left their home for the Dominion, taking passage in the sailing vessel "Shakespeare" from Bremen. After eight long and weary weeks they landed at New York. Their destination being Canada, they were soon speeding across the new country, reached Buffalo, and thence journeyed to Belle River, Ont. They located for a short time on Lot 9, Middle Road,

Rochester township, and then came to Tilbury West, locating at Comber. Here Mr. Frankfurth, who was an expert tailor, followed his trade until the time of his death. He died in 1884, at the age of sixty-six years, and was buried in the Knox Cemetery, in Tilbury West township. Mr. Frankfurth was a most worthy man, and while in Germany was a consistent member of the Reformed Lutheran Church, identifying himself with the Presbyterian Church in Canada. In politics he favored the Liberal party. His widow, who still survives, at the age of eighty-three years, is a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church. The four children of Mr. and Mrs. Frankfurth were as follows: Christopher, who died on his farm in Tilbury West; Justus, mentioned below; Martha, who married Christian Hosbeck, of Detroit; and Christian, a farmer on the old homestead in Tilbury West.

Justus Frankfurth received an excellent German education. He was eighteen years old when the family came to Canada, and he soon found employment as a farm hand at \$8 per month, his wages later being advanced to \$12 per month. Thus he worked for eight years, and in the meantime by the closest economy managed to save some of his wages—enough to pay for a tract of wild land in the township of Tilbury West, which he industriously cleared and improved. Mr. Frankfurth has been a hard worker all his life, but he has much to show for it, a fine productive farm of 100 acres, a commodious and substantial home, and other buildings, and he enjoys the reputation of being one of the most prosperous farmers of his section. Probably if anyone should ask Mr. Frankfurth the recipe for his success, he would feel inclined to say "Lead an honest, temperate and industrious life."

Mr. Frankfurth is a valued member of the Presbyterian Church. He supports the Liberal party. On Feb. 3, 1876, at Detroit, Michigan, he married Miss Emily Newman, who was born June 24, 1850, in the Province of Posen, Germany, a daughter of John and Christian (Zigler) Newman, of Germany. The father died in that country Feb. 19, 1877, at the age of sixty-two years. He was quite a prominent man in his neighborhood, being a village clerk and a magistrate of some importance. In 1879 the mother came to Canada with three of her children, residing with Mr. and Mrs. Frankfurth for two years, after which she moved to Detroit, Michigan, where she passed away Sept. 29, 1901, aged eighty-one years. She and her hus-

band were both members of the Lutheran Church. Mrs. Frankfurth is a most estimable woman, noted for her good housekeeping and industry, and for her devotion to her husband and children. She also belongs to the Presbyterian Church. The following named children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Frankfurth: Elizabeth Christine (who resides in Detroit); Martha Hermia; Otto Edwin; John Winfred; Albert Justus (who died when one year old) and Louis Gordon.

PATRICK JOSEPH WALSH, a cooper for Hiram Walker & Sons, of Walkerville, is of Irish extraction. The first of his family of whom there is any definite data is his grandfather, John Walsh, who was born in Ireland, and there married a Miss Gorman, a native of that country. Of their children we have mention of the following: Thomas; Daniel, who died in Havana, Cuba; and James, who removed to the States and died in New York.

Thomas Walsh, the father of our subject, was born in Ireland, and there married Margaret Hines, also a native of Ireland. They came to New York State in 1847, locating in Erie county, where he followed farming, but in 1853 he sold his interests and removed to Illinois, and there died in 1854. His family had remained in New York, waiting until he had founded a new home for them, and the widow and little ones located in Buffalo, New York, where her death occurred in 1871. The children in this family were as follows: Mary, died in England; Ann, died in Florida; Catherine, widow of Lewis Bonehart, died in San Francisco; Nora, married John Lee, of Buffalo, New York; Bridget, married Hugh McCast, of Santa Cruz, California; Patrick Joseph is our subject.

Patrick Joseph Walsh was born in Ireland March 15, 1841, and was only a child when the family came to the States. When he was thirteen years old he began the battle of life for himself, working on a railroad and in Buffalo for three years. In 1859 he came to Ontario, locating at Chippawa, where he learned the cooper's trade, and here he resided until 1866, with the exception of four months spent at Hamilton. He went to Cleveland, Ohio, in 1866, and worked at his trade, but in February, 1867, he settled in Walkerville and started to work for Hiram Walker & Sons, and has continued with that firm, now enjoying their full confidence. In 1876 he purchased Lot 25, Concession 6, which he sold in 1895.

When Walkerville was incorporated in 1890 Mr. Walsh was made a member of the first council, and he also served in that body in 1899 and 1900. Fraternally he is a member of the A. O. U. W. and the C. M. B. A., and is past master in the former organization. Religiously he is a member of the Roman Catholic Church. For a number of years Mr. Walsh has served as school trustee, and he takes a deep interest in educational matters. In 1877, when the first fire brigade was organized, Mr. Walsh was made captain, and filled that office four years. For another four years he was county constable. Politically he has always been a Conservative.

In 1864 Mr. Walsh was married to Miss Mary A. McNiff, who was born at Niagara Falls, Ont., in 1843, a daughter of James and Ann (McNiff) McNiff, natives of Ireland. The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Walsh: James, William, Ann and Edna, of Walkerville; Nellie, of Cleveland, Ohio, a trained nurse; Edward, Albert and Frances, deceased; Catherine, who married William Laffra; Thomas, and Charles and Lillie, twins. Mr. Walsh is justly recognized as one of the leading men of County Essex, and he enjoys the confidence and respect of a large circle of friends.

JULIUS DAMM, a prosperous farmer and member of the town council of Maidstone, County of Essex, resides on Lot 6, West Pike Creek. He was born on his present farm April 19, 1843, son of Lawrence and Frances (Cushway) Damm, pioneers of Maidstone.

Lawrence Damm was born at Montreal, while his wife was born at Ecorse, Michigan. After their marriage they settled at Maidstone, and cleared up a farm from the bush, making a permanent home for themselves. There they lived and died, Mrs. Damm as early as 1852, after which Mr. Damm married Madaline Reaume, who died in January, 1904, aged eighty-three years. Lawrence Damm died in September, 1887, aged seventy-two. Children as follows were born of his first marriage: Amelia married Joseph Gallipoe, of Windsor, and has no children. Josephine, born in Maidstone, married Exsor Vasore, of Alpena, Michigan. Julia A. married Edward Valdenaire, of Tecumseh, Sandwich East, where she died leaving a family. Julius was the only son.

Julius Damm was reared upon the farm, where he assisted in clearing the land. He married Miss Eran Caddie, who was born at Maidstone, daughter of Baptiste Caddie and Mar-

guerite (Gafai) Caddie, farming people of Maidstone. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Damm settled on a portion of the Damm homestead, but later he purchased the entire property, and there still makes his home. Upon it he has erected new buildings, including a handsome frame barn built in 1900, and a comfortable house. One son, Noah, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Damm, Sept. 4, 1863; he is now section foreman on the Canadian Pacific railroad, residing at Elmstead. His wife, Lucy Campeau, a native of Sandwich East, has borne him eight children: Annie, Adolphus, Hattie, Beulah, Irene, William, Edna and Hazel.

In addition to his homestead Mr. Damm owns sixty-eight acres of excellent farm land, which he also cultivates. Religiously the entire family are members of the Catholic Church. Politically he is a Conservative, and in 1895 he was elected a member of the council of Maidstone, which office he still holds. He has been a school trustee for twelve years. Fraternally he is a member of the order of St. John the Baptist, of Tecumseh. Mr. Damm is a descendant of one of the early French pioneer families who nobly assisted in opening up this portion of the Dominion. He is a man widely known and most highly esteemed. Public-spirited, enterprising and prosperous, he wields a powerful influence for good in his community. Naturally he is proud of his record as a public servant, for it is unsmirched and highly creditable to him as a man and as an official.

HENRY CROW, one of the very successful farmers of Gosfield South, County of Essex, is a son of Joseph Crow, who was born in London, England, but was educated until he was twenty-one in Yorkshire. Joseph Crow married Miss Ann Wilcher. He learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed for seven years, and then engaged in a dairy business at Hammersmith, and was thus employed until 1848, when, with his family, he set sail for Canada, coming directly to Kingsville. He bought the Mark Whaley farm at Olinda, and made it his home for forty years. The mother died the year after the family located in their new home.

In spite of discouragements which might have daunted a less brave man, Joseph Crow completed clearing his farm, and erected a substantial brick house and outbuildings. As a farmer he was successful. Later he sold his property and moved to Amherstburg, but still later came to Kingsville, and died there aged ninety-eight



JULIUS DAMM.

years. His second marriage was to a widow, Mrs. Cullen, who died at Leamington. He later married Widow Malott. All of his children were born of his first marriage, and they were: One that died in infancy unnamed; Sarah, who married William Foster, of Mersea township; Elizabeth Shaw, who married William Scratch, of Gosfield South; Jane Margaret, of Kingsville, who married Michael Wigle; Henry, and Annie, widow of Michael Dawson, of Detroit, and mother of these children, Bertie, Lucinda, Edna, Oliver, Delbert and Sidney.

Henry Crow was born in England, Aug. 6, 1836, and was twelve years of age when the family came to Canada. He well remembers the trip across the ocean, which consumed three weeks and three days—unusually short for those times. From New York to Kingsville required another two weeks, the trip being made via the Erie Canal to Buffalo, and thence by boat to Windsor. Mr. Crow was reared at Olinda, where he attended school, and at the age of twenty years he began farming the homestead. In 1860 his father gave him fifty acres on the Talbot Road, Lot 259, North, where he has since made his home. He moved into a frame house which was first used on his father's farm, and moved it to the new farm. For twenty years it served as the dwelling place of Mr. Crow and his family, and then he replaced it with his present substantial brick house, although he keeps the old one standing.

Mr. Crow cleared all of his fifty acres, and added to his original farm seventy-seven acres more, which he has also cleared. He now has a farm of 127 acres, and is one of the thrifty, enterprising farmers of this locality, although one of his sons is managing the property for him and allowing him to take a well-earned rest. This rest is often taken doing a good day's work, for it is difficult to forsake the habit of years' standing, and he has always been a hard-working man. In politics Mr. Crow is a Reformer, but has never given much attention to public affairs, his own concerns occupying about all of his time. Fraternally, he is a prominent member of the Workmen of Kingsville.

In 1860 Mr. Crow married in Gosfield South, Sarah Ann, daughter of John and Sarah Jane (Sandabach) Scratch. Mrs. Crow passed away in July, 1902, aged sixty-two years. The children born to them were: Joseph Henry, born Feb. 6, 1862, married Agnes Parker and resides at Essex, Ont.; his children are Kennie, Maggie and Myrtle. Cyrenius Lyman, born Nov. 26,

1864, married Jennie Fleming, and they reside at Walkerville. William Frederick, born June 23, 1866, married Minnie McMahon, and lives at Gosfield North. Ethelmay, born Dec. 29, 1869, died Oct. 14, 1872. Herbert Wilcher, born April 8, 1872, married Liddie Bess, and their children are Mary, Zettie and Themley; he operates the home farm, being a very thrifty young farmer and popular in the neighborhood. Cecilia Jane, born Sept. 3, 1874, married Fred Macklan, of Gosfield North, and they have two children, Vilus and Lottie. Ernest Sidney, born March 4, 1876, died Sept. 28, 1884. Mary Etta, born May 26, 1879, married Claud Hichman, a farmer on land adjoining our subject's. On Jan. 22, 1904, Mr. Crow married his wife's sister.

Mr. Crow's home is a very pleasant one, and is endeared to him by countless associations. Upon it he and his first wife commenced their happy wedded life, and there all of his children were born. Upon this property he grew from a struggling young farmer into the prosperous business man and retired agriculturist he is today, and during all of his operations he never lost his sense of right dealing with his fellow-men. He is a man whose integrity is unquestioned, and one who sets an excellent example to those coming after him.

DAVID LAPPAN, a well-known farmer and councilman of Sandwich East, County of Essex, was born Dec. 22, 1851, in Sandwich East, son of Freeman and Olive (Ouellette) Lappan, and comes of an old pioneer family of the county.

Freeman Lappan was born in August, 1822, in Sandwich East, and his wife was born Aug. 13, 1829, in Sandwich West, daughter of Dominick Ouellette, and a member of one of the old families of this locality. Freeman Lappan was a son of Antoine Lappan, who was born on the River Front in Sandwich East, and his parents came to Detroit from France at an early day. Antoine Lappan served in the War of 1812, and he and his three sons, Alexander, Antoine and David, were soldiers of the war in Canada in 1837-38. Antoine Lappan settled and made his first home in Sandwich East, where he lived until his death. His log cabin was almost the only one in the forest for many miles when he settled there, but with the help of his faithful wife he made a comfortable home. Mrs. Lappan died during the cholera epidemic in Canada, but he survived until 1867, reaching the age of eighty-four years. Six sons and five daughters were

born to them, as follows: Agitore, born in 1810 (deceased), married a Mr. Genereux, who settled at Sandwich; Alexander, born in 1812, married and died in Sandwich East, leaving one daughter; Antoine, born in 1814, married and died in Sandwich, leaving no family; David, born in 1816, married and settled in Sandwich, where he was drowned (he left five children, Adolphus, Matilda, Rose, Annie and Olive); Charles and Rhoda, twins, were born in 1818, and the former died in Sandwich, leaving children, Charles, George, Joseph, Josephine (wife of Ferdinand Meloshe, of Windsor), Edward, and Thomas (of Sandwich); Rhoda died unmarried; Freeman was born in 1822; Leone and Adaline, twins, were born in 1824, and the former, now the only living son of this old pioneer family, has children—Antony, Emil, Elizabeth, Ordiel, Clothilde and Josephine; the latter was the wife of Henry Girard, of Maidstone, where she died, leaving children—Jerome, Robert, Charles, Noah, Rosaline, Philemon, Elizabeth, Josephine, Maggie, Ellen and Agnes; Marguerite, born in 1826, married Cesar Minard, of Belle River, Ont., and they have children, Joseph, Emil, Fred, Albert, Henry, John, Sophia, Edwin and Alexander; Celina, born in 1828, married Antoine Marlo, of Sandwich East, and they have children, Joseph, Clothilde, Amelia, Alfred, Albert, Emma and Mary.

Freeman Lappan, father of David, in 1850 married Olive Ouellette, who shared with him all the hardships of early pioneer life. They lived on rented farms in Sandwich East until he purchased the present home farm, which was then all wild land. This he industriously worked to clear and convert into a comfortable, pleasant home for himself and family, and here both he and wife died, his death occurring in August, 1900, and hers in July, 1895. They were both consistent members of the Catholic Church, and were among that little faithful band which founded the church in Sandwich. They gave it liberal support as long as they lived. Politically Mr. Lappan was a strong supporter of the Liberal party, although he never aspired to be one of its leaders. The lives of these worthy people held many lessons for those who follow; their warm domestic affection, their energy and perseverance, their close adherence to duty and their love for the church of their faith exert an influence which will work for good as long as they are recalled.

Our subject was the oldest in their family of children which consisted of two sons and three

daughters, the others being: Miss Rose Delina, residing in the homestead; Cecile, born in the present home, married Joseph Langlois, who resides in Sandwich East, and they have a family of five children, namely: Ernest, Olive, Irvic, Irene and Maggie; Marguerite, born at the present home, is the wife of Moses Dufaux, who is a farmer of Sandwich South, and they have two children, Joseph W., and Willie, who was accidentally burned to death at the age of two years; and Joseph.

David Lappan was educated in the district schools of Sandwich East, and after the death of his parents took charge of the farm and became its manager in connection with his brother Joseph and his eldest sister. Mr. Lappan has been very prominent in the political affairs of this portion of the county. He has always been identified with the Liberals, and has most capably filled almost all of the local offices in Sandwich East. For eight years he was school trustee, and for seven years has been councilman and during 1891-92 he served as deputy reeve for two years. He is a man of substance and reliability, and worthily represents one of the finest old families of the County of Essex.

JAMES E. PURSER, a successful plumber and tinner of Windsor, Ont., is descended from English ancestry. The first of the family of whom we have record is James Purser, the grandfather of our subject, who was born in England, where he grew to manhood and married. Emigrating to Canada he came to Ontario, locating permanently on a farm in Dover township, County of Kent, where he followed farming until his death. Politically he was a Conservative, and religiously was a member of the Church of England. His children were as follows: Reuben, Moses, Aaron, Gideon, Cora, James, Anna, Emily and Eliza.

Reuben Purser, son of James and father of James E., was born in England May 17, 1827. He was fourteen years old when his father moved to Ontario, and on reaching his majority he engaged with John Davis in a machine shop. During his operations he set up, about 1847, the first sawmill engine ever run in the County of Kent. From Mr. Davis' employ Mr. Purser took charge of a saw and grist mill at Belle River, where he remained about eight years, when the mills were destroyed by fire. Mr. Purser then removed to Windsor, and took charge of the city fire engine, continuing in this position for about twenty years. In the engine house he had a

bench where he made locks and keys when not otherwise employed, and in this humble way was the business now conducted by Mr. James E. Purser, begun. Succeeding the father were William, now a plumber and tinner, of Vancouver, B.C., and James E., and the first work that they did was to make twelve tin wash basins, and our subject took these and sold them for twenty-five cents each, and this was his first business transaction. So encouraged were the boys with their success that they kept on working and the business rapidly increased, the father and two boys finally forming a partnership which continued until 1893, when William sold his interest to the other two, and they remained together until 1900, when James E. bought out his father and now conducts the concern alone. From a plant sufficient to produce twelve wash basins at twenty-five cents each, the establishment has increased until employment is now given to twenty skilled workmen, and the annual output is valued at \$30,000.

After his retirement from the firm Reuben Purser did little active business, although he was a member of a Water Commission of Windsor for sometime, and was filling that position at the time of his death in July, 1901. Reuben Purser married Selena Aldershaw, a native of England, and they became the parents of the following children: Sarah married James Newkirk, of the County of Kent; William, a plumber and tinner at Vancouver, B.C.; George, of Windsor; Rose, who married Henry Meadows; James E.; Eliza, who died at the age of eighteen; Nellie, who married George Elliot, of Windsor; and Clara, who married James Banwell.

James E. Purser was born Oct. 29, 1856, in the County of Kent, and was only two years old when his parents came to Windsor. Here he grew to manhood, attending the public schools, and his business career began as above stated. After his tinning business grew to its present proportions he added plumbing, and is the pioneer tinner and plumber of the city. In 1881 Mr. Purser was married to Miss Carrie Frank, daughter of John Frank, a native of the County of Essex, and three children have been born to this union: Gordon F., who is timekeeper with his father; Ralph Clinton, a graduate of the Windsor Collegiate Institute, class of 1902; Elma, a student and a member of the class of 1907, Mining Engineering School of Toronto. Mr. and Mrs. Purser are both consistent members of the Methodist Church, and take an active part in its work. Politically he is a Conservative, and

fraternally he is a member of the Freemasons, the I.O.O.F., the K. of P., and the A.O.U.W. Since 1879 he has been a member of the Windsor Fire Department, and he has rendered very valuable service in that capacity. Mr. Purser is one of the sound, substantial, wide-awake business men of Windsor, and needless to say stands very high in the confidence of the community.

A. L. BROWN, principal of the Leamington Business College, and a man who has probably done much as an instructor to revolutionize methods of teaching, and to place within the reach of his students a practical knowledge of business in all its forms, was born in Brownsville, County of Oxford, Ont., Feb. 10, 1880, son of Rev. George B. and Ida B. (Brown) Brown. Prof. Brown was one in a family of four children: Roy L., a teacher associated with Prof. Brown; Pearl L., at home; Carl L., at home, and Prof. Brown.

Rev. George B. Brown was also born at Brownsville, in 1856, and he was educated at the Woodstock Baptist College for the ministry. He has devoted his life to his sacred calling, now having charge of the Baptist Church at Blenheim. This most excellent man is a Reformer in politics, and a very strong advocate of the temperance cause to which he has given some of his best efforts. The father of this eminent divine was Brinton Pain Brown, who was the pioneer of the family in the County of Oxford, locating there at an early day, coming from Genesee County, New York. He acquired 1,000 acres of land, and became very prominent. The mother of Brinton Pain Brown was a daughter of Edward Pain, the founder of Painsville, Ohio. The family of Browns was originated in the New World by Peter Browne, who came over in the historic "Mayflower."

Prof. Brown was reared at home, and acquired his excellent education in the Brownsville schools, in the Woodstock Institute, and at Ingersoll Collegiate Institute, from which he was graduated in 1898. He then took a business course and began teaching in a business college, thus continuing for two years. However, he was not satisfied with the methods then employed, and in October, 1900, he purchased the Leamington Business College, and began to put some of his ideas into practical demonstration. Under his able management, the school grew with marvelous rapidity, entirely outgrowing its quarters.

On April 9, 1901, Prof. Brown married Miss Ethel M. Foster, daughter of John Foster, of

Bowmanville, County of Durham. In politics he follows in the footsteps of his father, and is a Reformer; and he is an active member of the Baptist Church. Fraternally he is a member of the A. F. & A. M.; and he is well known in financial circles, being secretary of the Board of Trade of Leamington. Prof. Brown is treasurer of the Church, superintendent of the Sunday School, and is a man widely and favorably known throughout County Essex. Although still so young a man, he has accomplished more than those double his age, and his future is a very brilliant one.

JONATHAN HILLIER (deceased); late one of Mersea's successful retired farmers and pioneers, living on Concession 10, was born Sept. 25, 1834, in Somersetshire, England, son of James Hillier, and brother of James Hillier, of Mersea township. Jonathan Hillier was but a year and a half old when he came to America with his parents, and he could recall but little of their stay in the State of Ohio. He was reared in the wilds of Mersea township, which then abounded with wolves, deer and other native animals. No roads had yet been cut through the forests, and neither schools nor churches had been established in that section. The whole of his school term was included in one week of attendance, after he was sixteen years old. He learned to read, but derived no other advantage. His life, until the age of sixteen, was passed on the farm, working for his father, until the latter's death, after which he remained with his mother. He inherited fifty acres of land by his father's will, which was part of his land until his death. He added another fifty acres of bush land, and to this farm he brought his wife, and began domestic life in a little log cabin of his own make. After a year he sold his first fifty acres, and continued on the land which he had inherited, cutting and converting the timber into potash, for which he found ready sale at Windsor and Sandwich, a journey to either place requiring two days. There he bought all his supplies for home consumption. After he had succeeded in clearing up his first fifty acres, Mr. Hillier added another fifty acres, and still later added a hundred more. All of this he put under cultivation. After giving his son 100 acres, he bought twenty-five acres, which he gave to a second son. In all Mr. Hillier had 425 acres, owning 300 at the time of his death. All this large amount of land was accumulated by Mr. Hillier through his own industry. He

attributed much of his success to his estimable wife, who bravely did her part in their days of struggle. One of the hardships of their early settlement on this farm, was scarcity of water, and it fell to Mrs. Hillier to carry water for household use a long distance.

In 1884 Mr. Hillier completed a fine dwelling, at a cost of \$2,000, and he also built barns and made other improvements, making his place very attractive. Mr. Hillier gave much attention to the breeding of Shorthorn Durham cattle, and had some very fine specimens. The old log house stands back of its successor, and is a reminder of what he has accomplished, although he was hampered in many ways on account of lack of early advantages. Nevertheless he not only secured independence in the world, but obtained the esteem and confidence of his neighbors, and reared a family of which any parent might well feel proud. On May 7, 1904, Mr. Hillier passed away, and he is interred in the Albuna cemetery of Mersea township. His place is now managed by his three industrious sons, who are very capably managing the property, having been reared in habits of industry and in principles of integrity. They are all respected members of the community.

On Jan. 4, 1862, Mr. Hillier was united in marriage with Mary Gilbert, on the old homestead in Mersea township. She was born at Port Burwell, County of Elgin, Sept. 29, 1840, daughter of George G. and Roxanna (Tyrell) Gilbert, of English extraction, the latter of whom was a niece of the well-known surveyor, Mahlon Burwell, who made most of the surveys through the counties of Essex and Kent, and in whose honor Port Burwell was named. The parents of Mrs. Hillier, George G. and Roxanna (Tyrell) Gilbert, came to the County of Essex in 1860, and located in Mersea township, on 100 acres of partially cleared land, which they had purchased. After a year they sold out and moved to Wayne county, Michigan, where they rented a farm for a few years. Returning to Mersea they lived retired there until their deaths, his in 1899, aged eighty-one, and hers in 1884, aged seventy-two, respectively. They were members of the Baptist Church. Children as follows were born to them: Mary, widow of Jonathan Hillier; John; Catherine, deceased, who married Barnum Bullard; Pauline, of Atlanta, Nebraska, who married William Freland; Delphine, who married Edgar Height, of Milan, Michigan. To the union of Mr. Hillier and Mary Gilbert five chil-



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dren were born, namely: Mahlon Burwell, named for his great uncle, was given 100 acres of land by his father, and to this he has added 100 acres more, and he is now engaged in farming the whole 200 acres; he married Elizabeth Young, and had four children, Leonidas, Mary Jane, Jonathan, Jr., and Andrew (deceased at the age of five months). Roxanna is the wife of Oliver Orton, son of Zenas Orton, of Gosfield township, and has five children, Ruby, Mary, Laura, Stella and Dorothy E. Albert, George A. and Adolphus are all at home operating the farm.

Mr. Hillier was always a staunch Conservative, and was a great admirer of the late Sir John Macdonald, and a supporter of his able administration. All of the family are pleasant people to meet, frank and friendly, generous and hospitable. Surrounded by all that makes life comfortable in a material way, and the center of an affectionate family circle, and possessing many friends on every side, Mr. Hillier enjoyed with his wife their beautiful home, at peace with God and man. Although not bound by any religious creed, the Golden Rule in its widest acceptance has been the law of the household.

JAMES BARNETT is a prosperous and ambitious farmer who has developed a fine farm in a portion of the township of Gosfield South, County of Essex, which but a few years ago was covered with a dense forest. He is of English birth and ancestry, being a grandson of John Barnett, of Greatham, Hampshire, England, where the family had lived for generations.

The father of Mr. Barnett, Edward Barnett (a brother of John Barnett, who in 1849 settled in this township), was born in Hampshire, England, where he grew to manhood. He married in Somersetshire, Martha Maine, and after six years of wedded life was drowned, while heroically endeavoring to rescue a small boy. He was then only twenty-nine years of age. Some years later his widow married a George Langley. The family consisted of: James; John, now a Customs officer stationed at Windsor, who came to Gosfield South in 1866; Charles, who came out at the same time, and lived in Gosfield South (he died leaving three sons and two daughters); Mary Ann, who married Joseph Ford, of Detroit; and Arthur, a half-brother, now living in Vancouver, B.C. The two last mentioned children came with the mother in 1873.

James Barnett was born in Somersetshire,

England, March 25, 1843. As a small boy he availed himself of the advantages offered by the public schools, although he began work at the early age of eleven years. As he was the eldest of the family he was obliged to assist his mother, and commenced by working at gardening. Later he was employed in the mines, and being of a mechanical turn of mind learned engineering and took up engine driving, continuing at that until he decided to come to America. In 1870 he took a steamer for New York, and came directly to Gosfield South, County of Essex, whither his two brothers preceded him by some four years. In 1872 he bought fifty acres of wild land in Lot 6, Concession 5, and built a hewed log house. For a time he engaged in working for neighboring farmers, devoting his spare time to clearing off his land, and in that way earned extra money. He settled upon his property at the time of his marriage, and now has the land all cleared and in a high state of cultivation, all of it being under-drained. In addition to his original purchase he bought forty acres in Lot 7, half of which he has cleared. The family occupied the primitive log house for some twenty-two years, when Mr. Barnett re-modeled and enlarged it. Every improvement upon the place has been made by him, and all the buildings show the trade marks of good management. In addition to farming Mr. Barnett took up contract ditching, engaging very successfully in that line for fifteen years.

In 1885 Mr. Barnett married Sarah Annie Aikens, a native of Clinton, County Huron, Ont., and to their union have been born: Martha Gertrude, at home; Edward William, at home; Wilbur Charles, who died in infancy; and Lillian Sophia, the youngest, born in 1900.

Mr. Barnett is a Conservative in his political views, and has served two terms as trustee of the home school. He comes of a family closely identified with the English Church, and has always adhered to the faith of that body. In 1899 he donated a tract of land in the southeast part of his property for church purposes, upon which an English church has been erected. Mr. Barnett is very justly regarded as one of the representative men of the township, and he enjoys in marked degree the confidence and esteem of his fellow townsmen.

JAMES McEWAN, serving as Crier of the Court of County Essex and Humane Officer of Windsor, is descended from one of the early families of the county. The McEwans are of

Scotch extraction, the grandfather of James, Charles McEwan, having been born in 1778 in Scotland, where he married Jane McDonald, of the same land. In 1809 he emigrated to the State of New York, in 1818 coming to Canada and locating in Gananoque, on the St. Lawrence River, where they both died, in the same year, of fever.

John McEwan, son of Charles and father of James, was born in 1812. He grew to manhood in Canada and there married Margaret Arnold, daughter of Richard and Ann Arnold, and granddaughter of Benedict Arnold, of Revolutionary fame. In 1846 John McEwan and his wife settled in Sarnia, where, for a time, he engaged in the timber business, in 1848 moving to Windsor, where one year later he was made Clerk of the Court, a position he held for some time. In 1853 he engaged in the warehouse and lumber business, and he resided at the place now occupied by Archibald Whitaker—the oldest building in Windsor. When the Great Western Railroad was built the right of way led through his lumber yard, and resulted in his closing that business and accepting the position, in 1853, of station agent for the road, he being the first incumbent of the office at Windsor. On July 15, 1854, the Great Western landed in Windsor a number of German emigrants who had contracted cholera by drinking water from a frog pond where the train had paused for a time. In these days of selfish greed and lack of Christianity which we too often see around us the action of John McEwan and his most estimable wife stands forth worthy of record. Leaving her own little ones in the care of a colored woman who had escaped from slavery in the States, Mrs. McEwan joined her husband, and with the assistance of a Mr. Blackadder went among the poor, suffering foreigners and tenderly ministered to their wants, endangering their own lives by doing so. In spite of all their efforts, however, twenty-eight of the ill could not be saved. As a token of appreciation the road presented to this lovely Christian woman a handsome gold watch, on Jan. 1, 1855, on which is the following inscription. "Presented to Mrs. John McEwan, of Windsor, Canada West, for kind and Christian benevolence to the poor sick German emigrants in July, 1854." This is a valued keepsake. One German couple dying left two children, and Mrs. McEwan did not hesitate to assume their care until they could look after themselves, her care for them covering a number of years.

John McEwan served with the Great Western

until 1855, when he founded the *Windsor Herald*, which he conducted until 1856, at which time he was appointed Sheriff of County Essex by Sir John A. Macdonald, an office he efficiently filled for thirty years, dying while incumbent thereof, in 1886. His beloved wife had passed away in the previous year. During the latter part of his life he was a Conservative in political opinion. His religion was that of the Presbyterian Church. Fraternally he was a Mason. The children born to John McEwan and wife were the following: Charles, now deceased; Patrick Anderson, of Chicago, Illinois; William J., deceased; Margaret, deceased; James; Porter; and Christine, deceased.

James McEwan was born March 8, 1849, in the city of Windsor, where he grew to manhood, received his education and has passed his active life. In 1872 he was appointed Crier of the Court, which position he still efficiently fills, being the oldest of the court officials at the present time. In 1895, when the Humane Society was formed, Mr. McEwan was regarded by his fellow-citizens as the most suitable head of such a benevolent organization, and his acceptance carried with it the filling of all its duties to the uttermost. Mr. McEwan owns the old homestead on Sandwich Street near the Michigan Central Railroad depot and also the property which he occupies.

In 1881 Mr. McEwan married Miss Amanda M. Rogers, daughter of David D. Rogers, and four children have been born of this marriage: Grace Margaret; Arnold, deceased; John deceased, and Anderson. Mrs. McEwan is of Irish ancestry and was born in Picton, Prince Edward County, where her parents settled for a time, finally purchasing the beautiful old home built and owned by Major Logie, situated near Kingston, the place still called "Glen Logie" and owned by the family. The family of McEwan has always been noted for its close following and generous support of the Presbyterian Church. It is held in the highest esteem in Windsor.

There are few residents of this pleasant little city who can make an evening pass more pleasantly for a visitor than can Mr. McEwan, who is hospitable to a pleasant degree and whose interesting reminiscences are supplemented by a score of old documents, relating to both local and historical events, many of these having been the property of his great-grandfather, Gen. Benedict Arnold. The time will probably come when these will be claimed as a nucleus of a his-

torical collection to which many residents of the city could contribute.

JOHN F. RUSTON. The best interests of the County of Essex are in the hands of men whose names are associated with the development and progress of this section of Ontario, and among them may be mentioned with great propriety that of John F. Ruston, who was born in Maidstone township, on the Middle Road, this county, Dec. 31, 1838, son of Richard and Ann (Stokes) Ruston. He was one in a family of thirteen children, six of whom survive: Abraham B., now in North Dakota; Mary A., who married William Wilcox, of South Woodslee; Elizabeth, who married John Robson, of Maidstone; Susanna, who married Seymour Thomas, of Maidstone; Emily, who married John G. Hilborn, of Manitoba; and John F.

Richard Ruston was born in Lincolnshire, England, May 5, 1805, son of Thomas Ruston, a farmer, and there he was reared, learning the trade of brick and stone mason. In 1834, seeking to better his fortunes, he emigrated to America, and for two years was located in the lead mines of Wisconsin, engaged in building furnaces. Fortunately for him wages were good, for he had reached New York with but a British shilling in his pocket, and in the two years he spent in Wisconsin he saved five hundred dollars. Not feeling in sympathy with the rough element which prevailed at the mines, Mr. Ruston decided to remove to the Dominion and become a farmer. When he reached North Ridge he met John Murray, and hearing from the latter such favorable descriptions of the land on the Middle Road, where he lived, Mr. Ruston came to Maidstone township, and entered 100 acres of the Col. Talbot grant, in Lot 17, Maidstone township, upon which he built a log shanty in the midst of the bush, with plenty of wolves and bears for near neighbors. He cleared this farm, and resided upon it until within a dozen years of his death, which occurred Dec. 28, 1891, when he was eighty-six years of age. Leaving the farm he had located in South Woodslee, where his death took place. In politics he was independent, and served as a member of the first Board of Councilmen of Maidstone, continuing on that Board for a number of years. He was a member of the Church of England early in life, but later on became a Methodist.

Ann Stokes Ruston, mother of our subject, was born in London, England, Dec. 21, 1816, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Goldecutt)

Stokes, and in 1833 she came with her parents to Ontario, locating in Sandwich South, where the father took up 100 acres of land, and his son John F. took up another 100 acres adjoining. John Stokes and his son John F. were butchers by trade and preceded the family to the new land some months. Until they were joined in New York City by the wife and daughters and a son Jefferson, the two worked at their trade. The mother of our subject died Jan. 5th, 1899.

John F. Ruston was reared at home, and acquired a limited education in the district schools, and later he secured a more extensive knowledge of men and events by self-education.

In July, 1862, Mr. Ruston purchased ninety-five acres in the south part of Lot 3, township of Rochester, where he removed the following September, and has since then made it his home. For six months he lived alone, and then, on March 4, 1863, he married Sarah J. Leak, of the County of Oxford, daughter of John Leak, a prominent farmer of Oxford, and a native of Yorkshire, England. To them nine children have been born, eight of whom survive: George R., of Maidstone; Abraham R., of Maidstone; Emily, deceased; John F., Jr., of Rochester; Walter W., at home; Ellen A., at home; Thomas Fletcher, at home; Sarah G., at home; and William L., at home. On June 23, 1900, Mrs. Ruston passed away, and Mr. Ruston's daughters keep house for him, and endeavor to fill their mother's place, being sweet, devoted young ladies.

In connection with his farming Mr. Ruston manufactured cheese for five years, and for the past twenty-two years has owned and operated a sawmill in Woodslee, and since 1887, he and his sons have owned and operated a threshing machine. Richard Ruston, father of John F. Ruston, owned and operated the first cylinder threshing machine ever operated on the Middle road. Prior to this all the grain was threshed either by flail or by the old French roller process, which had a capacity of eighteen bushels per day, provided those operating it worked very hard. When our subject was eighteen he and his father built a clover huller, which was the first ever used in this section of country.

In politics Mr. Ruston is a Reformer, but he has never desired office, although for many years he has been a director in either the township or county agricultural societies, and the greater portion of the time has been a director in both. He is now secretary and treasurer of the school board, and has always taken a deep interest in

educational matters. In religious affairs he is a Methodist, and for many years was a member of the church board. He is enterprising, charitable, and kind-hearted, an excellent business man, a liberal supporter of public institutions, and a man who holds the confidence and respect of all who know him.

ERNEST G. SWIFT, formerly manager of the Pharmaceutical Laboratories of Parke, Davis & Co., at Walkerville, Ont., where he lived for a number of years, is now a resident of Detroit, and general manager of the vast business of Parke, Davis & Co., the greatest establishment of its kind in the world.

Mr. Swift is of English extraction, his grandfather, George Swift, who established the family in Canada, having been born in England in 1785. The latter married Naomi Dawson, who was born in 1786, and, in 1829, came, with his wife, to Canada, locating at Rawdon, Quebec, a point about fifty miles north of Montreal. There he engaged in farming, and resided until his death, which occurred Oct. 28, 1854. His wife survived him several years, her death occurring Dec. 17, 1872. To this worthy couple came the following children: Sarah, born Jan. 3, 1816; James, Jan. 3, 1819; Dean, April 1, 1821; Anna, June 21, 1823, who married John Mason; Maria, Oct. 25, 1825; and Thomas, Oct. 25, 1828.

Thomas Swift, father of Ernest G., was a very young child when his parents moved to Canada. On attaining his majority he married Alice Sadler, daughter of Rev. M. Sadler, who was born March 28, 1837, and who died Aug. 11, 1892. Latterly he resided at St. Lambert, Quebec, where he died April 3, 1904. Though formerly he and his parents were members of the Church of England, he became affiliated with the Methodist Church at Rawdon, of which his wife was also a member. In political affairs he was independent of party allegiance. The children of this union were ten in number, as follows: (1) Sophia N. E., who was born April 9, 1857, married Robert Greene, of London, Ont. They are the parents of five children: William Ernest, born April 9, 1878; Alice Florence, born March 21, 1881 (she is the wife of William Thompson Brown MacDonald, son of Donald and Eliza McFadden MacDonald, and has one child, Alice Sadler Ruth); Mabel Rebecca, born Dec. 2, 1883; Esther Augusta, born Jan. 21, 1887; Kenneth Clement, born June 28, 1896. (2) Fidelia Florence Maria, born April 11, 1859, died Sept.

5, 1895; she became the wife of Hiram A. Moulton, of Montreal, and had one son, Vincent Clark, born May 13, 1893. (3) Ernest G., the subject of the present narrative, was born Feb. 14, 1861. (4) George W., born Nov. 25, 1863, is a silk dyer and lives at Northampton, Massachusetts, U.S.A. He married Lydia Thompson, daughter of William Thompson and Winnifred Burrett, and to them three children were born: Ernest Albert, March 21, 1887; Winnie Alice, April 12, 1889; Sidney Hiram, Jan. 9, 1892. (5) Augusta M. A., born Oct. 12, 1865, married Walter Bradford, resides at Granby, Quebec, and has had three children: Kenneth Clifford, born Dec. 21, 1886 (died Aug. 8, 1887); Walter Russell, born Aug. 13, 1893; and Florence Evangeline, born Feb. 5, 1898. (6) Dean Sidney Kent, born March 20, 1867, married Lizzie Atwell, daughter of William Atwell and Hannah Hendershot, of Chatham. He is a member of the firm of Greene, Swift & Co., wholesale clothiers, of London, Ont. (7) Edmund O. S., born May 3, 1869, is in the insurance business at Sherbrooke, Quebec. He married Helen Stuart Dyer, daughter of James Dyer and Helen Nash, of Montreal, and they have four children: Alice B., born Oct. 5, 1896; Robert D., born Nov. 4, 1898; Helen G., born Dec. 23, 1900; and Walter, born Feb. 12, 1903. (8) John James, manager of the Montreal branch of the house of Parke, Davis & Co., was born June 20, 1873. He married Jean Reid Simpson, daughter of Thomas Reid Simpson and Georgina L. Burn, of Montreal, and they have one child, Ernest Clifford, who was born Dec. 15, 1903. (9) Laura is deceased. (10) Thomas Alfred, who was born Aug. 29, 1879, is a licentiate of pharmacy in Quebec, having graduated from the Montreal College of Pharmacy in 1900; he is also a student in medicine at Bishop's College.

Ernest G. Swift was born in Rawdon, Quebec, Feb. 14, 1861. His literary education was acquired in the public schools of his native place. In 1877 he entered the Montreal College of Pharmacy, and was graduated from that institution in 1881, prior to which he was for a time with Lymans, Clare & Co., of Montreal, later Lymans' Sons & Co., of the same place, continuing with them for a short time after 1881. In 1883 he went to Detroit, entered the employ of Parke, Davis & Co., and remained there until 1892, when he settled in Walkerville in order to take charge of the Parke, Davis interests at that place. While in that position Mr. Swift had



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charge of 160 employees, his branch of the concern manufacturing all lines of goods known to pharmacists. After settling in Walkerville he became prominent in politics, was a member of the Conservative party, and from 1895 to 1901 was a member of the council. In 1901 he was elected mayor of the town, by acclamation, and was re-elected in 1902 and 1903 in the same manner, his record as a public official being one of which he may well be proud.

In 1897 Mr. Swift married Miss Alice Cope, daughter of Philip and Catherine (Seaman) Cope, and three children have been born to them: Herbert D., born Dec. 29, 1898; Clarence B., born May 10, 1890; and LeRoy E., born June 18, 1897. Mr. and Mrs. Swift attend the Church of England, of which Mrs. Swift is a member, and both are very active in the good work of that denomination. Mr. Swift is a member of the Masonic fraternity, a Knight Templar, a member of the Scottish Rite, and a Noble of the Mystic Shrine.

In November, 1903, the death of the general manager of the corporation of Parke, Davis & Co. created an important vacancy, which was filled in December of the same year by the election of Mr. Swift to that position by the board of directors. That the appointment is a wise one is universally conceded by all who are in a position to know whereof they speak. From an industrial viewpoint the position is the highest in the gift of the American drug trade, according to a leading pharmaceutical periodical, which further said: "It involves a greater degree of responsibility and authority, demands a larger grasp of affairs, and calls for a higher type of commercial leadership than any other post which so far has been developed in the modern organization of the trade. The capacities of the industrial general are needed here as they are nowhere else. Laboratories in Detroit, Canada and England; branches in a dozen American cities; others in India, Australia, Russia, London and Montreal; a small army of 275 traveling salesmen; a large corps of scientific specialists, twenty-five hundred employees of all kinds; a capitalization of four millions of dollars—these facts indicate the size, variety and world-wide nature of the interests Mr. Swift is called upon to grasp and carry forward to a continued growth and development. That he will succeed is abundantly proven by the history of his career. The past affords the only reliable indication of the future; and Mr. Swift's record shows him to be

a man of strength, of capacity, and of character."

JEPHTHA VAN KLEECK, a wealthy retired farmer of Leamington, County of Essex, and a man who has borne an important part in the history of the county, was born in Madoc, County of Hastings, Ont., May 13, 1851, son of William and Julia Ann (Bradshaw) Van Kleeck.

In the paternal line Mr. Van Kleeck is of Holland-Dutch origin. His great-grandfather, the first of the family to come to America, settled in Dutchess County, New York, but as he was an extreme Loyalist during the War of the Revolution, he was driven out of New York, his family subsequently following him. He located at Van Kleeck's Hill, near Ottawa, to which he gave his name, and there it is supposed that he died.

Simeon Van Kleeck, his son, was born, it is supposed, in New York, and came to Van Kleeck's Hill, whence he removed to Madoc township, County of Hastings, when that county was still a forest. For days at a time he never saw a white man. There he cleared up about 600 acres of land, and spent the remainder of his life, dying at the age of ninety-eight years, Oct. 9, 1865. He served as an ensign in the battalion of militia in the Circle of St. John, and as lieutenant in the First Regiment of Prescott militia. Having been a resident of Madoc for forty-one years, he was at the time of his death one of the oldest pioneers of the county. In his ninety-eighth year he walked seven miles to attend a public meeting. In politics he was noted for his strong Conservative principles, he having chosen that party when a young man. He was well and favorably known throughout the county, and his kindness of heart won for him many friends.

Mr. Simeon Van Kleeck was twice married, his first wife having been a Miss Le Roy, and to them were born children as follows: Barnabas, who died in 1902, aged ninety-nine years; Robert, who settled in Monroe County, Michigan, after the War of 1812, some of his family still residing in that State, among whom is a prominent attorney; James; Peter; John; Maria, supposed to be still living at Van Kleeck's Hill; Jeremiah, who served in the 26th Battery, New York Volunteers, being among the first to enlist, and who died Sept. 23, 1863, in the hospital at New Orleans, Louisiana, while in the service. The second wife of Simeon Van Kleeck was Annie Bond, and the children born to this marriage

were: William; Harriet, who married Isaac Del-
yea; and Edwin, all deceased.

William Van Kleeck was born at Van Kleeck's Hill, Sept. 11, 1820, and came to Madoc when about four years old. There he grew to manhood, residing on the homestead farm, engaged in agricultural pursuits until about 1870, when he moved to Thurlow township, same county. Eight years later he sold his farm, and removed to the township of Wallace, County of Perth, and there he purchased the old Tudhope farm, on which he spent the remainder of his life, dying July 30, 1894. He was a Conservative in politics, and a Methodist in religious belief.

William Van Kleeck was married in Madoc, Jan. 2, 1849, by the Rev. Joseph Reynolds, to Julia Ann Bradshaw, daughter of Jephtha Bradshaw. The children born to them were: Elizabeth, born Nov. 12, 1849, died April 1, 1850; Jephtha, born May 13, 1851; Annie, born Aug. 27, 1855, married John H. McDonald, Sept. 19, 1876, and resides at Listowel, Ont.; Phoebe Alice, born Dec. 29, 1864, died Jan. 19, 1865; Lily May, born Feb. 16, 1867, died Nov. 27, 1869. An adopted son, Wilbur, was born Oct. 12, 1863. Mrs. Van Kleeck died Nov. 21, 1886, and her remains are interred with those of her husband in Listowel cemetery.

Jephtha Van Kleeck acquired a common school education in the public schools of Madoc township, and from boyhood until 1891, his entire time was devoted to farming. Until 1870 he resided upon the homestead, but in that year he removed to Thurlow, where his father purchased the old P. R. Palmer farm, and resided eight years. In 1888 he removed to Wallace, and there they bought a farm on which Mr. Van Kleeck lived until 1891. In 1890 he sold that farm, and in 1891 bought two and one-half acres on Erie street, Leamington, where he erected his present comfortable home, in which he lives free from care and annoyance, surrounded by the comforts provided by ample means.

Fraternally he is a member of Listen Lodge, No. 160, I.O.O.F.; Court Wallace, No. 96, Canadian Order of Foresters, of which he is a charter member. In politics he is a staunch Conservative. Both he and his wife are very active members of the Methodist Church, and take an active part in its good work.

On Jan. 10, 1883, Mr. Van Kleeck was married at Thurlow by Rev. H. I. Allen, to Martha Matilda (Wells) Van Kleeck, born Aug. 15, 1853, in Thurlow, daughter of William and Eliza (Sills) Wells, both natives of Canada, and Mr.

Wells still survives, but Mrs. Wells died Sept. 11, 1884. No children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Van Kleeck.

Mr. Wells was a resident of Thurlow for over fifty years, was a harnessmaker by trade, but for forty years was an apiarist. Both he and Mrs. Wells were Methodists, and brought up their children in that faith. Their children were as follows: Clarissa Ann, wife of James H. Saulsbury, resides at Huntingdon, Ont.; Mrs. Van Kleeck; Annetta, who married George Caverley, and resides in Sidney township, County of Hastings.

Mr. Van Kleeck is a man of sound principle and unswerving honesty of intent and action. During his long and useful life he has endeavored to do what he believed was his full duty toward his neighbor and his family, and can now rejoice in having a wide circle of warm personal friends whom he has endeared to him by his many acts of Christian kindness and humane charity. While he believes in each one endeavoring to make the best of his lot in life, Mr. Van Kleeck is always willing to assist in the work, and much of his kindness is known only to himself and the person benefited. His standing in the church and community is high, and the example he sets to the coming generation is one which may well be followed, for it results in honorable old age, and a life which leaves pleasant memories.

JOSEPH N. LOVELL, JR., a passenger conductor on the Wabash railroad, and a veteran of the United States Civil War, and the founder of the first Grand Army post in Ontario, is an American by birth. The Lovell family is of English extraction, but for several generations it has made its home in the western world.

The first Lovell to come to American shores arrived in the historic "Mayflower." Joseph Lovell, the great-grandfather of our subject, was born in New Jersey, and served in the Revolutionary War, afterward returning to his native State where he died. His son, Jacob Lovell, was born in 1798, in New Jersey, and lived to the age of ninety-seven years. As a contrast to our subject, who has spent so many years of his life on the rails, it is said that his grandfather could never be induced to try such transportation, insisting on walking the distance of eight miles to visit his daughter, making the trip one week before his death. In early life he was a tailor, and during his later years lived upon a comfortable competency. His children were: John B.; Jacob,

who has been in the postoffice service for the past forty years; Peter R., a prominent Mason, who has for years been engaged in a large milling business at Michigan Center, near Jackson, Michigan; Joseph N., father of our subject; and one daughter.

Joseph N. Lovell, the elder, was born May 22, 1819, in New Jersey. In his earlier years he was an expert patternmaker and a millwright, but in 1852 he settled at Jackson, Michigan, where he lived for some time, and since 1892 has resided at Grand Rapids, Michigan. He married Mary Huff, born in 1829, in New Jersey, daughter of Daniel Huff. She died in 1880, the mother of the following children: William R., foreman in a paint shop with the Michigan Central railroad, at Jackson, Michigan; Anna Elizabeth, deceased wife of George Shiverston; John D., an ornamental plasterer at Jackson, Michigan; Laura Adaline, who died at the age of four years; and Joseph N., Jr.

Joseph N. Lovell, Jr., was born July 6, 1847, in New Jersey, and was only seventeen years old when he enlisted in Company D., 2nd Battalion, 19th United States Regulars, and was discharged at the expiration of his term of service, June 23, 1867, at Little Rock, Arkansas. In the following August he began railroading as fireman, with the Michigan Central railroad, but was soon given an engine. He remained with that road until 1872, in May of that year coming to Canada as an employe of the Great Western. From July 23, 1867, until 1902, Mr. Lovell was off the road but six weeks, and that was in 1891, when he was in a hospital in Toronto undergoing a surgical operation. During the thirty-five years he has spent on the road, he has covered millions of miles, and during this time has been in all kinds of trains and in all positions of the railroad. There is nothing connected with railroad work that he does not understand, and he is not only one of the most capable, but also one of the most trusted employes.

As stated above, Mr. Lovell was the organizer of the first post of the Grand Army of the Republic in Ontario. It is known as the Col. W. W. Cook Post, No. 472, of Hamilton, and was organized Feb. 6, 1891, with Mr. Lovell as commander. The first memorial services were held on May 30 of that year. Col. Cook, in whose honor the post was named, was with Gen. Custer, and perished with that gallant band on the Little Big Horn. Mr. Lovell has since organized the James K. Knowlton Post at Toronto, and the Hannibal Hamlin Post at London, Ont. During

his service in the Civil War, Mr. Lovell was delegated in 1866, as a nurse at Little Rock, Arkansas, and H. A. Ledyard, now president of the Michigan Central railroad, was the adjutant of his company. Mr. Lovell is a United States pensioner.

In 1870 Mr. Lovell was married to Armina Sage, daughter of the late Luther Sage, of Hastings, and a granddaughter of William Luther and Phifiera (Wadsworth) Sage, the latter a daughter of Col. Wadsworth who hid the Connecticut charter in the famous Charter Oak, at Hartford. Mrs. Lovell was born at Hastings, Michigan, June 6, 1849. The children born to this union are three in number, viz.: Arthur R., an artist; Ernest, a machinist with the Grand Trunk railroad; and Bertha May, at home. The family attend the Presbyterian Church. Fraternally Mr. Lovell belongs to the Masons, and is of the Royal Arch degree; to the I.O.O.F.; and the Order of Railroad Conductors.

ATKINSON WIGLE, one of the successful liverymen of Kingsville, and one of the leading men of his locality, is a son of Theodore Wigle, who served for many years as township and county official.

Theodore Wigle, the tenth child of Wendel and Susanna (Scratch) Wigle, was born June 16, 1821, on Lot 10, 3d Concession, the present Horatio Wigle farm, and was but two years old when the family moved to Cedar Creek, where he grew to manhood. After marriage he resided for a time on the lake front, and in 1859 built his large brick house and moved to the north end of the farm, which he had inherited. He did the greater part of the clearing on that place, and was a lifetime farmer, though he had many other interests. Until 1881 he occupied the brick house he built, in that year erecting the frame house in which his son Nelson now lives, and where his death occurred Feb. 8, 1901. His belief in the future of County Essex was well founded, and he lived up to it by buying extensively not only in Gosfield South, but in Colchester and Gosfield North, and his purchases proved most successful. At the age of sixteen years he served in the militia, and in the Rebellion of 1837-38 he was aid to Capt. Malott. In 1850 the first township council was held, to which Mr. Wigle was elected a member, and he served one year. Again being elected a member of the council, he served five consecutive terms, and in 1860 became deputy reeve, which office he held for five years. Then he was elected reeve, and continued

in that office for nine years, the last year being county warden. Upon his retirement from office the members of the council presented him with a testimonial certificate for his long and efficient service in behalf of the township and county.

The first re-union of old families of Gosfield, which took place Sept. 24, 1872, was an outdoor affair, being held in the maple grove belonging to Theodore Wigle, Esq. Some eighteen relatives from southern Ohio, and 800 home relatives were present, and it was a gathering long to be remembered.

In his religious belief Mr. Wigle was a Methodist, and at the building of the Wesley Methodist Church he was the largest individual contributor. His first marriage was to Barbara Ann McKenzie, who was born in 1827, and died Aug. 5, 1869. To this union were born: Sabina, wife of Edwin Sandison, of Los Angeles, California; Alwilda, who became the wife of James Merritt, of Cottam, and died in 1902, aged fifty years; Alexander, of Kingsville, who married Elizabeth Dunn; Hulda, who died at the age of seventeen years; Nelson C., married to Mary Wright (he has the homestead place); Atkinson; Eugenia, who died at the age of thirteen years; Wendel, a farmer of Gosfield South, married to Bertha Clifford; and Ada, wife of Harry Bisbing, of Wallaceburg. The second wife of Theodore Wigle was Margaret Kennedy, and his third wife was Rosamond Baker.

Atkinson Wigle was born on the lake front, Lot 11, May 23, 1857, in Gosfield South, County of Essex, and was a child when the family moved to the section road. He attended the home school, and at the age of twenty-one years began farming Lot 14, a property given him by his mother, consisting of 125 acres. This place was partly improved, and here he carried on farming until 1884, when he rented the place and moved to Windsor, and for a period of seven years was in the employ of his father-in-law, Sheriff J. C. Iler. He afterward returned to the farm, making his home there until October, 1901, when he located at Kingsville and opened a livery barn, and has given his attention since then to the development of a large livery business. His stables are well equipped, and he has a full line of the latest vehicles of all kinds; his horses are excellent and his drivers reliable. In addition to his farm in Gosfield South Mr. Wigle owns 100 acres in Lot 3, Concession 6, Gosfield North, which is partly cleared. At present Mr. Wigle has two of the fastest pacers in the county, his favorite being Golden Tex, with a record of 2.24 $\frac{1}{4}$. Be-

fore leaving his farm he bred some very fine horses, now scattered over the world. The first fast horse he raised took second prize at the Glasgow horse show, in Scotland.

Like his father, Mr. Wigle has always espoused the principles of the Conservative party. He is a member of the Foresters at Kingsville, and is a member and liberal supporter of the Methodist Church.

Mr. Wigle was married in 1878 to Josephine Louisa, second daughter of Sheriff J. C. Iler, and to this union have come children as follows: Barbara Adeline, born Jan. 5, 1880; Roland, born April 8, 1882, who is employed in Chicago; John C., born Feb. 14, 1884; Allen, born Dec. 15, 1886; and Llewellyn, born March 29, 1895. Mr. Wigle is a very prominent man in business circles, and his family are leaders socially. Like all the family he is a man of integrity and uprightness of living, and his success is well merited.

JOHN R. GOODCHILD, one of the prominent citizens and self-made men of Malden township, County of Essex, is a descendant of one of the historic French families who were driven from their native land through religious persecution, and found in France a toleration and a home not accorded them in their native England. They became identified with French interests and many members of the Goodchild family married and remained permanently in that land. The ancestor of our subject who left England and located in France settled on the river Rhine, which has become a possession of Germany, and there John Goodchild, his son, was born. In young manhood the latter entered the military service, and he was one of the marines of Bondy's fleet when it came to Canada, when Quebec was taken. He took part in the battle of Quebec when those brave officers, Wolfe and Montcalm, were killed. When the war ended he decided to remain in Canada, realizing that the land possessed great value and attractiveness and was well suited to become the home of a weary soldier. He first settled on the Grand Mere, in Sandwich West, but later moved to Colchester.

John Goodchild, father of John R. Goodchild, was born in France, and was reared in Sandwich and Colchester, where he was engaged all his life in farming. He was a really remarkable man, being in the possession of all his faculties at his death, which occurred in 1899, at the age of eighty-eight years, nine months, seven days. In Colchester South he married Mary Hutchins,



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daughter of William Hutchins, born in Colchester where her life was spent, and where she died at the age of eighty-three years. Children as follows were born to these estimable people: John R. is mentioned below; William is a resident of the Point, in Malden township; Charles died in Malden; Francis also lives at the Point, with his brother William; Ellen (deceased) married James Maycock, of Mersea township, Concession 8; Hannah married Robert Lipps, of Colchester; Thomas lives near the Point, in Malden; Henry lives on Knapp's Island; and Alvira married Robert Sawyers, of Amherstburg.

John R. Goodchild was born Sept. 20, 1832, in Colchester. Those who now know Mr. Goodchild intimately may be surprised to learn that he never had six months of schooling in his life. From the age of sixteen he has depended entirely upon his own resources, and in every sense of the word is a self-made man. He worked on farms in the vicinity of his home and then became a sailor, qualifying as an engineer, receiving papers which entitled him to operate an engine on all the lakes. During the succeeding ten years he continued to sail the lakes, the years between 1860 to 1865 returning him the largest wages. Mr. Goodchild also engaged extensively in the fishing business, probably giving seventeen years to same, and it proved very prosperous.

For a period of thirteen years after his marriage Mr. Goodchild lived on the Parson Eliott farm, in Colchester South, but twenty-three years ago he bought his present farm of 115 acres, in Malden township, of Gordon Arner, the property being a part of the original Caldwell grant. This farm, at the time of purchase, was greatly run down, while now its appearance speaks for itself. Here Mr. Goodchild has expended time, energy and money to bring his land to its present fine state of cultivation. It is particularly well situated for stock raising, and each year he raises from 100 to 200 hogs and from 30 to 50 head of cattle. This farm does not include all of Mr. Goodchild's property, other valuable tracts increasing his holdings to 275 acres. He has been successful in all his various undertakings on account of his constant industry and the good judgment which always guides his actions. His tug "Margretta," which he used in his fishing operations, he has now leased to the United States Government to be used for dredge work at Amherstburg.

In 1899 Mr. Goodchild built, at a cost of \$5,000, an electric lighting plant at Harrow, but as the town proved too small for the venture, he

traded it for other property. Considering the fact that our subject started out in life with neither means nor education, and only the friends his frank, cheery nature brought him, his success, though he is but a little beyond middle life, stands as a testimonial to characteristics which mark a man of ability and enterprise.

On April 4, 1865, Mr. Goodchild married Mary Jane Caldwell, a native of County Sligo, Ireland, and to this union have been born seven children, as follows: William, who has a fine farm which his father purchased, on the Pike, married Dessie Reneaud, and has three children, Edith Cathaline, Walter J. and John W. Ellen died at the age of six years. Robert, who lives near his father, carrying on the home farm with his brother James, married Jane Fox, and has two children, Ross and Mabel. James is on the home farm. Annie, who is the widow of Daniel Knapp, has had three children, Ivan, Thema T. and Lorinda B., the latter deceased. Mr. Knapp was killed in June, 1903, by a dynamite explosion, while working in Buffalo, New York. Louis is a marine engineer. Mary, who is the wife of Henry Hamilton, of Amherstburg, has two children, John C. D. and H. Lester.

Politically Mr. Goodchild is a Tory, but reserves to himself the right to vote independently when his judgment so dictates. Fraternally he is an Orangeman, and one of the most energetic members of the order.

Mrs. Mary J. (Caldwell) Goodchild was born in County Sligo, Ireland, June 5, 1834, daughter of Thomas and Mary J. (Seebury) Caldwell, of that county, where the mother died in 1869, aged seventy-five years. The father came to the county of Essex in September, 1874, to reside with his daughter, Mrs. Goodchild, and died three weeks after his arrival, aged seventy-six years. He was a farmer in Ireland, and was an active man to the end of his days. He and his wife were members of the Church of England. To them were born children as follows: Edward, a farmer, who died in London, Ont.; John, a farmer, who died in London, Ont.; Thomas, a farmer of Colchester township, who married Mary J. Graham; Mary J., Mrs. Goodchild; Joseph, unmarried, who has lived with the Goodchilds ever since he came from Ireland; Catherine, Mrs. Ames, who removed to London, Ont.; and Ellen, who married Alex. Shuel, a farmer of Anderton township.

JOHN HOLDEN, one of the highly regarded and substantial retired farmers of the County of

Essex, located in Sandwich South, was born Sept. 19, 1837, at Richmond, in the State of Indiana, a son of James and Elizabeth (Barr) Holden.

James Holden was born in 1804 in Bolton, near Manchester, England, and his wife in 1815, in Ayrshire, Scotland. She was a daughter of John and Jane Barr, who came to America and settled in Delaware in 1816, and later removed to Wayne County, Indiana, eighteen miles from Richmond, where they died. James Holden was a son of Joseph Holden, who came to America and settled in Kentucky, where he died, leaving sons: John, who died of smallpox, in Bolton, England; Thomas, who died in New Orleans; Charles, who died in Ohio; and James. They were all workers in cotton factories in England.

In 1836 James Holden engaged in farming in Indiana, where he continued until 1860, when he came to Windsor, Ont. After one month there he engaged in a grocery business in Sandwich, continuing for some years. In 1885 the property in Sandwich was traded for other in Windsor, and in the latter city Mr. Holden, who had retired in 1883, died in May, 1892; his wife died in the preceding February. Both were worthy and valued members of the Church of England. They were the parents of ten children, and of this family our esteemed subject is the eldest, the others being: (2) Thomas, born in 1839 in Indiana, married Sarah Stonecipher, of Wayne County, Indiana, and they reside on a farm in Sandwich South; their children are, Albert, Frank, Rosetta and Viola. (3) Charles, born in 1842, married Emma Taylor, of Sandwich East, where they settled as farmers, and there he died in 1880, leaving a widow with four children, Ida, Annie, Bertram and Ernest. (4) Mary, born in Indiana, married George W. Mason, and lives in Detroit; they have a family of three children, Clarence, Daniel and Ethel. (5) James, born in Indiana, married Jane Vollans, of Sandwich, and they reside on a farm in Sandwich South; their six children are, Edward, Charles, Oscar, Barbara, Maud and Nettie. (6) Newton died unmarried. (7) William, born in Indiana, married Jane Purvis, of Lake Huron, and they reside at Manitoulin Island, Ont. (8) Jane, born in Indiana in 1848, married James Westaway, of Windsor, where they reside; they have two children, Nettie and Charles. (9) Janet, born in Indiana in 1851, married Robert Teakle, a contractor and builder at Detroit, and they have one daughter, Marjorie. (10) Joseph, born in March, 1860, died in 1895, unmarried.

John Holden grew to manhood in the State of Indiana, and received a good common school education, one which fitted him for teaching, which profession he followed for three years, farming during the summers. In 1860 he married Miss Rhoda C. Evans, who was born May 12, 1841, in the State of New York, daughter of Reuben Evans, of that State, where she was reared and educated. Prior to her marriage her people had removed to Indiana, and there she met and was married to Mr. Holden.

In 1861 Mr. and Mrs. Holden came to Canada, and the former purchased land on Concession 6, in Sandwich South. This land was all covered with wild brush at the time, and it required a vast amount of energy and perseverance to clear it and put it under a state of cultivation. This work engaged Mr. Holden's energies until 1893, when Mrs. Holden died, and he, dividing the farm among his sons, removed from it. The six children born to his first marriage were: (1) Willard, born in 1861, in Indiana, married Jane Thresher, of Canada, and they reside on the old homestead farm; they have six children, Newton, Herbert, Harold, John, Irene and Clara. (2) Alice, born in 1864, in Canada, married Edward J. O'Neil, and they reside in Sandwich South; they have six children, Justus, Janet, Roy, Valetta, Cordelia and Wilfred. (3) George W., born in 1866, married Laura Merrick, and they reside on his farm in Sandwich South; they have four children, Elsie, Theresa, Gladys and Grace. (4) Arthur C., born in 1868, married Lizzie Merrick, of Port Arthur, and they reside on a farm in Concession 6, Sandwich East; they have four children, Laura, Vera, Elaine and Catherine. (5) Mary, born in 1870, married J. C. Austin, deceased, of Detroit, and they have had one daughter, Rhoda C. (6) Bertha, born in 1873, married Ernest Riggs, who resides in Wayne County, Michigan, and they have one son, Newell.

In 1895 Mr. Holden was married (second) to Miss Betsey Taylor, born in Haywood, England, July 15, 1848, daughter of John Taylor, one of the pioneers of this township. In 1877 Mr. Holden purchased his present farm, known locally as the Ouellette farm, containing ninety-eight acres, and here he has erected a new, comfortable and commodious house and barn, making it a fine residence property. Politically he is identified with the Reform party, and is president of the organization in the County of Essex, where for a long period he has taken an active part in public life. In 1901 Mr. Holden was commis-

sioner of census, and he has been auditor of Sandwich township for the past fifteen years. He is one of the self-made men of the section, and one of the most progressive and public-spirited. He has always been foremost in all movements for the betterment of agricultural, political, educational and moral life in the community where he lives, and he is one of its most highly-esteemed citizens.

PETER FOX. After a busy life devoted chiefly to the pursuit of farming, the well-known and highly-esteemed subject of this sketch is now living retired in the comfortable home he erected in Leamington. He comes of pioneer stock, and was born in Gosfield township, Essex, March 23, 1833, son of Jacob and Elizabeth (McLean) Fox.

Philip Fox, the ancestor of many of the name in this part of Ontario, was a native of Baden, Germany. He married Catherine Lamer, of the same locality, and in the following June, they shipped from Liverpool for America. After a long voyage of fourteen weeks they landed at Baltimore, Maryland, where they remained four years, afterward spending several years in the State of Pennsylvania. The great inducement held out to settlers in the Northwest induced them to join a party, among whom was John Wendel Wigle (or Weigle), bound for Detroit. Their goods were transported on pack horses, and the men drove the cattle. In Detroit they met Leonhard Kratz, and, owing to their German origin, all soon became friends, and all at one time lived on Grosse Ile. In 1791 Philip Fox moved to the neighborhood of Petite Cote, about six miles below Windsor, but, in 1794, he drew Lot 10, beautifully located on the lake shore in Gosfield, and that was his home for the remainder of his life. He and his wife are both buried there. They were the parents of ten children, eight sons and two daughters. Seven of the children were born prior to the removal of the family to Canada, and the remaining three in Gosfield. Their record is as follows: Jonas, who settled on Lot 9, on the lake; Philip, on Lot 2, Concession 5, Mersea; Margaret; Judith; Michael, who located in Lot 250, Talbot Road West; George, on Lot 22, Concession 4; Henry, on Lot 21, Concession 4; Adam, on Lot 22, Concession 5; Jacob, on Lot 22, Concession 6; and John, on Lot 20, Concession 5.

Jacob Fox, son of Philip, was born in Pennsylvania, Jan. 22, 1788, and was but a lad when the family settled in Gosfield. When he began

farming for himself, he did his first clearing on Concession 6, but later removed to Lot 24, on the lake, where he erected a log house. He added to his land from time to time until he was the owner of several hundred acres, and, for the times was considered a man of wealth. He participated in the Rebellion, and was present both at Amherstburg and at Pelee Island. His death occurred July 19, 1868, when he had attained the age of eighty years, five months and twenty-seven days. Jacob Fox was twice married. His first wife, Maud Wigle, daughter of John Wendel and Julianna (Romer) Wigle, bore him children, as follows: Julianna, born Oct. 12, 1812, became the wife of John Snider, of Colchester; John I., born March 22, 1814, married Elizabeth Godwin; Jacob, born March 11, 1816, married Elizabeth Lipps; Susannah, born March 16, 1818, married George McLean, of Colchester; Sarah, born Nov. 14, 1820, became Mrs. John Arner; Anna, born Sept. 11, 1824, married George Noble, of Ruthven; and William C., born July 24, 1827, married Sarah Young. For his second wife, Jacob Fox married Elizabeth McLean, born May 13, 1788. Three children were born of this union: George J., born July 4, 1829, married Sarah Jane Thompson, and now resides in Gosfield township; Peter is mentioned below; and Abigail, born Sept. 7, 1845, married Timothy Heckles, and now lives in North Star, Michigan.

Peter Fox passed his boyhood amid the hardships and privations of pioneer life. The exciting tales of danger that thrill the listener with pleasing interest were grim realities to the early settler. At such times as he could be spared, young Peter attended an old log school house, where slabs served as benches, and after mastering the three R's, became an apprentice to the shoemaker's trade, working at that three years. After his marriage he went to Oxford, and for one year rented a farm of his brother Jacob. His father then gave him 211 acres of bush land, on which he erected a log house and log barns. This farm was his home until March 15, 1899, during which time a general transformation had taken place—150 acres were cleared and cultivated, and the original log house had been replaced by a fine brick dwelling, and the old barns by substantial new ones of modern design. Besides, Mr. Fox had purchased two other farms, one of fifty acres in Mersea, and the other of ninety-four acres in Gosfield, and in 1898 he became the owner of three valuable lots in Leamington.

Mr. Fox was married to Jane Stockwell, who was born in Malden township, Essex, Jan. 30, 1835, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Harris) Stockwell. Fourteen children were born to them: Emily, born Sept. 7, 1856, married George Eade, and resides in Gosfield South; William, born Aug. 17, 1858, resides in Vancouver, B.C.; Elizabeth Ann, born Nov. 21, 1859, married Charles Peck, and died in Detroit; Ezra, born Aug. 27, 1861, lived in Hartford, Connecticut; Abigail, born April 24, 1863, married George Fox, and they reside in Walkerville; Benson, born Nov. 14, 1864, is a captain on a lake steamer, with his home in Cleveland, Ohio, and he married Minnie Sanford; Peter, born Dec. 10, 1866, married Jessie Burke, and lives in Gosfield South; Henry, born April 2, 1868, a steam boat captain residing at Bay City, Michigan, married Rosa Lennie; John P., born June 4, 1869, lives in Cleveland, Ohio; Eliza Jane, born Dec. 14, 1870, married Robert Goodchow, of Malden township; Oliver C., born June 28, 1872, married a Miss Brush, and both are deceased; Arthur, born July 19, 1874, married Lillie Mathews; Mandeny, born Aug. 9, 1875, married Henry Longaway, and they live in Colchester; and Melissa, born July 14, 1877, married Harry Pigeon, and lives at Colchester.

While Peter Fox has always refused to accept any office at the hands of his fellow-townsmen, he has, nevertheless, been known as a staunch supporter of Conservative principles. For some time he was active in the agricultural society. Both he and his wife are members of the Baptist Church, and much interested in its philanthropic work.

John and Eliza (Harris) Stockwell, parents of Mrs. Fox, were, respectively, of Dutch and English ancestry, but both were born in the United States, and brought to Canada as children. John Stockwell was first located in Malden township, but he subsequently removed to Gosfield, where he spent his remaining years, following the occupation of farmer. As a soldier he participated in the War of 1812 and in the Rebellion of 1837-38. Mr. Stockwell was twice married. He wedded (first) Polly Botsford, and of this union there is yet living one daughter, Eliza. By his union with Eliza Harris were born children as follows: Jane, who married Peter Fox; John, who married Mary J. Truax; Charles, deceased; Ann, deceased; William, who married Jane Noble; Isaac, deceased; George, who married Jane Manchester; Mandeny, who married William Lenox; and Thomas, who mar-

ried Eliza Armstrong. Both father and mother died and are buried in Gosfield, honored by all who knew them.

Peter Fox and his good wife, who bore together the trials of a life in the wilderness, are now passing their time pleasantly in their comfortable home in Leamington, surrounded by comforts undreamed of in the early days of their wedded life. They toiled for themselves and posterity, and have earned the reward that honest effort brings. They are affectionately regarded by those for whom they labored a "labor of love," and are highly respected by all who have the pleasure of their acquaintance.

CALEB KNIGHT, of Windsor, enjoys the distinction of being the oldest engineer on the Western Division of the Great Western, now the Grand Trunk, Railroad. Mr. Knight comes of English ancestry in both paternal and maternal lines.

The first of the Knight family concerning whom reliable data has been secured, was William Knight, the grandfather of Caleb Knight, who was born in 1758, in England, and there passed his entire life in agricultural pursuits. Among his children was one he named Peter, who became the father of Caleb.

Peter Knight was born March 2, 1799, in England, and in his own country followed farming and stock raising. There he married Jane Bobier, who was born in 1801, in England, and who died in 1854. On June 15, 1844, Peter Knight and his family landed in Windsor, and there passed the remaining years of their lives. On coming to Ontario, Mr. Knight easily secured employment, during the summers in gardening and flower-raising, and during the winters as meat packer. In the latter he became an expert, and was paid the highest wages of any employee who packed meat for shipment to the "Soo." Politically he always supported the Conservative party. In England he had belonged to the Baptist Church, but in Ontario he united with the Methodist, as no church of his belief had yet been organized in the vicinity of his home. He died in 1883. The children born to Peter Knight and wife were as follows: Thomas, born Feb. 20, 1823; Jane, Jan. 14, 1824; Joseph, Sept. 7, 1825; Peter, May 17, 1827; Anne, Jan. 2, 1829; Elizabeth, April 17, 1830; Andrew, Nov. 3, 1831; Philip, June 21, 1833; Rachel, June 18, 1835; Caleb, April 18, 1837; George, Oct. 8, 1838; Keziah, Sept. 14, 1840; Esther, Sept. 21, 1842;



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Emma Marion, May 19, 1844; and Michael Alfred, Jan. 28, 1847.

Of the above family, Caleb Knight, of Windsor, is the only surviving son. His birth took place in England, and he was a lad of seven years when his parents came to Windsor, where he obtained two years' schooling, leaving then to begin the battle of life for himself at the tender age of nine years. The sturdy little lad secured employment with W. G. Hall, on the premises now owned by Major John Davis, the agreement being that he should receive his board and two dollars per month for his services. Two years of hard labor ensued, and at its close the youth had gained only experience, no money being accorded him. He went to Detroit, and there learned the art of pastry and meat cooking, becoming very proficient. After his apprenticeship was over, he was offered the position, by T. M. Taylor, of Chatham, now deceased, of carrying the mail between Windsor and Chatham, on the Middle Road, and, accepting the offer, efficiently performed this duty until he was 17 years of age.

It was on July 24, 1854, that Mr. Knight entered the employ of the Great Western, now the Grand Trunk, Railroad, and he needs no better testimonial of reliance, integrity, ability and industry than the fact that there he still remains. From 1854 until 1860 he was fireman on a freight train, and his next promotion was to the position of engineer on a freight train, serving until 1872. In the latter year he became an engineer on a passenger train, and this most responsible service in railroad work he is still following, his run being between Windsor and London. He is well known to all the residents in both places, and on the line, and his presence in the cab is an all-sufficient guaranty of safety.

Mr. Knight has been chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers since the establishment of the order in Windsor, in 1891. Other fraternal connections are with the Masonic Lodge, No. 42, of London, Ont., and Windsor Lodge, No. 45, I.O.O.F.

On July 3, 1856, Mr. Knight was married to Mrs. Ann Newton, who was born July 25, 1835, daughter of William Dukes. The following children have been born to this union: Jane Elizabeth, born in 1857, is the widow of John Norris; Emmer Etta, born Sept. 17, 1859, is the wife of John J. Carney, and their children were, Joseph Knight, Annie Pearl Elizabeth, Caleb Richard Edward (born July 14, 1903), and one that died in childhood; Sarah Ann, born Sept. 5, 1862, is

the wife of William E. Wear, and they have children, Julia Etta, Victoria and William Caleb, having lost one in infancy; William Alfred, born May 6, 1865, is deceased; Joseph Francis, born May 1, 1868, married Alice Moore, of Chatham, and they have one daughter, Winnifred; and one died in infancy.

In 1901 Mr. Knight made a delightful trip to England, and visited the home of his ancestors, returning much improved physically. Both himself and wife are valued members of the Methodist Church. The family is one most highly respected in Windsor and vicinity. During his long railway career, our subject has been very fortunate, escaping all serious accidents, and he enjoys remarkably good health. In the fifty years that he has been on the road, he has ridden in round numbers 2,500,000 miles.

WIGLE BROTHERS. Among the energetic young business men of Windsor are John, Jr., and Elihu Wigle, proprietors of the "International Hotel." The Wigle brothers are descendants of one of the earliest families of South Essex. Their great-grandfather was John Wigle, who was born in Germany in 1774, and came to Ontario at an early day, settling as a farmer in the County of Essex. He married Susan Scratch, and among their children were: John, Joseph, Windle, Peter, Robert, Solomon, Adam, Michael and Leonard.

Leonard Wigle, the grandfather of the Wigle brothers, was born in Gosfield township, County of Essex, but spent the main portion of his life in Mersea township, where he owned at one time 1,400 acres of land. For many years he was the proprietor of the hospitable inn known as "The Stranger's Home," and for some time he engaged in an extensive stock business. During the Rebellion of 1837 he was a loyal supporter of authority, and served as captain in one of the companies engaged. He married Jane Hairsine, a native of Yorkshire, England, and a daughter of Charles Hairsine, who came to Ontario when she was but fourteen years of age. The children of Leonard Wigle and wife were: Charles, deceased; John, father of the Wigle brothers; Susan, widow of Harvey Deming; Alexander, of Mersea township; Leonard, deceased; Mary, who married (first) John Deming, and (second) George Russell, and is now deceased; Jane, deceased, wife of Gordon Palmer; Rebecca, deceased; one that died in infancy; and Robert, located on the home farm.

John Wigle, of the above family, was born Jan. 24, 1830, in Mersea township, and on Dec. 16, 1851, he married Jane Gains, daughter of William Gains, of Yorkshire, England; she died June 25, 1901. The following children were born to this union: Mary, who married Hezekiah Milkins; Alwilda, deceased wife of Alvin Watson; Miss Jennie, at home; William, of Windsor; Laura, who died aged twelve years; Walter, deceased; Wallace Gordon, deceased; John, Jr.; Jessie, who married Judson Morris; and Elihu. The father of this family is still hale and hearty, and resides on his fine farm in Mersea township. Politically he is a Conservative. Religiously he is connected with the Church of England.

JOHN WIGLE, JR., was born Feb. 9, 1866, in Mersea township, and remained on the home farm until nineteen years of age. His entrance into the hotel business dates from 1888, when he became proprietor of the "Deming House," at Leamington, County of Essex, where he continued one year, and then sold it to his brother, Elihu. Coming at that time to Windsor, he opened up the "Pacific House," which he operated for one and one-half years. In 1893, with his brother, Elihu, he purchased the "International Hotel," at Windsor, which they jointly conducted until 1896, when he purchased Elihu's interest, and conducted the business alone until 1897. At this date he sold out for \$9,000, but within six weeks from that time re-purchased the property for the same money, and in December, 1900, sold a half-interest to his brother, Elihu, the proprietors of the hotel now being the Wigle brothers.

In 1887 John Wigle, Jr., was united in marriage with Fanny E. Ley, daughter of Joseph Ley, and to this union have been born two daughters: Maud; and Blanche, who died at the age of nine years, nine months and nine days. Fraternally Mr. Wigle is a member of the I.O.O. F. Politically he is a Conservative, and religiously he belongs to the Church of England.

ELIHU WIGLE, the junior member of the firm of Wigle brothers, was born in Mersea township, May 13, 1870, and remained on the old homestead until he was sixteen years of age. He then engaged as a clerk for a business house at Wheatley, where he remained two years, and then became an employe of the "Deming House" at Leamington, one year later entering the general store of Louis Wigle, of Leamington, as a clerk, where he continued for two years. In 1891, deciding to enter into business for himself, he leased

the "Deming House," at Leamington, and conducted it for nineteen months. In 1893, in company with his brother John, he purchased the "International Hotel," at Windsor, and continued in its management until 1896, when he sold his interest and returned to his old stand at Leamington. He conducted the "Deming House" until Nov. 20, 1900, when he sold out and purchased a half-interest in the "International" at Windsor.

In February, 1893, Elihu Wigle married Alice Helena Burkholder, daughter of Jacob Burkholder, and to this union was born one son: John H., May 13, 1901.

The Wigle brothers are popular hotel men, and are making a success with the "International," having put it into first-class order. Both are fond of good horses, and own two of as fleet-footed specimens as are to be found in that section of the country, namely, the fast pacer "Westland," and the fast trotter "St. Paul," both of them being well known on the turf of Western Ontario. A more recent acquisition is "William C.," the pacer that defeated "Wayne King," champion speedway horse of Michigan, at Detroit, on Nov. 16, 1903. They also own "Dr. H.," a pacer with a record of 2.12 $\frac{1}{4}$.

WILLIAM G. McDONALD, an enterprising farmer of Gosfield South, is a descendant of one of the pioneer settlers on the Talbot Road in the township of Tilbury East.

John McDonald, his grandfather, was born in the Highlands of Scotland, and there married Mary Calhoon. He was engaged in the boot and shoe trade and also carried on wool weaving, being an expert weaver himself. In 1815, accompanied by his wife and five children, he set sail for America, their destination being Canada. After a long voyage of more than sixteen weeks, they reached the Canadian port, came to Long Point, and very soon went farther west, locating on the Talbot Road, in Tilbury East, where the grandfather took up 200 acres of land through the government agent. As his sons attained maturity they also secured land on the lots on both sides of the first tract, so that the family secured 600 acres in a block, all situated on the shore of Lake Erie. John McDonald began the clearing of the land, which, after his death, was continued by his sons. He was interred on the old Shanks farm. His children were as follows: Hugh; Mary, Mrs. Shanks; Nancy, who married John Moody; John, who lived on the west 200 acres; and Duncan, who

secured the east 200 acres, married and had two children, John (deceased), and Sarah (married and living in Toronto).

Hugh McDonald was born Jan 8, 1801, in Scotland, and was fourteen years old when he came to Canada. Being the eldest son, he came into possession of the land taken up by his father. He assisted in placing the first buildings thereon, and occupied them when he began for himself, continuing on this place until it was improved, when he traded for a farm at Harrow, which he later sold. Nearly sixty years ago he bought 230 acres in Mersea township, partly cleared, Lot 13, Concession 2. He dealt extensively in land, and owned a large body. He cleared all of his land, being a man of great industry. His death occurred June 3, 1891. For many years he was a class-leader in the Methodist Church. His first marriage was to a Miss Williams, and they had children, as follows: Mary, wife of Robert Morton, of Mersea township; Ann, wife of Solomon P. Fox, of Brandon, Ont.; Betsey, widow of Joseph Sheldon, of St. Ignace, Michigan; Margaret, wife of George White, of Leamington; Harriet, wife of John Summerfield, of Leamington; John D., who married Dorothy McQueen; and Adella, who married Watson Clark, of Monroe County, Michigan. Mr. McDonald's second marriage was to Anna Sheldon, a daughter of Joseph Sheldon, who was born on Talbot street, in Mersea township, and the children of this union were: Joseph, of Helena, Montana, who married Nettie LaMarsh, deceased; Miss Sarah, of Leamington; Hugh, who married Bertha LaMarsh, and died aged thirty years; William G., of this sketch; Janet, who married William Dring, of Mersea township; Lucinda, who married Charles Mills, of Wheatley, County of Essex; and Miss Annie, of Leamington.

William G. McDonald was born Aug. 27, 1861, on his present place, and there passed his boyhood, assisting on the farm and attending the local schools. He was reared to be a farmer, and in the course of time came into possession of an eighty-acre farm, on which he rebuilt the house and made many substantial improvements.

In 1885 Mr. McDonald married Georgiana Fox, daughter of George and Julia (Quick) Fox, the former of whom was born March 13, 1838, and the latter Oct. 2, 1840. They reside at Chatham, Ont., and their children are: William, a farmer in Muskegon County, Michigan, who married Sarah Whitzel; Georgiana, born April 4, 1865; Philemon, of Louisiana; and Al-

len, of Ravenna, Michigan, who married Emma Tupper.

Mr. and Mrs. McDonald have had these children: Flossie Annetta, born Aug. 17, 1888; Hugh Carlton, July 19, 1891; William Hadley, April 19, 1894; Malcolm Duncan, March 20, 1896; Georgiana Hazel, April 2, 1898; and Alvin Grant, Sept. 19, 1901 (died Sept. 28, 1902). The family is connected with the Leamington Presbyterian Church.

Prior to settling on his present property Mr. McDonald was engaged in teaming at Ruthven for seven years. He is extensively engaged at present in general farming and tobacco and fruit growing, prospering as an industrious agriculturist richly deserves. Politically he is a Reformer. Fraternally he holds membership in Beaver Lodge, No. 82, I.O.O.F., at Ruthven, and in Erie Encampment.

REV. PETER LANGLOIS, parish priest of St. Francis Catholic Church, Tilbury, County of Essex, is a well-known priest of the London diocese. He was born at St. Scholastique, Province of Quebec, May 4, 1856, and attended first the schools of his native village, later becoming a student at St. Theresa College, Terrebonne County, Quebec, from which he graduated. He had taken a classical course, and after completing it entered the Grand Seminary at Montreal, with a view of studying for the priesthood. There he pursued a course in theology. Completing same he was ordained by Archbishop Fabre, St. Peter's Church, at Montreal, on St. Peter's and St. Paul's Day, in 1882. His first mass was said at the Church of Notre Dame de Lourdes, while he was assigned to his first mission at L'Ardoise, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, to act as curate. After a few months he was sent to St. Francis Xavier College, at Antigonish, Nova Scotia, where he taught French for a term. Returning to his native province he became curate at St. Anicet, County of Huntingdon, Quebec, where he spent one year. For the following four years he was curate at Montreal, and then was transferred to the London diocese, and made parish priest for three years at Big Point, County of Kent. In 1891 he was stationed in the parish of Tilbury, where for thirteen years he has faithfully discharged his duties, and gained the confidence and affection of his people.

In 1894 Father Langlois began the erection of St. Francis Church, one of the finest church edifices in the diocese, and he has also erected a convenient parish house. He is devoted to his

work, and under his able management the parish has flourished both spiritually and materially. Two new separate schools were started in the parish and a fine new three-story brick school was also built in the village, near the new church, for which were engaged teachers known as among the best in the country—the Ursuline Sisters of Chatham, Ontario.

HENRY ALONZO HENDERSON, reeve of the township, and a prominent resident of Pelee Island, was born in Ottawa, Ont., Oct. 1, 1864, son of John and Mary A. (Downey) Henderson. He was one in a family of seven children, of whom five survive, namely: Mary J., who married William Fleming, of Pelee Island; Catherine, who married Nelson Srigley, of Pelee Island; Henry A.; Thomas, of Pelee Island; Isabella, who married Albert McClelland, of Windsor; and Catherine and Alfred, deceased. John Henderson and wife were both born in County Cavan, Ireland, where they were married; in 1863 they located at Ottawa, Ont., and there engaged in farming. In 1887 they came to Pelee Island, where the father lived until Jan. 4, 1900, when he died, aged seventy-six. The mother passed away June 20, 1892, aged fifty-five. Their remains rest in the Pelee Island cemetery. In religious belief they were members of the Church of England. In politics the father was a Conservative, but he never sought public office.

Until he was eighteen years of age, Henry A. Henderson remained at home, engaged in working for his father and attending the common schools. At that age he began his business career by working for neighboring farmers, and he continued that line for six years more. In 1898 he purchased his present farm of forty-five acres, on which he now resides, successfully following agricultural pursuits.

On Nov. 21, 1893, Mr. Henderson married Miss Lillie McCormick, who was born on Pelee Island, March 11, 1872, a daughter of Thomas L. and Ellen (Pease) McCormick. They have no children. In politics, like his father, Mr. Henderson is a Conservative, and in 1894 he was honored by election to the township council, and subsequently re-elected until he served five years, when, in 1903, he was elected reeve of the township, in which office he is now acting. Socially, he belongs to the Maccabees. He is one of the most highly respected and influential men of the Island, and enjoys a widespread popularity, as

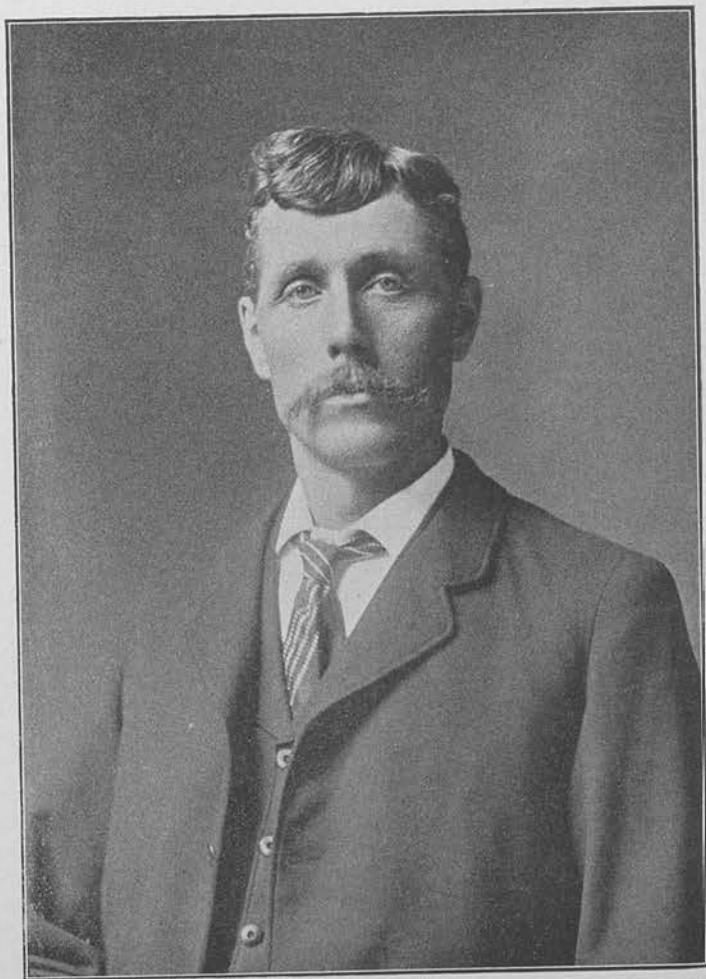
is testified by his large majorities upon the several occasions he has been before his neighbors as a candidate of his party.

THOMAS L. MCCORMICK, father of Mrs. Henry A. Henderson, was born in Colchester township, Jan. 4, 1831. He has long been a man of prominence in Pelee Island, where he has been engaged in farming. In politics he is a Conservative, and for fifteen years, as a member of the township council, his fellow-citizens were given the benefit of his good judgment and comprehensive grasp of public questions. In Pelee Island he married Jane Rudes, who died, leaving two children: Ella, who married Burwell Wigle, of Gosfield South; and Erie, who married Wesley Lord, of Michigan. For his second wife, Mr. McCormick married Ellen Pease, widow of Frank Fullmer, by whom he had one daughter, Rachel, who married Austin Bell, of Blenheim, Ont. To Thomas L. and Ellen (Pease) McCormick were born the following children: Lillie, Mrs. Henderson; Guy, a farmer of Pelee Island; May, who married Elmo Diffenbach, a farmer of Pelee Island; Oscar, who died young. The wife and mother died Sept. 12, 1904, aged sixty-three, and was laid to rest in the Pelee Island cemetery.

EDGAR J. TOFFLEMIRE is a well-to-do farmer in the town of Colchester South, County of Essex. He is not only a respected citizen of the community because of his own merits, but also as a descendant of a family whose ancestry in Essex ranks with the oldest.

The first representative of the Tofflemire family in the County of Essex was Charles Tofflemire, a native of Germany, who crossed the Atlantic when a young man. His first location was in Pennsylvania, and he went thence to Kentucky, where he and his family were captured by the Indians. They were taken to Detroit, where they were ransomed. Charles Tofflemire subsequently brought his family to Canada, and they located in Gosfield township, County of Essex, on the place on the lake shore now known as the Jacob Wigle farm, which tract Mr. Tofflemire received from the Government. There he passed the remainder of his life, and he is buried in the place. He had three sons, William, Charles and Jacob.

Jacob Tofflemire, great-grandfather of Edgar J., was born in Pennsylvania, and grew to manhood in Gosfield township. When he took up agricultural pursuits on his own account he



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settled on a farm at Olinda, and there he passed the remainder of his long life, dying at the age of ninety. He engaged in farming on an extensive scale, and was quite prosperous. Jacob Tofflemire married Ruth Jacobs, and they became the parents of five children: Abram, the eldest, was taken prisoner by the Indians, and never settled down after his escape; Henry lived on part of the homestead; John lived for a time on part of the homestead, and later moved to Kingsville, Ont.; Charles became the grandfather of Edgar J.; Susan married Archibald Brown, of Gosfield.

Charles Tofflemire, born in Gosfield township in October, 1797, grew to manhood there. He received part of his father's land, but at the time of his marriage moved to the township of Colchester South, and settled on Lot 42. Some fifteen acres of his 200-acre tract were cleared at the time, and he built a log house, which he and his family occupied until about 1829, when he erected another log dwelling, in which he made his home to the end of his days. He succeeded in clearing a considerable portion of the farm, and was thrifty and successful. Mr. Tofflemire was married in Colchester South to Saloma Snider, daughter of John Snider, who received Lot 42 from the Government; he was a United Empire Loyalist. Mr. Tofflemire died at his home Feb. 10, 1851, and his wife survived him many years, passing away July 22, 1870, at the age of sixty-seven. Their family consisted of the following named children: (1) Ruth and (2) Susan died in infancy. (3) Mary married William Woodiwiss, lived in Northern Michigan, and died in 1902. (4) Joseph travelled all his life, going to Australia when a young man, thence to California for gold, and died in Michigan in 1902. (5) Jacob lived on part of the old homestead until 1873, when he removed to the 3rd Concession, and there he died in 1899. (6) Elizabeth, now deceased, was the wife of Theodore Scratch, of Gosfield. (7) Hannah married Thomas McCormick, and resided in the Western States; she is now deceased. (8) Charles N. is a farmer in Colchester. (9) Catherine is the wife of Hezekiah Bickford, of Romney, County of Kent. (10) Samuel resides in the township of Colchester South. (11) Richard is the father of Edgar J. (12) Sarah married John Moody, of Romney, County of Kent.

Richard Tofflemire was born Feb. 9, 1845, on his father's farm in the township of Colchester South, and there he began farming for himself when nineteen years old. His work was

in the central part of the place, which was then all cleared, and he finally built on his portion, and resided there for about thirty years. He added part of the land in the same lot, to the north, until he had 118 acres, and he was successfully engaged in farming until March, 1894, since which time he has left the cultivation of his land in the hands of his sons. In March, 1904, he removed to the village of Harrow, where he has since been engaged in carpentry. In 1900 he was appointed librarian there, and still holds the office. Richard Tofflemire was married in Colchester South, to Sophie Goodhue, and they have had children as follows: Edgar J., whose name introduces these lines; Alice, wife of John Reneau, of northern Michigan; Linnie, married to F. E. Sinasac, of Harrow; Frank, of Harrow; Asa, who lives in Listowel, Ont.; and Roy. The members of the Tofflemire family have usually been staunch adherents to the Baptist faith, and their political support is generally given to the Reform party.

Edgar J. Tofflemire was born Oct. 8, 1867, in the old log house on his father's farm. He grew to manhood there, and still makes his home on the place. His education was received in the common schools, and he was thoroughly trained to farming from boyhood, taking up that calling on his own account at the age of twenty-three. For the first three years of his independent career he rented half of the old farm, and he has been the owner of same for the past seven years, for he has lived up to the family name and made his labor pay well.

Mr. Tofflemire was married in Colchester South, in 1890, to Lurinda Renno, of that township, daughter of Alexander Renno, and two children have blessed this union: Cora Belle, born May 23, 1895; and Ina Fay, born July 27, 1897. Mr. and Mrs. Tofflemire are both members of the local Baptist Church.

GEORGE A. EVANS, a practical, progressive and successful farmer of Mersea township, County of Essex, son of Joseph and Catherine (Hamersley) Evans, was born in Puslinch township, County of Wellington, Ont., Nov. 10, 1867, and when but a child came with his parents to Mersea township, where he has resided continuously ever since.

During his boyhood days, he attended the township school, and when old enough embarked in farming, now residing on his portion of the homestead, consisting of seventy acres. Upon this property he has erected a comfortable dwel-

ling, excellent barn and other buildings, and they, as well as his well cultivated acres and well stocked farm, bear witness to his good management and thrift.

In Cass City, Michigan, on Dec. 23, 1892, Mr. Evans was married to Mary McCulloch, daughter of John and Jane McCulloch, and two children have been born to them: Mary Alina, born Feb. 5, 1894; and Eunice McCulloch, born in August, 1903. Fraternally, Mr. Evans is a member of Leamington Lodge No. 140, I.O.O.F. and Court Erie 47, I.O.F. In religious matters he is a consistent member of the Methodist Church, and always responds generously to appeals for contributions. Mr. Evans is one of the leading young farmers of his township and is a man who enjoys the unbounded respect of his neighbors and friends.

SIMON GIGNAC. A descendant of one of the early families of Ontario is found in Simon Gignac, who, although he has passed his three score and ten years, is still active in the business affairs of life and fills a responsible position with efficiency. Few men in Windsor are more highly regarded.

Mr. Gignac was born of French ancestry, and his grandfather, Jean Baptiste Gignac, was a native of France, born there in 1760. In young manhood he came to Lower Canada, and there married a Miss Bartrand and to them were born in the County of Essex: John Baptist, Peter, Simon, Joseph, Francois, Jannette, Josephine, and Charlotte.

Simon Gignac, the father of our subject, was born at Petite Cote (Small Hill), County of Essex, in 1789, and spent his entire life in his native vicinity. He served in the War of 1812, and also in the Rebellion of 1837. Politically he was a Conservative. Religiously he was a consistent member of the Roman Catholic Church. His death occurred in 1856. He married Agathe Bergeron, and to them were born the following children: Archange, Thomas, Emily, Eladie, Michael, Simon and Ellen.

Simon Gignac (2), son of Simon and the subject of this sketch, was born June 12, 1830, in Sandwich West, on the old Gignac homestead. In 1844, at the age of fourteen years, he began the battle of life for himself, becoming a clerk for John Saddler, of Detroit, at a salary of \$2 per month. After spending fourteen months with Mr. Saddler, he served for a time as clerk in a hotel in Detroit, later accepting a clerkship in a dry goods house in the same city. In 1862

he returned to Windsor, and for a period of twenty-eight years was clerk for the firm of Bartlett & McDonald. He then entered the office of the city treasurer where he continued for two and a half years, and in October, 1894, accepted his present position on the Water Board of the city of Windsor. Despite his years, Mr. Gignac is one of the most punctual and efficient members of the office force, and may be found at his desk without fail during six days of the week. His long service in important clerical positions has made him so familiar with details that he is acknowledged one of the most valuable and useful members of the Board.

In 1855 Mr. Gignac was united in marriage with Miss Emelie Trotter, of Detroit, who was born in 1839, daughter of Isaac Trotter, a native of Montreal, and his wife Archange Mettes, of Detroit. Mrs. Gignac was born in 1839. The children born to our subject and wife were nine in number, as follows: Alexander S., a resident of Bay City, Michigan, where he married a Miss Clago, and they have children, Earl, Florence and John; Frank, deceased; Emma, at home; Louis A., who married May Stephens, of Windsor; Edmund V., who married Lettie Denean; Charles T.; Raymond Philip, who married Lydia Somerville, of Detroit, and they have children, Edward and Raymond; Eugenia C., who married Frank R. Keehn and has one child, Alexandrine; and Alexandrine, who died aged eighteen years. Mr. Gignac and family belong to the Roman Catholic Church. He is a citizen who is held in the highest esteem in Windsor. He bears his years lightly, and devotes his life to the faithful filling of his duties to his family, his church, his business and his country.

GORE LANE, one of the thrifty young farmers of Gosfield township, County of Essex, is a descendant of one of the staunch old United Empire Loyalists.

Ezekiel Lane, his grandfather, was a son of James Lane, was born in the State of New York, and resided there until 1812. The second war with Great Britain did not find favor in the Lane family, which felt bound in loyalty to the Mother Country, and, leaving their possessions behind them for the sake of principle they migrated to Canada, crossing the frontier with a large company of English sympathizers, who settled in the vicinity of Little York. The Lane family soon moved westward and settled in Trafalgar township, County of Halton, Ont., and in 1841 they made still another westward move,

settling in Malden township, County of Essex, in what was locally known as the Atkin settlement. The 150 acres which Grandfather Lane acquired was still wild bush land, and the new settlers met with many difficulties and hardships. He lived to see much of this farm cleared, and died there, still a loyal-hearted citizen. He was buried in the Amherstburg cemetery. He married Mary Awry, and their children were as follows: Levi, a farmer of Malden, deceased; Denis, father of Gore Lane; Harriet, who married George Ryan, and resides on the old homestead in Trafalgar township; and James, who died unmarried.

Denis Lane was born March 20, 1823, in Trafalgar township, and was a mere boy when the family came to Malden. After coming here he cultivated the home farm until he sold it, in 1882, and came to Gosfield township, buying the George Whittle farm. Here he carried on general farming until his death, Oct. 18, 1888. This property contains 113 acres and is situated on Lots 6 and 7, Concession 2.

In Malden Denis Lane married a sister of Gore Atkin. She was born April 12, 1829, and died Nov. 18, 1902, the mother of the following children: Walter died at the age of nine years; Gore is mentioned below; Mary J. died Sept. 4, 1899, aged thirty-two years; E. A., deceased, married Philemon Peterson; Ida E. died in 1895, aged twenty-four years. Our subject is the only surviving member of the family.

Gore Lane was born May 14, 1862, in Malden township, grew up on the home farm, and was educated in the local schools. He was about nineteen years old when the family moved to Gosfield. Since the property has been in his hands he has pushed improvements with method and energy, and has the 113 acres under cultivation. In addition he has engaged very successfully in growing tobacco, and is one of the stockholders and directors of the Erie Tobacco Co., of Windsor.

In 1888 Mr. Lane was united in marriage with Mary E., daughter of Alpheus and Nancy (Palmer) Scratch, the former of whom was born Aug. 25, 1826, and the latter June 14, 1826. Mrs. Lane is the youngest of their three children: Robert, and James and Mary E. Mr. and Mrs. Lane have seven children: Norman Dewitt, born June 22, 1889; Walter McMurry, March 18, 1892; Robert Salton, May 29, 1894; Lorne Gore, July 28, 1897; Wilfred, Feb. 10, 1899; and Violet Mary Louise and Victor Russell, twins, May 22, 1902.

Mr. Gore Lane and his family belong to the Ruthven Methodist Church. In politics he is identified with the Reform party. Fraternally he is an Odd Fellow.

G. B. COLLINS, one of the prosperous farmers of the County of Essex, residing on his fine property on Lot 303, Talbot Road, in Sandwich South, was born March 12, 1865, in Maidstone township, a son of Stephen and Mara (Rhodes) Collins. He comes of an old and honored family of the county.

Stephen Collins was born in October, 1811, in Hampshire, England, and his wife was born Feb. 1, 1822, in Devonshire. Her parents came to Canada when she was yet a girl, and died in Sandwich. Stephen Collins came to Canada accompanied by one sister and two brothers, viz.: Betsey was the wife of Joseph Bennett, who settled at Adrian, Michigan, where both died, leaving children. George died in Woodstock, Canada, leaving children. Charles, who settled at Maidstone Cross, married a Canadian lady who survives him and lives on his homestead; her children are: Louisa (wife of John Greaves, of Maidstone, town line); Thomas (on the homestead); George (on the old homestead); Jemima (wife of John Farough, of Sandwich South); Sarah (wife of Nicholas Farough, of Sandwich), and Annie (wife of William Campbell, of Essex).

After his marriage Stephen Collins settled first at Maidstone Cross, where he owned fifty acres of land, and engaged in work at his trade of blacksmith. Prior to 1865, when he sold this land, he had built upon it and improved it. He then removed to Windsor, where he was engaged two and a half years in mercantile business, selling same in 1869 and purchasing the present home, which was then wild land. Here he made a number of improvements and spent his last years, dying in 1887; he was followed to the grave by his wife nine years later. In political sentiment he was a Reformer. From youth both he and wife belonged to the Church of England. This worthy couple reared all but one of their twelve children, namely, Jane died in infancy; Charlotte (deceased), born in Sandwich, married Arthur Maynard and reared a family; James, married Bridget Lyons, and they settled at the homestead, where he died in 1886; Hezekiah died at his farm, unmarried, in 1901; Susannah is the widow of Adam Clark, of Manitoba, and has two children, George and Emma; Miss Sarah is still at the home; Elizabeth married

(first) Rev. John Emerick, and (second) William Shoemaker, also deceased, of Highgate, County of Kent, and she has two daughters, Ida Emerick (a missionary in China) and Mrs. Crosby (of Highgate). Rebecca is the wife of Robert Watson, of Sandwich; Harriet is the wife of Rev. J. Dawson, of Hessel, Michigan; Joseph married Carrie Hurst, of Sandwich South, and they reside with their children in Windsor; Ida, a graduate of the Toronto schools, has devoted her life to missionary work among the Indians of the North-West; G. B., the youngest of this large family, is the subject proper of these lines.

G. B. Collins was afforded the best educational advantages obtainable in the locality. He continued to assist on the home farm until his marriage, which took place in May, 1893, to Miss Effie Jean Banwell, daughter of Edward and Janet Banwell, old and prominent residents of the county. Mrs. Collins was born in 1872 and was reared in Sandwich West. After their marriage they settled on the old Collins homestead, and here Mr. Collins has continued to make improvements. Three children have come to them, namely: Stanley, born in 1895; Jessie, born in 1897; and Etta Jean, born in 1901.

Mr. Collins has long been a leading member of the Church of England in his locality and has served as warden for the past two years. Politically he is a Reformer, and fraternally he belongs to the order of Foresters, Court No. 1701, of Sandwich. He is a man well worthy of representation in a record of the County of Essex, coming of one of the pioneer families, and in his own personality representing the enterprising and substantial young element of the section. Both he and his wife have a wide circle of warm friends in Sandwich South by whom they are most highly esteemed.

MATTHEW HENRY, a well-known farmer of Maidstone, located on Lot 18, Middle Road, who is also the efficient treasurer of that township, was born Aug. 13, 1850, on his present farm, a son of James and Catherine (McDonald) Henry, of County Derry and Cavan, Ireland, respectively, the father born in 1804, and the mother in 1808.

James Henry and his wife came to America in youth, and were married in Detroit, Michigan, where he first settled, and where he worked for some years after marriage, at his trade of shoemaker. In 1846 Mr. Henry came to the present farm of his son, Matthew, starting first in a log cabin on the uncleared land. By industry and

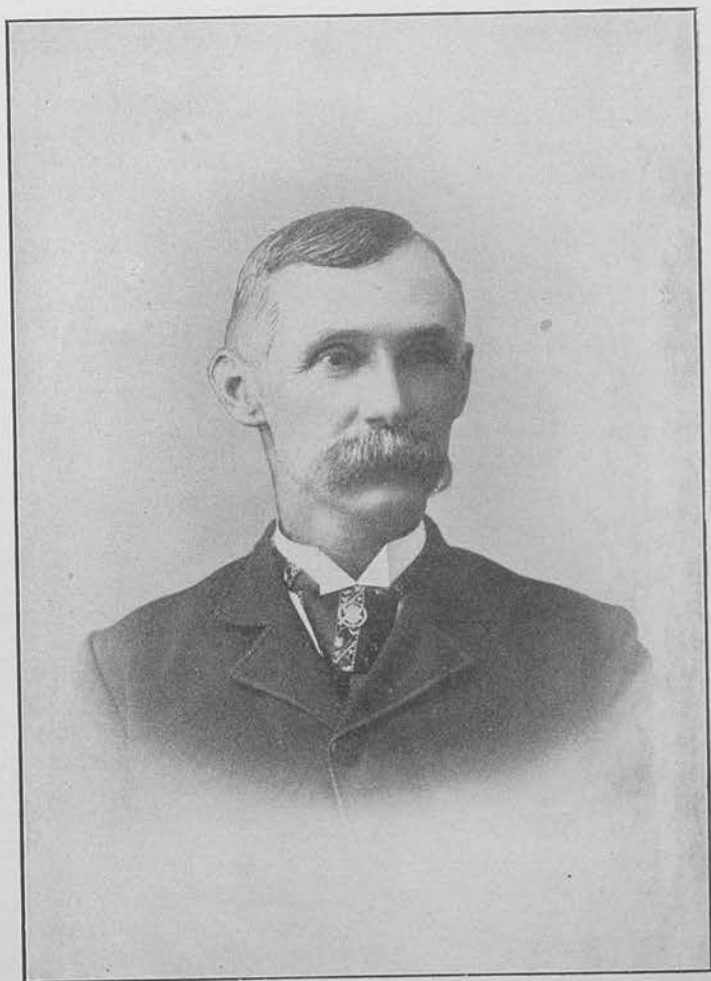
perseverance he opened up a good farm, erecting excellent buildings, and was in easy circumstances as the result of his labor. His death occurred Aug. 4, 1878, and his widow survived until February, 1894. They were both consistent members of the Catholic Church. In politics he was a Conservative, and he served as township treasurer for twenty-seven years, and collector for two years, being succeeded in the former office by his son. The family of James Henry and wife consisted of one son and two daughters, namely: Matthew; Mary, born in 1853, married John Moran, a farmer of Maidstone, and has ten children, James, John, Francis, Thomas, Mary, Catherine, Margaret, Helen, Ann and Lauretta; Margaret, born in 1856, married John Graham, of Rochester township, and has six children, Harry, Frank, Augustus, Archibald, George and Catherine.

Matthew Henry was the eldest of the family, and he grew to manhood on the homestead. He was very active in assisting his father to clear the farm, and since the place has come into his possession, he has made many substantial improvements.

On April 20, 1880, Mr. Henry married Elizabeth Graham, who was born in Rochester township, daughter of Frank and Margaret (Daily) Graham, one of the old families of the township. Mrs. Henry died at the present home, Dec. 17, 1885, aged twenty-eight years, leaving three children: Mary, born in 1881, is one of the talented and successful young teachers of the County of Essex; Joseph, born in 1883, died in June, 1901; and Agnes, born in 1884, is a student in the Windsor Collegiate Institute. In September, 1895, Mr. Henry married Elizabeth Gilhuly, born in 1867, in Raleigh township, County of Kent, a daughter of Timothy and Mary (Finland) Gilhuly.

Politically Mr. Henry is identified with the old Reform party, and since 1878 has served as town treasurer, succeeding his father in that year. He has administered this office to the entire satisfaction of the community. Both he and his wife are members of the Catholic Church, and he is a member of the C.M.B.A., an order connected with the church. Mr. Henry is one of Maidstone's popular and highly respected citizens, and he commands the confidence and esteem of all who know him, whether in public capacity, or in social and domestic circles.

THOMAS VOLLANS, proprietor of the Vollans Mills, and also of the Champion Mills, at



Matthew Henry

Windsor, is not only one of the leading business men, but is also a descendant of an old and much respected English family.

His paternal grandfather was a well established agriculturist in England, where his whole life was passed in the peaceful pursuit of his calling. His two sons, William and George, sought a more active life. William became a soldier in the regular army, and came to Ontario with the troops, and later went to the Bermuda Islands, where he died. George is mentioned below.

George Vollans, the younger son of his father, came to Ontario in 1829, and located on a farm in the bush, in South Sandwich, Concession 5, Lot 5, and at once started to clear the same. This he accomplished prior to his death, in 1887, at the age of eighty-three years. He had become a man of affairs, and had served as assessor of Sandwich township before the present three-fold division was made. He married Mira Page, born in Yorkshire, England, daughter of Edmund Page, and to this union was born a family of eleven children, as follows: Thomas; William, deceased; Edward, deceased; Isaac, a farmer of Sandwich West; Samuel, a farmer of Sandwich West; Robert, a farmer of Sandwich West; Mary Ann, deceased; Harriet, Mrs. George Gray, of Sandwich; Barbara, Mrs. Alexander O'Neill; Jane, Mrs. James Alden, of Sandwich South; and Elizabeth, Mrs. John O'Neill, of Sandwich South.

Thomas Vollans was born Nov. 29, 1829, at Prescott, Ont., and he was between eight and nine years of age when his parents settled in the County of Essex. As he grew in strength, he assisted his father in the clearing of the farm of 300 acres. In 1856 he started into business for himself, embarking in the saw mill business in Sandwich West, where he continued for twenty years. Prosperity attended his industry, and in 1877 he completed the great Champion Flouring Mill, which was followed in 1891 by the still greater Vollans Flouring Mill, both embodying the latest ideas, devices and facilities for the clean, sanitary, rapid and economical conduct of this very important line of activity. As proprietor of both these important industries, Mr. Vollans displays unusual business ability as well as technical knowledge. His political sympathy is with the Liberal party and he served for nine years as a member of the Sandwich council. His religious connection has always been with the Church of England.

In 1858 Mr. Vollans was married to Jane

Ratcliff, a native of the County of Essex, and these children have been born to them: Amelia, who married Alexander McDowell, and has one daughter, Elsie; Cora, who married William Smith, of Toronto, and has children, Mildred and Marjorie; Herbert Page, who is in business with his father; Frank R., married and in business with his father; and Thomas Ernest, who is engaged on the Lakes. The comfortable family residence is at No. 144 Ouellette Avenue. The family is prominent in social and religious life in Windsor.

JOHN A. HISLOP. The career of a man who begins life penniless and without powerful friends, and by his own unaided industry finds himself in middle life the owner of many broad acres, and able to take life easily on the fruits of his earlier toil, may well inspire courage and a confidence in one's future. Such an object lesson is the life of John A. Hislop, a farmer and carpenter of Gosfield North, County of Essex, the possessor of a most productive farm of 100 acres on Concession 6, Lot 23. While his whole life has been passed in Canada, his birth occurred in England, March 7, 1851.

The paternal grandparents, Alexander and Christina (Clapperton) Hislop, were both born in 1790, in Scotland, and always lived in that country. Of their children, David, Margaret, James, Alexander, Christina, Catherine, Jessie and Charles, all remained in Scotland except Jessie, who married and went to Australia, and Alexander, who came to Canada in 1850.

Alexander Hislop, father of John A., was born in Glasgow, Oct. 23, 1821. He married Miss Jane Crawford, and moved to England, where he worked for a few years at his trade, as a printer on calico and linen goods, etc. In 1850 he embarked in a sailing vessel for Quebec, reached Canada after a six-weeks' voyage, and at first located in Gosfield North, in what was called the "Brooker settlement." There he bought wild land and began farming, but after several years moved to a farm on Talbot Street. In April, 1857, his wife died, leaving three children, and the following year Mr. Hislop went back to Scotland. He remained there some years working on the police force, married again, his second wife being Miss Margaret McDonald, but eventually returned to Canada and lived until his death with his son John. His demise occurred May 20, 1899. His children by his first marriage were: Jane, the wife of James Brooker, of Gosfield North; Catherine, who died in girl-

hood; and John A. By the second marriage also there were three children: Alexander, of Alpena, Michigan; Annie, the wife of John McDonald, of Michigan; and Christina, Mrs. Joseph Myers, of Gosfield North.

John A. Hislop was only six years old when his mother died and from that time he was brought up in Gosfield South in the family of Thomas Squires. He received a fairly good education in the Olinda public schools and when nineteen years of age left Mr. Squires and began earning his own way. He worked for different farmers till he earned enough to buy a farm, and in April, 1876, purchased the wild land from which his present estate has been developed. That first year Mr. Hislop built the house which is still his home, and there took his young wife to begin their married life in their own home. It meant hard labor for both, with little intermission, to make an independent livelihood under such conditions, but they persevered, and year by year found themselves more firmly established, until now Mr. Hislop is counted among the well-to-do farmers of the township.

Mr. Hislop's wife, who shared his early hardships so bravely, was Miss Olga Orton, daughter of Zenas and Margaret (Lovelace) Orton. She was born in Gosfield South, in December, 1854, and was reared and educated at the Orton homestead. They have had a family of eight children, namely: Otto, born in April, 1877, who married Miss Cinderella Pease, and lives on his own farm in Gosfield, in Concession 6; Euart A., born Nov. 14, 1879; Laura M., born in November, 1881, who died in 1884; Vernor E., born Jan. 10, 1885; Pearl B., in August, 1887; Thorborn E., who was born July 2, 1890, and died in April, 1891; Olga, Feb. 18, 1892, and Myrtle L., Jan. 10, 1897.

Politically Mr. Hislop has always upheld the Liberal party. Religiously, while not a member of any denomination, he and his wife are regular supporters of church work; he was brought up in the Presbyterian Church, and Mrs. Hislop in the Methodist. In fraternal circles Mr. Hislop is also well known, belonging to Beaver Lodge, No. 82, I.O.O.F., at Ruthven. That Mr. Hislop is both energetic and capable is proved by his success, and his friends and neighbors bear testimony as well to his integrity, his faithfulness to his convictions, and his kindly cordial nature.

EDMOND MCCARTHY, a prominent farmer of Sandwich South, residing on the 6th Concession, on the farm where he was born Aug. 5,

1864, is a son of James and Ann (Kilroy) McCarthy, both born in Canada, and pioneers of the County of Essex.

The paternal grandfather came to Canada at a very early day, and settled in Sandwich South. His son, James McCarthy, is still living and is a successful merchant of Detroit. He married Ann Kilroy, daughter of Lawrence and Bridget Kilroy, who came from Ireland in 1836, settling in Sandwich South, and made a comfortable home in the wilderness. Mrs. McCarthy died April 16, 1873, leaving four children, who were reared in the home of their grandfather Kilroy. These children were: (1) Katie, born in 1862, went when still a child to California with her aunt, Sarah Kilroy (now Mrs. Sarah Andrews, of California), with whom she grew to womanhood, and married James Lee, also of California; they have a family. (2) Sarah, born in 1866, is now the wife of John Battersby, and they reside on a portion of the old Kilroy homestead, in Sandwich South; they have six children: James, Edward, Annie, Leo, Gregory and Raymond. (3) Agnes, born in 1870, grew to womanhood at her grandfather's, where she received a fair education, and she is now the widow of Patrick O'Neil, who was killed in a railroad accident in Toledo, Ohio, in 1893. She has a son, William O'Neil, who resides with his mother and our subject at the Kilroy homestead. (4) Edmond, our subject, was fourth in the family.

Edmond McCarthy was educated in the district schools, and remained with his grandparents until the old grandfather died in 1882. When the grandmother died in 1891, she left Edmond as manager of the homestead, and there he still lives and is very successful in his work.

The grandparents Kilroy were among the founders of the Catholic Church in this section, and were devout members of it. Mr. McCarthy has always been identified with the old Liberal party, and in 1899 he was elected a member of the council of this district, which position he still fills, and has been elected by acclamation four separate times. Religiously, like his grandparents, he is a consistent member of the Catholic Church, as are the remainder of his family. He is a young man of a high order of intelligence and possesses the ability to make his ventures pay. He is well and favorably known in the neighborhood, and is numbered among the representative men of Sandwich South.

CLEMAQUE JANISSE, one of the undertakers of Windsor, is directly descended from

one of the earliest settlers of the County of Essex, the family tracing back to Francois Janisse who emigrated to the county early in the eighteenth century, locating where the Canadian Pacific station now stands in Windsor. By occupation he was a carpenter and builder, and he assisted in the erection of the first church building in Detroit. In his family was a son, Hypolite, who married Archange Langlois, and they had these children: Hypolite, Francois, Cerial, Florence, Susan, Victor, Antoine, Tatice and Liguette.

Of this family Francois was born in Sandwich East in 1796, and followed farming the greater portion of his life. His wife was named Euphronie St. Louis and their children were: Charles, Sarah, Jerome, Patrick, Cleophas and Thomas. After the death of his first wife, Francois Janisse married Archange Belar and they had eight children: Joseph, Salome, Odel, Febronie, Clemaque, Emilie, Clement and Eliza.

Clemaque Janisse was born in Sandwich East, June 7, 1848, and for a number of years was a farmer in that locality. While a resident there he acted as reeve of the township, and always took a great interest in the success of his party, he being a stanch Reformer. In 1895 Mr. Janisse disposed of his farm, and settling in Windsor embarked in an undertaking business which he has pursued ever since.

In 1873 Mr. Janisse was united in marriage with Miss Marie Reaume, and the following children have been born to them: Blanche, George, Marie, Raymond, Ferdinand (deceased), Armand, Beatrice, Arthur, Leo, Anna, Cecil and Alfred, deceased. Both Mr. and Mrs. Janisse are members of the Roman Catholic Church, in which faith they have reared their family. Fraternally he is a member of the C.M.B.A. He is highly respected in the community, and is a man of sterling worth and high character, while his family is well and favorably known.

JOHN WATSON, one of the prominent retired farmers of the County of Essex, located on Lot 12, Concession 7, was born on his present home, in January, 1843, son of James and Elizabeth (Raycroft) Watson, old pioneers of the county.

James Watson, the father, was born in 1800, in Ireland, and his wife in 1806, at Kingston, Ont. The former came to the Dominion in young manhood, accompanied by two brothers, Thomas, who died at Kingston; and William, who emigrated to the Cape of Good Hope, and

died there. James Watson married at Kingston, where he worked for some time at his trade of shoemaker, prior to coming to Sandwich, continuing that work here until the death of his wife, in 1851. He then settled down on his land, and engaged in farming. He bought 100 acres of wild land, when he came to Sandwich, and erected a little log house, and it was in this home his wife died. Their children were: (1) Mary J., born in Detroit, married Charles McGriggan, who settled at Alpena, Michigan, where she died, leaving children, James, John, William, Lizzie, Annie, Kate and Mary. (2) Robert, born in Canada, married a Miss Collins, and settled in Sandwich South, where he died leaving a widow and these children, Stephen, Percival, Sarah, Ida, Jessie and Maria. (3) John. (4) Henry, born in 1847, in Sandwich, married Ellen Hurst, and lived in Sandwich until the death of his wife, in 1876, when he removed to Montana, where he still lives, and has children, Bird, Robert and Mary. (5) Elizabeth, born in 1850 is the wife of Thomas Porter, a carpenter at Windsor, and they have these children, James, William, Edward, Annie, Mable, Bertha, Hazel and Esther.

John Watson, the third member of the above family, enjoyed few educational advantages, his time being spent during boyhood in assisting in the clearing of the farm. He became his father's farm manager, settling down on the homestead after marriage. To the original farm he added eighty acres, and now has the entire estate almost cleared and under cultivation. His improvements are substantial and appropriate, and his many new buildings add much to the attractiveness and value of his place. He has now retired from active farming life, but the work he began is carried forward by his son, William F.

Mr. Watson was married in October, 1875, to Miss Mary A. McDonald, born at Windsor in 1856, the adopted daughter of Jacob and Margaret Lonsbury, one of the prominent pioneer families of the section. For some years prior to her marriage, Mrs. Watson was a teacher in the County of Essex. The children born to this union were: Wilbert died aged nine years; Laura died in young womanhood; Clara B., also in young womanhood, died on the same day, prostrated by diphtheria; Lizzie and Esther are both deceased, the latter dying in childhood, but the former in beautiful young womanhood; William F., born in 1876, married Maud Maynard in 1902, and they live at the old homestead; Ethel, born in 1886, an educated young lady, is at home;

James, born in 1889; Earl born in 1891; Pearl, born in 1894; Della, born in 1896; and Esther, born in 1898.

Religiously Mr. and Mrs. Watson are members of the Methodist Church, of which he has long been an active supporter, following in the footsteps of his father, who was one of its faithful stewards. Politically he is identified with the Government party. Mr. Watson is one of the very highly esteemed pioneer settlers of the county, respected by all who know him. He is a man of genial presence and kind and generous disposition, and has hosts of friends among his neighbors. His influence has always been cast on the side of morality, temperance and education, in his locality, and it is due to such men as he is that Sandwich South stands so high in general esteem.

SAMUEL McKENZIE. Among the leading farmers of Sandwich South, whose undertakings seem uniformly successful, is Samuel McKenzie, who resides upon a fine farm in Lot 16, Concession 10. He was born in Berwickshire, Scotland, Oct. 13, 1843, son of George and Margaret (Dodds) McKenzie, old pioneers of this county.

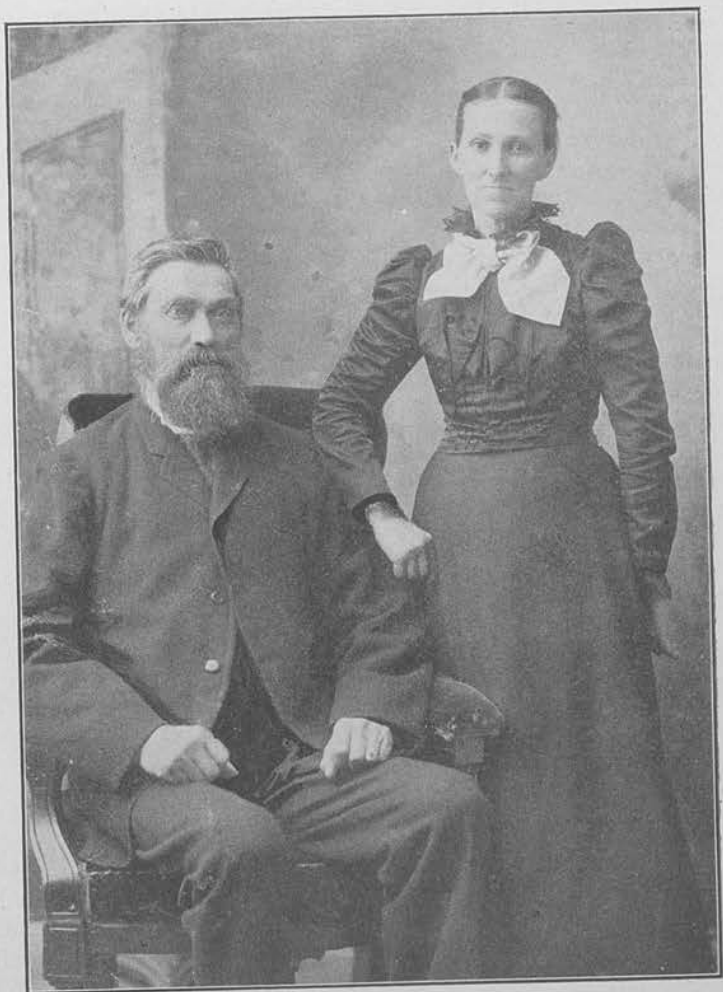
George McKenzie was born in Scotland, as was his wife, and they came to Canada in 1854, first settling in Hamilton, Ont., where he worked at his trade of brickmaker. In 1860 they moved to Windsor, and there lived until 1866, when he removed to a farm of fifty acres which he had purchased in 1861. There he started as a farmer, erecting a little log cabin on his property. Success attended his efforts, and in a few years he purchased 100 acres more. As time went on improvements were made, and the little cabin gave way to the modern farmhouse now standing. In this new home the father died in 1871, and the mother in 1876. They were consistent members of the Presbyterian Church in Scotland, but joined the Methodist Church after coming to Canada. Of their four children, two died in childhood in Scotland, and James and Samuel were the survivors.

James McKenzie, the younger of the two, was born in Scotland in 1848, and was educated in the schools of his native land and in those of Canada. He worked upon the home farm until his marriage, after which he assumed its management, and there he died in 1892, leaving his wife, Lillie (McKinzie) McKenzie, a native of the County of Kent, and four children: Jessie, George, William and Nelson, all born at their present home in Sandwich South.

Samuel McKenzie was a student in the schools of Hamilton, Ont., after he came to Canada, and he also went to school at Windsor. For one year he was engaged in the shipping of cattle from Windsor, but after his parents removed to Sandwich South he came to the farm and assisted them in making a home. Later he became manager of this property.

In February, 1871, Mr. McKenzie married Miss Eliza Jane Logan, a native of Scotland, born Aug. 30, 1848, daughter of Peter and Hannah (Ure) Logan, who were born and married in Scotland. In 1850 they came to Amherstburg, and he followed his trade of blacksmith until about 1869, when he purchased a farm in Sandwich East, and there lived until his death, which occurred in August, 1887, when he was seventy-seven years of age. His wife died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. McKenzie, in March, 1889, also seventy-seven years of age. Both were members of the Methodist Church. Mrs. McKenzie was educated in the schools of Amherstburg. Mr. and Mrs. McKenzie moved to the little log house on the homestead, and there lived five years. This property he had purchased prior to his marriage, and in 1875 they moved into the house in which they now reside, he having cleared up the entire farm and added fifty acres, besides aiding his father pay for the latter's homestead. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. McKenzie, four of whom, Margaret H., John Adam, Agness J. and Samuel, died in childhood; the others are: George A., born in August, 1874; Fred P., in 1877; James A., in 1883; and Isabella J., in August, 1887. All are unmarried and at home.

Religiously Mr. and Mrs. McKenzie are members of the Methodist Church, and they are very liberal contributors to its support. Mr. McKenzie is a steward of the church, and has been a class leader for twenty-five years. For many years he has been Sunday School superintendent for his district. Politically he is one of the independent voters of his district, but he can always be depended upon to support the best man for the office, regardless of party lines. Although well fitted for public office, he would never allow his name to be used, feeling that his private affairs were sufficiently numerous to absorb his attention. He is a staunch temperance worker, and was instrumental in forming the Gold Star Temperance Society, of Sandwich South, of which he was president; he also helped to organize the Patrons of Industry. Mr. Mc-



Samuel M Kenzie

Mrs Eliza J. McKenzie

Kenzie is one of the progressive, enterprising farmers of his locality, and is a man who is richly deserving of the success which has come to him.

JOHN HAWKES, of Gosfield North, is a farmer of that section who has forged his way unaided from a very humble beginning to wealth and affluence. He was born in Mersea, County of Essex, April 7, 1840, son of Thomas and Mary (Crump) Hawkes.

Thomas Hawkes and his wife were both born in Gloucestershire, England, he in 1799, and she some years later. They were married there, and came to Canada in 1837, settling first in Mohawk and then in Mersea. Mr. Hawkes was a carpenter by trade, and followed contracting and building. Later in life he moved to Gosfield South, and located for a time on Concession 4 before moving to his permanent residence, on a farm in Concession 5, Lot 23, where his last years were spent. His wife passed away Jan. 17, 1869, aged sixty-seven years, fifteen days, and he himself passed away a few years later, Sept. 11, 1875, aged seventy-six years, five months. In their religious belief they were both members of the Church of England, and in politics Mr. Hawkes was a member of the Reform party. Eight children composed their family, the first three born in England. (1) Rachel (deceased) was the wife of William Brigham, of Olinda; she was the mother of five children, Mary, George, Alcina, Alice and William. (2) Ruth, wife of John Fox, of Olinda, died leaving no children. (3) Rose (deceased) was the wife of Hiram Lane, a farmer of Mersea, to whom she bore two children, Horatio and Isabel. (4) Thomas, a farmer of Grand Rapids, Michigan, married Eliza A. Stewart, and is the father of five children, Judson, Henrietta, Adolphus, Mary J. and Maxon. (5) Mary married George Irwin, lives near Leamington, and has three daughters, Maria, Ruby and Bertha. (6) John is mentioned below. (7) David, born in 1843, married Miss Elizabeth Davison, of the County of Essex, moved to Assiniboia, and there was killed by a stroke of lightning. His widow still remains in the North-West with her eleven children, Edward, Catherine, James, Rachel, Ruth, Gordon, Olive, Edward, Lewis, Mary M. and George. (8) Edward, born in 1848, married Miss Jane Royal, and has one daughter, Bernice. He is living in Leamington, a retired farmer.

John Hawkes received his early education in the schools of Olinda, and until he grew up was always employed more or less about the farm.

After his marriage he continued for some time to live at the home in Gosfield South, but after some years bought his present property in Gosfield North, a farm on Concession 7, Lot 25, which he has brought from wild land to its existing state of high cultivation. He has put up good barns, etc., and in 1891 erected a handsome brick residence.

On Feb. 16, 1867, Miss Margaret Lane became Mrs. John Hawkes. She was born in the County of Essex, Feb. 21, 1846, daughter of John and Ella (Hall) Lane, of Canada and Scotland, respectively. To Mr. and Mrs. Hawkes have come eleven children: (1) Charles, the eldest, died in young manhood, not long after his marriage to Miss Sylvia Philips, of Olinda. (2) Esther is the wife of Frank Wilcox, of Gosfield, and has four children, Thorborn, Ella, Mabel, and Lula. (3) Sherman married Miss Mary Burke, and resides on Concession 9, in Gosfield. His children are, Eric, Forest and Ruby. (4) Ella is the wife of George Cowell, of Gosfield. (5) Horatio married Miss Elma Humber, of Gosfield North, and they reside on the town line in Gosfield North, and have two daughters, Velma and Enduna. (6) Ernest, (7) Minnie, (8) Carrie, (9) Anna, (10) Edward, and (11) Florence reside at home.

Mr. Hawkes has never been in any sense a politician, although he supports the Reform party, and has always been active in any matters affecting the welfare of his community; he is of the best type of citizen, public-spirited and energetic, with no self-seeking in any of his activity in general affairs. In religious questions he upholds the doctrines of the Church of England. Upright in character, scrupulously honest both in motive and in act, Mr. Hawkes has the unstinted respect of his fellows, while his warm heart and a nature generous almost to a fault have led him to perform many an act of sympathy or charity which has endeared him greatly to his friends and neighbors.

ANTOINE DAIGNEAU, one of the progressive young farmers of Tilbury North township and member of the township council, is a well-known agriculturist and road and bridge contractor. He was born near the city of Montreal, in the Province of Quebec, May 28, 1864.

The Daigneau family has lived in Lower Canada over two hundred and fifty years. The name was originally spelled Daigneault, but since the family settled in Ontario the "lt" has been dropped. Desire Daigneau, father of Antoine, was

also a native of Quebec, born near Montreal, where he was engaged in farming for twenty years, and also in lumbering. In 1869 he came with his family to Ontario, locating in Dover township, County Kent, where he farmed for ten years before removing to County Essex. Locating on what is now Concession 6, Lot 18, in Tilbury North township, he bought a tract of land on which he made improvements and where he spent the remainder of his life. He died on the 11th Nov. 23, 1900, and was buried in the cemetery of St. Francis Church, Tilbury, of which he was a member. He was a staunch Liberal, but never an office seeker.

Desire Daigneau married, in the Province of Quebec, Miss Victoria Pitre, who is still living and is cared for by her son and daughter-in-law on the homestead; she is seventy-five years old, but is still quite active. She, too, is a member of the Catholic Church, attending at Tilbury. Four children were born to this union: Olivine, married to Medore Godreau, and residing in Tilbury; Arthemise, wife of David King, of Chatham; a son who died in infancy; and Antoine.

Antoine Daigneau was but four years old when he came to Ontario with his parents and lived in Dover township, County Kent. There he attended school and learned both English and French. He came to North Tilbury township with his father and worked on the farm with him until 1887, when he assumed charge of the place, which he has been operating ever since. To the original tract of 100 acres he has added 100 acres in Malden township which he also operates, thus having under his management 200 acres of land. He built a fine brick dwelling-house on the homestead in 1903, fitted up in accordance with all the latest ideas, and made many other improvements on the farm. He is also engaged quite extensively in contract work on roads, bridges, etc.

On Nov. 25, 1888, Mr. Daigneau married, in Amherstburg, Emma Reaume, who was born in that place, a daughter of Antoine and Angelle (Bastien) Reaume. The mother has passed away, and the father is living in retirement in Amherstburg, where he is well known and very highly respected. Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Daigneau: Joseph Arthur, clerk in a store in Tilbury; Everett, at home; Laura, who died young; Philias, at home; Louis Wilfred, at home; Oscar, who died when two years old; and Desire, at home. Mrs. Daigneau was educated in the public schools of Amherstburg and in St. Joseph's Academy, in that

town, where she fitted herself for teaching and for six years taught school in the public schools of County Essex, principally in Tilbury; even after her marriage she taught two years, and still acts as substitute when occasion requires it. She is a lady of culture and refinement, unusually well educated, is devoted to her husband and her children, and takes a special pride in her home, which she has made very attractive.

Mr. Daigneau was elected a member of the township council in 1901 on the Liberal ticket, and was re-elected in 1902-03. He is a staunch supporter of his party. The family are all members of St. Francis Catholic Church in Tilbury. Mr. Daigneau is a member of the Independent Order of Foresters at Tilbury. He is a man of untiring industry, able and public-spirited, and commands the respect of all who know him.

ALBERT E. EVANS, a progressive and prosperous farmer of Mersea township, is a son of Joseph and Catherine (Hammersley) Evans, and grandson of James and Sarah (Dewille) Evans, of Staffordshire, England.

James Evans was a maltster and innkeeper for many years in his native Staffordshire. Tempted by the great opportunities offered in the New World, with his family, he came to America, and after a voyage of seven weeks arrived in New York. By way of Buffalo, they made the journey to their destination in the County of Wellington, Ont., where he rented a farm, operating 200 acres of land until 1883. That year he retired from active work and moved to Guelph, where his death occurred in 1891. His widow, Sarah Dewille, died at Toronto in May, 1903, and they were both buried in the Kerland Cemetery. Politically James Evans was a Liberal, and religiously both he and his wife were Methodists. They had seven children: George L., a farmer and stockraiser in Mersea township; Joseph; Smith, a farmer on the old homestead; James, engaged in the grocery business at Leamington; Sarah, who married William Broughton, of Bright; Annie, who married John McLean, of Toronto, and Bessa, deceased, who married Jerry Woodhouse.

Joseph Evans was born in the County of Wellington. Owing to the unsettled condition of the country, schools were few and far between. In 1870 he removed to Mersea township, County of Essex, where he purchased 100 acres of land in its primitive state, subsequently becoming the owner of 145 acres adjoining. By nature he was endowed with a vast amount of energy, and he

set to work, undaunted by the seemingly endless task of clearing his land for farming purposes. He was systematic as well as practical, and was soon able to realize substantial returns for the labor expended. Of sober, industrious habits, and genial and hospitable disposition, no man in the township ranked higher in the estimation of the people of the community. He died May 22, 1888, in the prime of life. His wife, Catherine P. Hammersley, to whom he was married March 15, 1864, bore him the following children: Albert E.; George; Herbert J., who died in infancy; Ida, wife of Robert Waters, of Harrow, Ont.; Jeanette, wife of Colin Young, of Caledonia, Ont.; Nelson; and Enoch.

John Hammersley, the father of Mrs. Catherine (Hammersley) Evans, was born in Staffordshire, England, and he came to Canada in his young manhood, working at Dumfries, near Galt. He married Janet Niven, and died in 1854, leaving four children: Catherine P., Mrs. Evans; Robert, of Hespeler; Sarah Evans, of Puslinch; and Isabella Black, of Hespeler. Mrs. Hammersley survived her husband and died April 21, 1881. Her father came from Perthshire, Scotland, when quite young, and settled at Niagara, where he died in 1851. Besides Mrs. Hammersley, he had five sons: Robert and William, farmers; David, a Presbyterian minister; Alexandria, a civil engineer; and Jonathan, a farmer.

Albert E. Evans was born in the County of Wellington Feb. 17, 1865, and was brought in childhood to Mersea township, which has since been his home. After his youngest brother had attained his majority, the homestead was divided among the heirs, Albert E. receiving seventy acres. On this he has erected a commodious frame dwelling, and substantial barns and out buildings. His entire place has a neat and attractive appearance, and his fields and orchards are kept in fine condition, yielding good returns for the intelligent and constant care lavished upon them. Like his father, Mr. Evans is not afraid of work, and his practical ideas have enabled him to spend his strength wisely and well. His business methods are honorable and upright, and he has the merited esteem of all who know him.

On June 9, 1897, in Leamington, Mr. Evans was married to Clara Foster, daughter of James and Sarah (Derbyshire) Foster. Two children have been born to them: Edith, born Jan. 28, 1899; and Owen, born Feb. 10, 1903. Mr. Evans belongs to the Canadian Order of Odd Fellows,

and both he and his wife are active members of the Methodist Church.

ROSE OSBORNE, a lumber manufacturer of Gosfield North, of the firm of Osborne Bros., and also a farmer on Lot 17, Concession 9, is one of the prominent and public-spirited citizens of his township. He was born in the township of Winfleet, County of Welland July 5, 1863, son of Rose and Elizabeth (Whitney) Osborne.

The parents were both born in Huntingdonshire, England, the father in 1831, and the mother in 1824. After their marriage they set out for Canada, taking passage to Quebec, and after eight weeks on the ocean they finally reached their destination. They kept on to Buffalo, where they landed, and then went to the County of Welland. Settling on wild land there, Mr. Osborne cleared it and there for some years made a home. In 1868, after twelve years there, he removed to the County of Essex and bought 100 acres in Gosfield North, Concession 8. The following year he died, and his widow was left with her five sons to develop their new property into a comfortable home. She died Dec. 3, 1901, greatly beloved for her many virtues and noble Christian character. Mr. Osborne was a consistent member of the Baptist Church.

(1) William Osborne, the eldest son of Rose and Elizabeth Osborne, grew up on the farm and helped to care for his younger brothers. He married Miss Annie J. Armstrong, of the County of Essex, and they lived on a part of the old homestead. They have had six children, Ethel, Maud, Clarence, Ray, John E., and Ella. (2) Thomas, the second son, married Miss Phoebe Haycock, of Gosfield North. He resides on his part of the estate, and has four children, Rev. Roy (a Methodist minister), Lida, Merle and Orlie. (3) Samuel, unmarried, is the senior partner of the firm of Osborne Bros. (4) Edward married Miss Ina Jariette, born in Malden, daughter of George and Jane Jariette; they live on a farm in Gosfield, on Concession 9, and are the parents of May, Leslie and Iva. (5) Rose is the subject proper of this sketch.

Rose Osborne grew up under his mother's care and direction, received a fair education in the schools of the township, and continued to work at home till fifteen years of age. Then he worked at carpentry till twenty years of age. He and his brother Samuel then engaged four years in boring wells in different parts of the

county, and in 1888 started in their present line. They bought land in Lot 17, Gosfield North, erected a sawmill, and followed lumbering as their regular occupation. In 1895 they were burnt out, but rebuilt the same year, and have continued their business up to the present. Over 100 acres of the land has been cleared of timber, and they have converted the property into good farms, with houses, barns and all necessary improvements.

On Sept. 28, 1887, shortly after his twenty-fourth birthday, Mr. Osborne was married to Miss Mary E. Dunbar, who was born in the County of Bruce, Jan. 1, 1867, daughter of Thomas and Mary Dunbar, of a prominent family of the county, who still reside there. Mr. and Mrs. Dunbar have six living children. Mr. and Mrs. Osborne have three children: Violet E., born in 1888; Arthur W., born in 1890; and Wilfred T., born in 1895.

Rose Osborne, with his brothers, is a member of the old Reform party, in which his father before him was active. He served two years as school trustee, resigning in 1904 to become one of the councillors of Gosfield North, and has also taken the oath of Justice of the Peace for the County of Essex. He and his brother are charter members of the Order of Foresters Lodge No. 3435, Cottom. The family are among the old settlers in this section, and are public-spirited citizens, highly esteemed for their exemplary characters. The younger generation, to which our subject belongs, is worthily upholding the family name for honesty and manliness.

ROBERT J. JACKSON, farmer and stock raiser, and a member of the Tilbury West township council, is a man well and favorably known and he was born in this township on Lot 7, Middle Road, June 22, 1858, a son of Thomas Jackson.

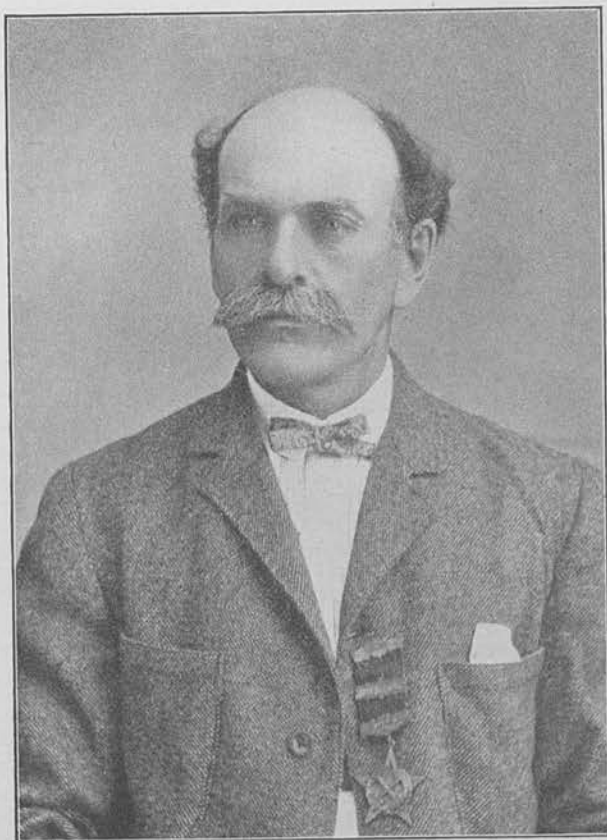
Thomas Jackson was born in Ireland, and there married, at Belfast, Mary Jane Price, and with his wife in 1843 made a six weeks' voyage across the Atlantic from Belfast to Quebec. From that city the young couple came to Ontario by stage, and located in Tilbury West township, County of Essex, taking up a tract of land in the Col. Talbot grant. This property Thomas cleared in part. During those early days there were no roads, bridges or other results of civilization. Wild animals came boldly into the very dooryards. Flour had to be carried from Detroit on horseback, and cornmeal was brought from Chatham, the journey after these necessities tak-

ing a week. After he had cleared off a portion of his land Thomas Jackson exchanged it for 100 acres in Lot 7, Middle Road, where he built a log house. All of his life was spent in hard labor, and he received but little remuneration for some of it. As an instance of the meager wages paid for work in those days may be cited the fact that for cutting through a portion of the Middle Road he received four dollars a month. In politics he was a staunch Conservative, and he acted as school trustee.

While a member of the English Church in his native land, he found no church of that denomination in his new home, so he and his wife attended the services of the Methodist Church. In addition to his home property Thomas Jackson bought other land, which he divided among his sons, although he retained 300 acres for himself. He died in 1864, and was buried in St. George's cemetery, Tilbury West township. Mr. Jackson was warden of the Loyal Orange Association, No. 1198, and filled the office of master in that organization. His wife, who bravely and uncomplainingly shared his trials and hardships as a pioneer, died on the homestead at the age of seventy-seven years, and was also interred in St. George's cemetery.

The children born to this worthy couple were as follows: Sarah married George Elliott, and resides in Fresno, California. Edward, born April 6, 1845, is engaged in farming on the Middle Road; he married in 1871 Lydia Buchanan, and they have four children, Nellie (married Gordon Morris), Olive (a teacher in Comber), and Sarah and Samuel (both at home). Samuel, born Oct. 8, 1846, is engaged in farming on the Middle Road; he married Letta Cullen and they have had four children, Edward (who was killed while hunting, by a shotgun, in 1900, his arm being blown off), Eva (who died at the age of five years), Mamie (at home), and a child who died in infancy. Mary married Dr. John Golden. Susan married Joseph Alexander Buchanan. Matilda married George E. Morris, of Tilbury West. Robert J. is mentioned below. Joseph and Thomas both died young.

Robert J. Jackson spent his boyhood days on the home farm, and attended the public schools of his neighborhood. From the time of his father's death he has conducted the homestead farm, and has leased, in addition to the 70 acres of that place, 90 and 40 acres, now operating 200 acres. Having always been engaged in farming, he thoroughly understands every detail of the work, and



Robert Jackson

is well fitted to succeed, and he is now one of the most extensive stock growers and farmers of his township.

On July 7, 1879, Mr. Jackson was married, at Chatham, by Rev. Peter Philipps, D.D., to Miss Emma J. Smith, who was born in North Branch, Michigan, Jan. 9, 1862, daughter of Reuben and Amanda (Buchanan) Smith, and the following family have been born to this union: Thomas, who is engaged in farming on the Malden Road, married Lottie Smith, and they have one daughter, Mary E. Mahlon, who resides in Fresno, California, is an accomplished musician, and a popular and successful teacher of the piano. Clarence, John Wesley, Joy, Susie and Matilda Maria are all at home. They are bright young people and important factors in the social life of the township, the older members of the family being thorough musicians, instrumental and vocal. Clarence is an expert drummer and has given evidence of his skill on various occasions.

In 1897 Mr. Jackson was elected a member of the township council, and has held that office continuously ever since, being a public-spirited man and a firm advocate of all measures calculated to advance the best interests of the township. He advocates good roads, good bridges and good public improvements of all kinds. Though a staunch Conservative, he is broad-minded enough to recognize the fact that there are good points about other parties, but honestly believes that the party of which he is so honored a member conserves the best interests of the community at large. He is a member of the Loyal Orange Association at Comber, of which he served as master some fifteen years, and has been its stay in years past. When he resigned, at the end of that time, he was presented with a handsome jeweled emblem of the order. Since he was twenty years old he has been the sole fifer of the organization. He and his wife are consistent members of the Methodist Church, and their door has been opened to the society on many occasions, Mr. Jackson being ever ready to give aid and support to the church his father loved so well. He and Mrs. Jackson are highly respected throughout the neighborhood, and Mr. Jackson is accounted one of the substantial men of the township.

Reuben Smith, Mrs. Jackson's father, was a native of New York State, where his grandfather, and the great-grandfather of Mrs. Jackson, had settled upon coming to America from England, the country of his birth. The latter

was very wealthy, owning several ships, and was a prominent judge in New York for over twenty years, being judge of the high court. He had two sons who became prominent attorneys, and both held high rank during the Revolutionary War, being major-generals in the Colonial army.

John Smith, Mrs. Jackson's grandfather, and father of Reuben, was educated for the profession of attorney, but did not engage as such exclusively. At one time he operated a ferry, and he owned many hundred acres of land in the vicinity of Cobourg, Ont., being wealthy. It was said he was never obliged to do a day's work. He married Mary Kenyon, of Kingston, and to them was born a large family. Mrs. Smith lived to the great age of eighty-seven years, dying in Detroit, where she had made her home with her grandson, Charles Lature, whom she had reared from infancy. In this connection it may be mentioned that she reared the families of two of her children. The daughter's husband died, leaving two young children, Charles and Annie Lature, who were reared by their grandmother in the State of Missouri, their mother teaching school. She also cared for the children of her son Reuben's first marriage, after their mother died. Being an earnest Christian woman, she taught them all the principles of true religion, and they lived to do her honor. Charles Lature went into business in Detroit, keeping a store, and at his earnest desire his grandmother made her home with him until her death. Her husband left her well provided for, but she shared her property with her boys.

Reuben Smith was the youngest of his parents' large family. Being quite young when his father died, he was not educated for any profession, and after reaching manhood he was engaged in farming at North Branch, Michigan, until he removed to Canada. He volunteered for service in the Union Army during the Civil War, in which he served two years, taking part in the hottest fights, and he was one of the few of his command who escaped uninjured. Returning home on a furlough, he came to Canada for the benefit of his health, and as there were only a few battles fought after that he was persuaded to remain here. He traded his farm of 200 acres in Lapeer County, Michigan, for a fruit farm near Sandwich, County of Essex, and there passed the remainder of his days. His death occurred Aug. 14, 1899, at the home of his daughter Mary, Mrs. Sidney Smith, when he was sixty-eight years old. Mr. Smith married Amanda

Buchanan, a native of the township of Tilbury West, County of Essex, Ont., who died in 1866, at the early age of twenty-four years. Like her husband, she was a member of the Methodist Church. She was the mother of four children, who were reared by their grandmother Smith, namely: Learne, who is now a prominent lumber merchant of Manitoulin Island, and who married Agnes Ainslie, of Comber; Mary, wife of Sidney Smith, a farmer of Ruscom, Ont., who owns several hundred acres of timberland; Emma J., Mrs. Jackson, of Comber; and Elizabeth, married to Dr. Charles N. Anderson, of Leamington, Ont. For his second wife Mr. Smith married Mrs. Mary Ann (Little) Hurst, by whom he had a family of seven: George and Herbert, both of whom are ranchmen of Calgary, Canada; William, a farmer in the County of Essex; David, of Essex; Daniel, a farmer of the County of Essex; Hattie, married to Charles Greaves, a farmer of the County of Essex; and Catherine, wife of John Greaves, also a farmer in this county.

GEORGE WILLOUGHBY LUDLAM, a prosperous farmer and stockraiser, located on Concession 10, Lot 7, Tilbury West township, and president of the Tilbury West and North Agricultural Society, is one of the township's best-known and most highly respected citizens. Mr. Ludlam was born May 13, 1850, in Clinton township, County Lincoln.

Henry Ludlam, his father, was born and was reared in England where he learned the trade of brass founder, at which he worked in the city of London. He was still a young man when he came to Canada, locating at Toronto, working at his trade, and then going to the State of New York to see if better labor conditions prevailed. While in New York he worked at the blacksmith trade, returning in a few years to Canada, and settling in County Lincoln, where he built a blacksmith shop in Clinton township. There he continued until 1865, when he came to County Essex, locating for a short time in Kingsville, and then coming to Comber. There he followed his trade for the remainder of his life, dying at the age of sixty-five years, in 1885. He was a sincere member of the Church of England, and he was buried in St. George's Cemetery. For some years he served as church warden and was one of its most esteemed members.

Near Hamilton, Ont., Mr. Ludlam married Mary Ann Pound, born at Dover, England, daughter of James Pound, a tailor in that place. The four children born to this marriage were:

Albert, a resident of Chatham, Ont.; George Willoughby of this sketch; Arthur, a manufacturer of Leamington; and Alice, widow of Charles Allen, of Leamington. The mother of this family belonged to the Presbyterian Church. She died in Comber and was interred in St. George's cemetery. James Pound was a soldier under the Duke of Wellington in the campaign against Napoleon; he was also a soldier in the War of 1812-13, and was present at the storming of the city of Washington.

George Willoughby Ludlam, or William, as he is locally called, attended school in his native place until he reached the age of fourteen, when the family removed to the County of Essex, and in all the changes attended school whenever practicable. He learned the trade of blacksmith under his father, with whom he remained until 1875, when he started into farming. He first rented a farm of 200 acres, which was owned by his father in Rochester township, and this he operated for three years. Then he came to Comber and entered into partnership with John Elliott in a livery business, but one year later he sold his interest to Mr. Elliott, and bought a tract of land, farming being a more congenial occupation. This land, purchased in 1879, consisted of 100 acres on Concession 10, Lot 7, Tilbury West township. It soon underwent remarkable changes under Mr. Ludlam's industry, and in a short time many improvements were under way, in the line of fencing, draining and building. In 1902 a fine brick dwelling house was erected at a cost of \$3,000, with barns and outbuildings of a substantial nature. His whole farm is under a fine state of cultivation, and its appearance testifies to the value of his methods. Much hard work and economy have gone into the perfecting of his plans here, and he has now a property of great value. Mr. Ludlam owns also a tract of ninety-six acres on Concession 11, Lot 4, which he uses for pasturage, as he is extensively engaged in the raising of Short Horn Durham cattle. His Durham herd is a very handsome one, and he regularly exhibits fine animals at the various fairs. He is a lover of good horses, and every year raises a few, some of which have shown remarkable speed.

In politics Mr. Ludlam is a Conservative, and he has served seven years in the township council. For two years he was deputy reeve, a member of the county council and tax collector. He was one of the organizers of the Conservative township committee, and is one of its most active and influential members. Fraternally he is a

member of A.F. & A.M. Blue Lodge of Comber, the A.O.U.W. (Master Workman), and of the K.O.T.M. He has served as trustee of school section No. 8 for three years, and was secretary and treasurer of the board. Mr. Ludlam is a member of the Short Horn Breeders' Association of Toronto, and is also a member of the Tilbury West and North Agricultural Society. For several years he served this organization as vice-president, and is now president. He also belongs to the County Essex Agricultural Society. In him all local agricultural affairs have found a promoter, and during the life of the cheese factory at Comber he was one of the stockholders, a director, and for some years the president of the company.

On May 23, 1877, at Essex Center, Mr. Ludlam married Helen Barton, of Tilbury West, daughter of Henry Barton. Six children came of this union: Annie, who passed through the Comber public schools, took a business course, and is now engaged as bookkeeper and stenographer in Detroit; George; Ethel, a student in the Comber high school; Blanche and Alice E., attending high school; and Arthur, at home. Mrs. Ludlam died Aug. 16, 1901, and was buried in Lake View cemetery, Leamington. Mr. Ludlam is a man of business enterprise and progressive ideas, and has long been regarded as a leader among the farmers and stock raisers of his section.

HENRY BARTON, father of Mrs. Ludlam, was born in England. His first wife, Janet Craig, was a native of Scotland, but their marriage took place in Tilbury West, whither both had come with their respective parents when young. She died in 1866, in the faith of the Presbyterian Church. The six children of this marriage were: Richard, a farmer of Tilbury West; John, a grain merchant in Manitoba; Helen, who became Mrs. Ludlam; Hannah, who married Leonard Agla, of the County of Essex; Elizabeth, who married Fred Bush, of Wyandotte, Michigan; and Miss Janet, of Detroit. For his second wife Mr. Barton married Catherine Dear, who bore him one daughter, Mary, now residing in St. Thomas, Ont. He died in 1900, at the age of seventy-six.

WILLIAM F. CRAIG is one of the thrifty young farmers of County Essex, located in Colchester South. His father, William Craig, was born in 1831, in Ayrshire, Scotland, and in 1852, at the age of twenty-one years, came to America. After one year spent in New York Mr. Craig

came to County Essex, Ont., and for a period of twenty years rented the Simon Wright farm, in Colchester South township, and then bought of William Hutchin's heirs a farm of eighty acres in Concession 1, Lot 82, this township. Upon this property he resided until March, 1900, when he sold out, gave up active work, and made his home with our subject until the time of his death, which occurred Dec. 25, 1902. He was a successful farmer and a most exemplary citizen. In politics he was a Conservative, and he served for a number of years in various municipal offices. Mr. Craig was a consistent and earnest Presbyterian, and he had much to do with the establishment of the church at Pot-leg.

In Colchester South township William Craig married Miss Janet Cheyne, who survives him, and children as follows were born to them: Thomas, of this township; John C., captain of one of the Michigan Central Railway transfer steamers at Detroit; Margaret, wife of J. C. Thorburn, of Detroit; William F., of this sketch; Mary, a nurse in the Harper Hospital, at Detroit; Alexander, a farmer in the North-West Territory; George, who died at the age of thirteen years; and Helen, wife of Duncan Forsythe, of this township.

William F. Craig was born May 7, 1867, in Colchester South township, and enjoyed the educational advantages offered by the public schools. He assisted his father in farm work, and for several years prior to his death had actual charge of the farm. In February, 1900, he took up his residence on the late David Howie farm, a property of 100 acres. In politics Mr. Craig is a Conservative. Fraternally he belongs to the Order of Woodmen of the World, at Colchester.

In March, 1899, Mr. Craig was united in marriage with Winnifred, daughter of David Howie, and one son has come to this union, Robert, born in March, 1900.

CHEYNE. On the maternal side Mr. Craig comes of a prominent old family. The founder of this family in Canada was Rev. George Cheyne, a Presbyterian minister, who was educated in Scotland, coming in 1834 from Aberdeenshire to Amherstburg, Ont., to assume charge of the church there. He remained eight years, during which time he married a Miss Hughes. He was at the time the only settled minister in the southern part of the county, and went from Amherstburg to Hamilton, where he preached for thirty-four years.

John Cheyne, a brother of George and the grandfather of our subject, was born in Aber-

deenshire, where he lived until the age of thirty-one years. In 1836 he came also directly to Amherstburg, but in the following spring went to Niagara and there married Margaret Noble, also born in Aberdeenshire, in the village of Huntly. Both Mr. Cheyne and his bride came to Canada on the same vessel, becoming acquainted on the trip. After their marriage they came to Amherstburg, where he leased the Elliott farm and operated it for five years. The house stood near the river, and in 1837-38 it was frequently occupied by soldiers. In fact, the schooner "Ann" was captured directly in front of the house. Later he leased the property of Robert Anderson, on the lake shore, in Malden, which he farmed for four years, but left this place on account of the prevailing malaria. He then came to Colchester and leased for a period of ten years a farm from Mrs. Little. Mr. Cheyne, being in failing health, removed at his wife's desire to Kingsville, where she engaged in a millinery business in which she was assisted by her very capable daughters. Some time afterward the family returned to Colchester, where the father was made postmaster, and Mrs. Cheyne and daughters successfully carried on a millinery business for some eight years. They then removed to Windsor, where both Mr. and Mrs. Cheyne died, he in 1876, aged eighty-two years, and she Nov. 22, 1898, in her eighty-eighth year. They had these children born to them: Margaret married John Brown and died in Colchester; Barbara died aged two years; Janet is the widow of William Craig; Sarah (deceased) was Mrs. Hayes, of Windsor; George is a resident of Windsor; Mary Ann died in Kingsville, aged eight years; Helen is the wife of Alexander Black, of Windsor; and Catherine died in Kingsville, aged two years.

HENRY H. JULIEN, who has lived in the township of Colchester South ever since he was a little child, is one of the thrifty farmers of the lake shore. He is a son of Joseph and Matilda (Armstrong) Julien, who died when our subject was an infant, leaving, besides himself, two older brothers, Simon and Stephen.

Henry H. Julien was born at Thamesville, County of Kent, Jan. 11, 1840. At the age of three years, being left an orphan, he was brought up in the home of his uncle, Henry Huffman, of Colchester South, and he has resided upon this property ever since. Both of his adopted parents died by the time he reached his nineteenth year, and at the age of twenty-one he came into

possession of his Uncle Henry's farm of 145 acres, upon which as a boy he had done considerable clearing—in fact, he has seen about 100 acres of this property brought under cultivation. He has always followed farming, although he is probably better known through the interest he has displayed in the preservation of wild geese. Some years ago he became interested in wild birds, and possessed himself of several. These birds he fed, and in the winter provided them with suitable quarters, added to them from time to time, until he now has 150 birds, all quite tame, who will eat grain from his hand. During certain times of the year it is lawful to sell this game, and he has many offers for his birds. The example he has set is a most excellent one, and were others to follow it, no better way could be devised to preserve the game now rapidly disappearing. Ever since he was a lad of fifteen, he has shown remarkable skill in veterinary work, and he has become justly famed for his intuitive knowledge of the science, his services being in demand all over the county. In politics Mr. Julien is a Conservative, as are his sons, but does not interest himself in political matters. However, being an advocate of good schools, he has served as school trustee many years.

In the township of Colchester South, Feb. 5, 1860, Mr. Julien was married to Sarah, daughter of John Iler, and to this union have been born children, as follows: Eliza, who died at the age of five months; Elizabeth Matilda and Rose, at home; John F., who resides on a part of the home farm, assisting in its cultivation, and who married Emma Pegram, and has had five children, Lorne Wilbur, Frances Verne (deceased), Harold, Flossie Dorothea (deceased), and one that died in infancy; Edward Gordon, at home; Lucinda, who married Eldon Harris, of Oxley, and has one daughter, Vera Pearl; Sarah Jane, who married Sidney Toffelmire, of Oxley, and has had three children, Bernice, and two that died in infancy; Susan, who married Charles Riggs, of Colchester South, and has three children, Gladys I., Clara and Henry Grant.

GEORGE CAMPBELL, one of the old settlers of Western Ontario, is a great-grandson of Col. Dougal Campbell, of a Highland regiment, who was killed at the Battle of Culloden, in 1746. His grandfather, John Campbell, a native of Scotland, lived and died in that land. Among his children was a son Donald, father of



Henry H. Julien
Mrs H. H. Julien

George, who was born in Argyllshire, Scotland, Feb. 10, 1790, and on April 10, 1827, married Rebecca Motherwell, who was born in Ireland, Nov. 6, 1805. Donald Campbell settled in Youngstown, New York, but his death occurred at the "Royal Exchange Hotel," Chatham, Ont., Aug. 16, 1851. His widow survived until Feb. 6, 1884. Mr. Campbell followed lumbering nearly all of his life, the field of his operations being in Canada, and he was on a business trip to Chatham when his death occurred. To Donald Campbell and his wife were born the following children: Rebecca, deceased; George; John A., deceased; Lillie, deceased; and John A. H., of Windsor, who married Florence Benjamin, and has six children, Malcolm, Lorne, John, Kenneth, Wallace and Florence.

George Campbell was born Aug. 25, 1830, in New York State, and grew to manhood there, but in 1849 he engaged as a clerk for Merrick, rowler & Esselton, lumber dealers in Canada. In this capacity he continued for about three years, when he was taken into partnership, and this connection lasted about three years, after which Mr. Campbell went into the lumber business on his own account, for more than twenty-five years operating in the Counties of Middlesex, Kent, Essex and Elgin. In connection he was engaged in the vessel business. In 1868 Mr. Campbell came to Windsor and purchased eighty acres of land, most of which he platted and sold in village lots, and he laid out the property running south from the river as Campbell avenue; the beautiful trees in front of his residence on London street, near Campbell avenue, were planted by Mr. Campbell. In 1897 he turned his attention to mining, going to the Yukon, and he took eighteen months on the trip each way, returning in November, 1901. Being much pleased with the gold country, he returned in 1902, and again in 1903. He spent one winter within the Arctic circle, and for several weeks night reigned, the sun not appearing above the horizon.

In 1861 Mr. Campbell married Miss Fanny Helen Campbell, daughter of Alexander Campbell, of Nova Scotia, and the following children have been born to them: Dr. Donald M., who is an eye and ear specialist of Detroit, married Alice Douglass, by whom he has three children, Donald, Marjorie and Olive; Lillie married Jonathan Killen, of Windsor, and has two children, St. Clair and Duncan; Jennie married H. O. Fleming, of Windsor, and has one son, Earl Keith; Georgie married Ernest A. Morton, and

their children are, Donald, Bernard, George and Nora; Duncan, of Detroit, married Edith Cumber, of Cleveland, Ohio; Alexander P. is a mining engineer. Politically Mr. Campbell is a Conservative, and religiously the family adhere to the principles of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Campbell is one of the county's most honored and respected citizens, and he and his family have many friends in Windsor and elsewhere.

JOHN DALTON, a prosperous and highly-respected farmer of Gosfield North, living on Lot 270, on the Talbot Road North, has been a resident of the County of Essex since early manhood, as he accompanied his parents hither in 1873, when they settled here. His parents, James and Annie (Sweetman) Dalton, were both natives of Lower Canada, but he was born in the United States, March 4, 1848, during a temporary residence of the parents in the State of New York.

James Dalton returned from New York to Canada and settled on a farm in the County of Durham, where he remained until 1873. In that year, as was mentioned before, he took his family to the County of Essex, and settled on wild land in Gosfield South, which he cleared, and on which he made his permanent home. There his wife died in June, 1889, and Mr. Dalton followed her two years later, in the same month. Besides our subject, John Dalton, they had eight children, all born in Canada, and all now married: (1) Matilda is the wife of Robert Brown, of Gosfield South, and has four children, Eliza, Hannah, Mary and Sarah. (2) Rachel is the wife of William Keys, who lives in Gosfield South, and their four children are, Jennie (wife of Byron Staddon), Eliza (wife of Robert Higgins), William and Joseph (of Gosfield). (3) Eliza married George Oxley, of Gosfield South, and has a family of five, James, Ida, Everton, Myrtle and Maud. (4) Jennie is the wife of Herman Zophie, who resides in Berlin, Ont. They have a family of seven children, Sophia, George, August, Ethel, John, Norman and Grace. (5) George resides on the old homestead in Gosfield South, and is married to Miss Lizzie Cook, of Mersea. They have no children. (6) William married Miss Sarah Vickers, of Canfield, and they have two children, Elsie and Etta. They reside on Concession 4, Gosfield South. (7) Charles married Miss Annie Coghill, of Gosfield, where they live, on Concession 4. Their two sons are Milford and Wilbur. (8) Mary A. is

the wife of Alexander Hopgood, of Maidstone, the son of Henry Hopgood, one of the old pioneers. They have no children.

John Dalton's boyhood and youth were passed on the farm in the County of Durham, and he has become thoroughly familiar with all the details of farming. Unlike many farmers' sons, however, his education was not neglected, and he was sent to school long enough to have a good preparation for life's work. He continued to help in the management of the homestead for many years, and it was not until 1894, three years after his marriage, that he bought the Prado Malotte farm and settled in a home of his own. He has put a good deal of work into this place, clearing land, erecting new buildings, and making improvements generally. His large bank barn is one of the finest in that section of Canada.

Mr. Dalton is an admirable farmer, practical in his methods, energetic and business-like, and has been very successful.

Mr. Dalton did not marry until comparatively late, in 1891 being united to Miss Christina Campbell, of Glencoe, daughter of Duncan Campbell, a Scotchman. She was born in 1851, and grew up in Glencoe. No children have come to her and her husband. Mr. Dalton has always been found in the ranks of the old Liberals or "Grits," but while he has ever been essentially one of the good citizens of the township, he has taken no very active part in politics, and has sought no official preferment. In religious opinion his family have all been Methodists. He is one of the successful self-made men of his locality, and is well known and highly respected.

GEORGE CHURCH, a prominent farmer and highly-respected citizen of Colchester North, was born June 24, 1840, in Toronto township.

Richard and Sarah (Hetherington) Church, his parents, were born in Wiltshire and Yorkshire, England, respectively, and came in youth to Canada. Mrs. Church was a daughter of John Hetherington, who came to Lower Canada among the early settlers of that region. Richard Church located in the County of Peel, Ont., where he engaged in the brewing business, and after his marriage began also to farm. Some years later he moved to Manitoba, and was there engaged in business until his death, in 1892, his wife dying in the County of Peel in 1899. The following children were born to them: George is the eldest of the family; Thomas is a resident of Winnipeg; William is a resident of Essex town;

Mary married John Howard, agent on the Canadian Pacific railroad at the Orangeville station; John resides in Manitoba; Joseph lives at Toronto; Minnie married Joseph Silk, of Muskoka, Northwest Canada; Albert also resides in the Northwest; Miss Annie lives in Manitoba; and Robert also lives in Manitoba. The parents of this family were members of the Church of England.

George Church grew to manhood in the County of Peel, and there received his education. His interest has always been devoted to agriculture, and he has been very successful in all his farming enterprises.

In 1863 Mr. Church was united in marriage with Miss Martha C. Stowell, born Oct. 30, 1837, at Waddington, New York, daughter of Oliver and Mary (Church) Stowell, the former of whom was a son of Jesse Stowell, an old and prominent citizen of that State. Mrs. Stowell was born in England, and both died at Waddington in Mrs. Church's childhood. She was reared in the home of her grandmother Stowell, and came to the County of Peel in young womanhood. Six children were born to this marriage, namely: Ada, born in County Peel in 1864, is the wife of J. A. Hill, of Windsor; Lillie, born in 1867 in County Peel, is a cultured young lady, at home; Frank, born in 1870, resides at home; Charles, born in 1873, married Ada Greenway, of Essex town, and they have one daughter, Ula; they reside in Sandwich town; Bertha, born in 1875, is the wife of Frank O'Neil, of Sandwich South, where they reside on a farm, and they have one daughter, Lillian Dorothy; Arthur, born in 1877, was educated in County Essex, and there married Grace Fulmer, daughter of John Fulmer, and they reside on his father's farm on Malden Road; they have one son, Arthur Earl.

In religious views this family is connected with the Church of England. Politically Mr. Church is a supporter of the Conservative party. Fraternally he belongs to the Order of Chosen Friends. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Church settled on a farm in the County of Peel, where they lived for a number of years. In 1883 Mr. Church sold his property there and came to Woodslee, in Maidstone township, County of Essex. Two years later he removed to Wheatley and engaged in farming for five years in Sandwich township, coming then to Colchester North and purchasing a farm on the Malden Road. This he still owns, but at present is occupying the J. W. Richardson farm, near Essex town. Both Mr. and Mrs. Church are regarded with feelings

of esteem in their community. Mr. Church has shown himself a reliable upright man, one whose word is as good as his bond, and as such he commands the respect of all who know him.

DAVID HENRY BEDFORD, proprietor of the Essex County Dairy, and a successful and experienced dairyman and stock dealer, is a prominent citizen of Windsor, who has descended from an old English family of importance.

Robert Bedford, the great-grandfather of David H., was born in England in 1745. He became the first school teacher in the County of Kent, Ont. Prior to the American Revolution he settled in Pennsylvania, from which he moved to Ontario, as a United Empire Loyalist. His first location was on Lot 10, R.R., Chatham township, later settling on River St. Clair, near Port Lambton, thence removing to the Thames river, near Louisville. He and John Boyle and William Neadsmore were the first white settlers in the County of Kent, on the Thames river, above Chatham. After his location at Louisville, Mr. Bedford engaged in farming until his death in 1842, at the age of ninety-seven. He married Elizabeth Edwards, by whom he had the following children: John, Abe, Robert, William, James, David, Thomas, Fanny and Mary.

John Bedford, son of Robert, was born in Chatham township in 1796, and he became a farmer and school teacher in his native county, where he died in 1869. He was twice married, first to Orpha Jones, daughter of Benjamin and Mary (Hart) Jones, the former a native of Franke, and the latter of New York State. Mrs. Mary (Hart) Jones and her brother were scalped by the Indians, and while she recovered, her brother died. To John Bedford and wife were born these four children: John, Mary Ann, Ira and Christiana. For his second wife John Bedford married Jane Sherman, and one son, Sherman, was born of this union.

John Bedford (2), the eldest son of John, was born in 1824, in the County of Kent, and engaged in farming for some years after reaching his majority. He then removed to Chatham, where from 1850 to 1854 he was engaged in a grocery business, moving then to Thamesville, and being one of the first merchants to locate there. In 1877 he left Thamesville, and is now a resident of Sanilac County, Michigan. In 1844 he married Catherine Brown, born in 1823, in Pennsylvania, who died in 1879, leaving the following children: David H., our subject; Maria, deceased wife of William Judson, of

California; Alfred, of Alpena, Michigan; Mary Ann, wife of Dr. Crossett, of Galesburg, Ohio; Maude, deceased wife of David Desmond, of Howard township; John, of the Detroit Dry Dock Company, of Detroit; and Fred, a farmer of Sanilac, Michigan.

David Henry Bedford was born Jan. 27, 1850, at the old homestead in the County of Kent, and at the age of nineteen started out to make his own way in the world. He embarked in a general mercantile business at Ridgetown, where he continued five years, and then went into the grain business there, and at Thamesville, and continued for two years in that line. Then for a few years he was a commercial salesman for a wholesale grocery firm. Removing to the County of Lambton, he purchased a farm in Dawn and Euphemia townships, which he operated until 1885, when he disposed of it, and bought another in Mersea township, County of Essex. In 1891 he also sold this property and purchased his present farm of seventy-two acres, adjacent to the city of Windsor, and other property in the city, with a view of starting a first-class dairy. In this he has been very successful, and he keeps thirty cows, and markets his cream and milk in Windsor. He has one of the most productive farms of the County of Essex, and Mr. Bedford explains that his large dairy gives him an annual amount of fertilizing material which he judiciously uses.

Mr. Bedford takes an active interest in public affairs and has been a member of the council of Windsor for several years. He has been chairman of a number of important committees of the city. In 1891 he was census commissioner for the South Riding of the County of Essex. During his residence in County Kent he filled the position of auditor and in the County of Lambton was one of the county councillors. He is a man of reliability, and his fellow-citizens are quick to appreciate it. In fraternal matters Mr. Bedford is prominently identified, being past master of Lodge No. 111, A.F. & A.M., of Thamesville; and also the A.F. & A.M., of Florence. He is also a member of Wellington Chapter, No. 47, of Chatham, of Windsor Preceptory, No. 21, K.T.; and Monroe Council, No. 1, of Detroit.

On Jan. 1, 1877, Mr. Bedford married Miss Maude Roberts, daughter of Joseph Roberts, ex-warden of the County of Lambton, and the following children have been born to this union: Joseph Blake; Mabel, wife of James Ryckman, of St. Thomas, and they have one daughter,

Irene; Lena, wife of Edward Howe, of Windsor; and John and Sidney, at home. Mr. and Mrs. Bedford are members of the Church of England. Politically he is a Conservative, although he does not allow his political feelings to be carried into municipal politics. Many public improvements are attributed to his zeal for the welfare of this his adopted city. Mr. Bedford is the original promoter of the Windsor, Essex & Lake Shore electric railway, in which he is still interested. He is likewise a lover of athletic sports, in many of which he excelled, being a winner of several prizes on different occasions. In his younger days he was a baseball and cricket enthusiast.

GEORGE B. JOHNSON, a well-known fruit grower and general farmer of Mersea township, was born in the parish of Nafferton, Yorkshire, England, and came to Canada when he was twenty years old. Starting in life with no capital, he has made his way by steady industry and economy, and now ranks among the prosperous farmers of his vicinity.

James Johnson, son of Charles and father of George B., was a native of Saltfleet, Lincolnshire, England, where he grew to manhood, and learned the trade of brickmaking. After a time he moved to Yorkshire, where he followed his trade for a while, then returning to Lincolnshire, where he remained until 1882, when he came with his family to Canada. He settled in Mersea township, renting a small farm, and taking contracts for making ditches through the country. There he spent the rest of his life, dying in September, 1894, and was buried in Lake View cemetery. He was a Liberal in politics, and he and his wife were both members of the Methodist Church. He married in Nafferton, Yorkshire, England, Elizabeth Barron, daughter of James Barron, of that town, and she died in Leamington, Dec. 22, 1896, and is buried beside her husband in Lake View cemetery. Their children were as follows: Charles, a brickmaker and burner, who lives in Leamington; James Edward, who is a fisherman of Kingsville; George B., who is mentioned below; Frederick, who is a ditch contractor, and lives in Mersea; Anne, who married Edward Saxville, an engineer on the Lake Erie & Detroit River railroad; Joseph L., a railroad man, who was a soldier in the British army during the Boer war; and two boys and two girls who died young.

George B. Johnson was born in Nafferton, Yorkshire, England, April 9, 1860, and attended school and worked at farm labor until he was

nineteen, when he secured a position with the North Eastern Railroad Company, in the City of Hull, Yorkshire, England. Not liking a city life he decided to sail for Canada, and in 1880 took passage from Liverpool to Quebec, and from there made his way to Leamington, where he was employed as a farm hand by Squire Russell, at \$15 a month. After three years in that place, he went to Michigan, settling in Brighton, Livingston County, where he spent another three and a half years, in the employ of William Sleasford, at \$20 a month. He then returned to Leamington and went into the fishing business, fishing on a salary for Adam Oper for one year. Later he established himself in that industry on his own account, having six pounds, and carrying on the business successfully for fourteen years. In 1895 Mr. Johnson invested in farm lands, buying the Henry Askew farm of forty acres, nineteen acres of which he planted in peach trees. He suffered severe loss by the hard frost of 1898, which killed 7,000 peach trees, and caused him the loss of several thousand dollars. Nothing daunted, however, he set out more trees, and bought more land, and to-day he has forty acres in peaches, and ten acres in other fruit. He also bought the old Harwood place, and forty acres in Lot 2, Concession 3. In 1903 he gave up his fishing business to a Mr. Grub, and now devotes his entire attention to fruit raising. When he began life in the new country his capital consisted mainly of energy and ambition, but his steady application and industry have brought him good returns, and he stands to-day among the foremost men of his township. In politics he belongs to the Liberal party, but in local affairs prefers to vote for the man best fitted for the office, independent of party lines. His religious affiliations are with the Methodist Church. Fraternally he belongs to the A.F. & A.M., Lodge No. 247, of Brighton, Michigan, and also to the Chapter at Leamington, Ont., and is a member of the Knights Templar Preceptory at Windsor. He is one of the successful and prominent men in the township, well liked and highly respected by all who know him.

THOMAS MORRIS, the owner of a large stock farm in Gosfield North, Lot 296, in the County of Essex, is one of the many good citizens whom the mother country has sent to Canada, and who by their sturdy integrity and well-directed industry have not only acquired a competence for themselves, but have contributed so



Geo B Johnson.

much to the development of Canadian resources. Mr. Morris was born in Lincolnshire, England, Feb. 6, 1837.

John Morris, father of Thomas, was a native of Yorkshire, born in 1806, and his wife, Mary (Brimfield) Morris, was ten years younger. They left England in 1840, and after nine weeks on a sailing vessel landed at New York. They made their way to Canada at once, purchased wild land from Col. Talbot, and settled down to farming life in that new country in Tilbury West. John Morris died in 1863, but his wife lived on in the old home until she, too, passed away in 1883. They were the parents of thirteen children, three of whom died in infancy. All but one were born before the family left England.

(1) James Morris, the eldest son of the family, married and settled at Lapeer, Michigan, where he died in 1902, leaving a large family. (2) John married Miss Emma Smith, of Canada, and settled on his farm in Tilbury. He was a successful farmer and lived till 1897, leaving a large family. (3) Ann is the deceased wife of Capt. William Wilson, a sea-captain, whose home was in Detroit. There were four children, as follows: William; Charles, deceased, who fought in the American Civil War; John, deceased; and Edward, who was killed in the Civil War. (4) William, a retired shipbuilder, is married and lives in Detroit. (5) Avis is the widow of John Irwin, a ship carpenter, and lives in Minneapolis with her daughter, Emma. (6) Maria married Thomas Mitchell, a hardware man in Detroit. Both the parents and their two children are now deceased. (7) Charles married Miss Mary McQueen, of Tilbury, and for many years was a merchant at Barrie. He is now living in retirement at Toronto. (8) George, one of the wealthiest farmers of Tilbury, is married and has a family. (9) Emery married and settled on his father's old homestead in Tilbury. He has six children. (10) Emily, born in Tilbury, married Richard Dodson, a farmer in Tilbury, and has seven children.

Thomas Morris grew up on his father's farm, and received his early education in Tilbury West. While still quite young he began sailing on the lakes, and during his six years of sea-faring life earned enough to buy land and start as a farmer. In 1860 he purchased the property which has ever since been his home, and which he himself has redeemed from the wilderness and developed into a fine farm. The house in which the family now lives was erected in 1885, and is a handsome brick residence with all mod-

ern improvements. Mr. Morris' property is principally used as a stock farm, and for the past twenty-five years he has been one of the largest buyers and shippers of cattle in the county, an occupation which has netted him handsome returns.

In 1862 Mr. Morris was joined in the bonds of matrimony with Miss Julia Williams, born in Gosfield, Aug. 10, 1842, daughter of Thomas and Isabella (Wigle) Williams, who were among the earliest pioneers in the county, and had a farm on the Talbot Road. Mr. and Mrs. Morris are the parents of the following five children: (1) Gordon F., born in 1864, who married Miss Lizzie Hopgood, of Gosfield, resides on a part of his father's homestead, and has six children, Arthur, Everton, Harry, Ida, Cora and Ernest. (2) Louella, born in 1867, married Robert Shavallier, a farmer in Muskegon County, Michigan, and has four children, Sadie, Bertha, Jessie and Gordon. (3) Sadie, born in 1870, is the wife of John Millen, son of William Millen, and clerk of the county court, residing in Sandwich, and is the mother of Arthur, Edith, James and Carrie. (4) Allan, born in 1874, who married Miss Maggie Archibald, and lives on his farm in Gosfield North, with his wife and three children, Clayton, Annie and Myrtle. (5) Wesley H., born in 1898, is unmarried and manager of his father's farm.

The Morris family as a whole are members of the Methodist Church, and earnest supporters of its work. In politics Thomas Morris has always been very active, and for years was a staunch supporter of the old Liberal party. For a number of years he served as a member of the council, and was deputy reeve of the township of Gosfield. In the sixties he saw military service, and was one of the noted North Ridge Rifles. Thomas Morris is one of the leading citizens of Gosfield, wealthy, public-spirited, always lending his influence in the right direction, of the most upright conduct in every phase of life, and of so kindly a disposition that he is regarded with sincere affection by all who know him.

JAMES DIXON, one of the oldest contractors and builders of Windsor, an esteemed and representative citizen, is a descendant of an honored family of the County of Kent, England, and the place of his birth has been in the Dixon family for 800 years.

For many years, the Dixons, fathers and sons, were pilots in the English Channel, and beneath those waters lie the remains of John Dixon, the grandfather of James Dixon. His birth

took place about 1780, and in the pursuance of his profession he was drowned. This dangerous profession was also followed by his two sons, William John and Joseph, who were also drowned in the same great waterway. John Dixon married Caroline Sherwood, of Scotch ancestry, a native of Aberdeenshire, and their children were: William John and Joseph, already mentioned; Francis; Charles James; Mary and Minnie, all the sons following the family vocation.

William John Dixon, the father of James, was born Feb. 6, 1815, and was drowned in 1855, leaving his widow, Caroline (Harwick) Dixon, daughter of Rev. J. H. Harwick, of English extraction, with six children. She was born in 1817, and died in 1869. The children were as follows: John, of Australia; Joseph, of China; James, of Canada; Frank, of India; and Mary and Annie.

James Dixon was born in England, and his educational advantages were limited, as at the age of eight years he became an apprentice to the carpenter's trade. In 1865 he crossed the ocean to New York City, and thence to Omaha, Nebraska, in 1866 coming to Ontario, where he joined the volunteers at the time of the Fenian troubles. In 1867 Mr. Dixon settled in Windsor and engaged in building and contracting, a business which he has succeeded in through thirty-five years of activity.

Mr. Dixon has also been active in the political field, and served with credit in the city council of Windsor, from 1895 to 1900, during which time he held the important position of chairman of the committee on public works, his administration being marked by reforms of various kinds, and a public spirit in accordance with modern ideas. In 1901 he was honored by the council of the city with the appointment to the position of member of the water board, to fill a vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Purser, and in the following year he was elected to the same office by acclamation, a testimonial to his efficiency and personal popularity.

In 1870 Mr. Dixon was married to Miss Mary Ladd, daughter of John Ladd, born in 1847, in Peterborough, England; she died in Windsor in April, 1902. To this marriage were born these children: Francis, deceased; Walter; John, deceased; Mary Carrie, the wife of H. L. Drake, of Windsor; Minnie Ella, who married Charles Clark, of Detroit, and has one son; and Norman M. B., of Windsor. These children were given every educational advantage, Mr. Dixon thor-

oughly believing in the value of training, and they have been a source of pride as to intellectual attainment. His youngest son is a graduate of a business college, and his accomplished daughters were successful teachers prior to their marriage. In politics Mr. Dixon has always been identified with the Conservative party. Fraternally he is a Mason, and is also a member of the Order of Foresters. He is a man of standing in his community, substantial and reliable, and enjoys the respect and esteem of all who know him.

DAVID R. MENZIES, secretary, treasurer and general manager of the Niebergall Stave and Lumber Company, of Staples, Tilbury West township, and postmaster of Staples, is a man well known in that section of the County of Essex, as a business man of honor and integrity, and a citizen of usefulness and public spirit.

Mr. Menzies was born March 19, 1837, in the township of Esquesing, County of Halton, son of Robert Menzies, who was born and reared in Scotland. In 1832 the latter embarked for Canada on a sailing vessel which landed him in New York City. There he took a steamer to Albany, and crossed the State of New York to Buffalo, by Erie Canal, whence he came to his destination in the County of Halton. Purchasing a tract of farming land in Nassagaweya township, he there settled down to agricultural pursuits. Here he lived to the age of ninety-two years, and was buried in that township, of which he was one of the pioneers. As an earnest Presbyterian, he did much toward the early establishment of a church of that denomination in his section. Although in complete sympathy with the Liberal party, and always a worker for its success, he would never consent to hold political office. His marriage took place in the County of Halton to Catherine Redpath, who was born in Scotland, and who, like her husband, lived through a long life, dying aged eighty-nine years. She was laid by the side of her husband in the cemetery in Nassagaweya township. She was not only a devoted wife and careful mother, but a consistent, Christian woman, beloved by all who knew her. The eight children of this union were: William, on the old homestead; David R., Jane, who married John Clark, who died just prior to taking his seat in the Dominion House of Parliament; Peter, a resident of the County of Halton; Isabella, wife of William Coats, of Michigan; Catherine, deceased wife of John Smith, of

Michigan; Duncan, a farmer of Michigan; and Robert, a railroad man in Michigan.

David R. Menzies was educated in the district schools of his locality, the best the time and place afforded, but, regarding them in the light of the present, very limited in scope. There was much work to be done on the farm, and from early boyhood the strength and capacity of our subject was taxed. His inclinations led him, at the age of sixteen, to learn the carpenter's trade, which he followed for a time, and then he devoted his attention to cabinetmaking. He continued in this line of work until 1862, when he removed to the County of Huron, and located in the town of Clinton, where he worked at his trade, and also engaged in bridge building, and in milling, remaining there for twenty-two years. While there he drifted from the cabinetmaking into organ building, forming a partnership with W. Doherty, under the firm name of W. Doherty & Co., organ manufacturers, which business was conducted with success until 1888, when the partnership was dissolved. In its stead they founded a joint stock company for the expansion of the business, and of the new company Mr. Menzies became manager, as well as stockholder and director. Headquarters were established at Goderich, and sixty hands were given employment. In his capacity as manager he traveled all through the lower provinces. In 1893 he withdrew from that company and became an interested shareholder and a director in the Niebergall Stave and Lumber Company, with mills at Staples, in the County of Essex. Mr. Menzies assumed the management of this concern, and was elected secretary and treasurer of the company, and for the past eleven years he has ably managed its affairs. The operation of three mills and the employment of 115 hands requires certain business qualifications in order to make the results satisfactory to all concerned, and Mr. Menzies seems to possess these in superlative degree. The output of the mills amounts to some 9,000,000 feet of lumber annually. In addition to this he has under his care over 1,100 acres of land in the stumps, and has disposed of a like amount in the past few years. Mr. Menzies also conducts the general store for the company, and for the past ten years has been postmaster at Staples. In addition to all these duties, he looks after the cultivation of a tract of fine land that he owns in Rochester township. His excellent judgment and executive ability enable him to manage all these different lines of business so that all contribute to his own prosperity, and to

the expansion of the company's interests, which results show have been so carefully looked after through all these years.

In politics Mr. Menzies is a staunch Reformer, and has been very zealous in support of such principles. He served on the town council of Clinton for eight years, was reeve of the town for five years, and has always been noted for his interest in education and public morals. He served as a trustee of the high school at Clinton for nine years. His fraternal association is with the Sons of Scotland at Goderich.

In Clinton, Ont., Mr. Menzies married Jane McGee, who was born at Vaughn, County Lambton, a daughter of Robert McGee, of Huron. They have three children, viz.: Robert, bookkeeper for the Stave and Lumber Company, married Cora Moody, and has one son, Stanley; James is a student of civil engineering at Toronto; and Maggie is a student in the high school. Mr. Menzies is connected with the Presbyterian Church at Blytheswood.

NEVILL. The widow of John Noble, now living quietly retired in Gosfield North, on her husband's old farm on the Talbot Road South, Lot 274, was by birth Catherine Nevill, daughter of George and Cynthia (Ives) Nevill, and was born at Cottam, Gosfield North, Nov. 10, 1829.

David Nevill, the paternal grandfather, came (as far as is known) from Ireland as a soldier in the British army, and was father of four sons. Robert and James moved to Chatham, County of Kent, where they settled and died, while George and Francis married and settled at Cottam, in the County of Essex, where they died, leaving families. George Nevill was born in Colchester, County of Essex, in 1789, and was a soldier in the War of 1812. He started life in a little log cabin on the Talbot Road, on land given him by the government as a soldier's homestead, where he cleared up a farm from the bush land. He died at his home in 1874, while his wife, who was Cynthia Ives, a native of Connecticut, of a U. E. Loyalist family, survived him for a few years. Mr. and Mrs. Nevill were both of the Methodist faith, and were among the founders of the work of that church in their locality.

George and Cynthia Nevill were the parents of five children, of whom Mrs. Noble was the eldest. (2) Cynthia, born in 1831, is the wife of Stephen Brooker, postmaster of Cottam. (3) Hulda, born in 1833, died unmarried. (4) Mary died in girlhood. (5) George Gordon, born in

1836, is a bachelor, and resides with William Orton, in Gosfield North.

Catherine Nevill grew up in her old home in Gosfield, and acquired her education by attending the district school during the winter seasons. In 1851 she was married to John Noble, who was born in England in 1827, and came thence to the County of Essex, in 1836, with his parents, John and Mary Noble. They settled on the homestead where Mrs. Noble is now living, and began their housekeeping in a log house, after a few years putting up the present family domicile, where the rest of their married life was happily spent. Mr. Noble passed from this world in 1881, lamented not alone by his devoted wife, but by the friends and neighbors, to whom the beauty of his manly Christian character had endeared him. Like his wife, Mr. Noble was in creed a Methodist, and ever an active worker in the church. Politically he was a Conservative, but never an office-seeker, and served only as school trustee.

Mrs. Noble became the mother of four sons and three daughters, of whom five are living. (1) George R. Noble, the eldest, was born in 1853, married Miss Sarah Bennett, and settled on a part of his father's homestead, where he died in 1885, leaving his wife with five children, Harry I., of Manitou; Robert M., of Essex; Delbert, of Essex; Maud, Mrs. Frank Gilroy, of Walkerville; William, of Essex. (2) Colin I., born in 1855, died when a boy of fourteen years. (3) Isabella, born in 1858, is the wife of Frederick Hill, of Essex, and has three children, Rosie, Grace and Ila G. (4) Oliver J., born in 1861, married, in 1880, Miss Jennie Smith, who was born in Mitchell, Canada, the daughter of John and Maria Smith. The parents came from England in 1849, and still reside in Canada. Oliver Noble lives on the old homestead and has six children, Orvil, Lida, Scott, Elmer, Frank and Mark. (5) Mary A., born in 1864, is the wife of William Orton, who settled at Olinda, County of Essex, where he follows farming. He has five children, Emma B., Eva, Roina, Carrie and Stanley. (6) Testa M., born in 1866, is the wife of Frederick Gilboe, of Essex, and has one daughter, Katie E. (7) Adolphus, born in 1868, grew up at the old home, where he still resides with his mother. He married Miss Lillie Mooney, of the County of Essex, and has five children, Viola, Maggie, Clarence, Melroy and Charles C.

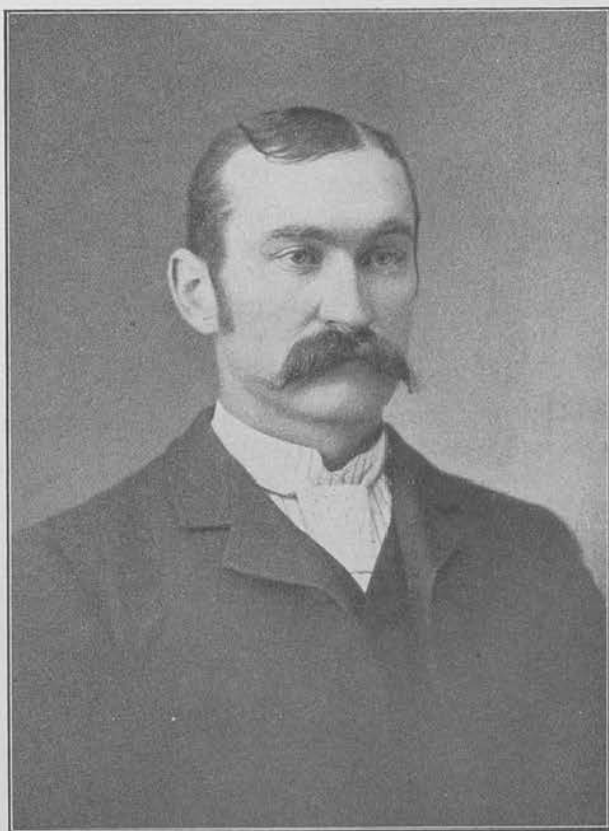
Mrs. Noble, during her long life in Gosfield, has made many warm friends, and is greatly beloved for her many womanly virtues and good works. Her children do credit to her training,

and now are the comfort and strength of her declining years.

KLIE. The Klie family, so worthily represented in Colchester South by men of the highest integrity and public spirit, originated in Germany, the emigrant ancestor being Godfrey Klie, the grandfather of Henry and Albert Klie. He was born in Germany, where he became a property owner. He married Charlotte Stolter, and to them were born: Augustus, who went to California, and was never afterward heard from; Henry; Charles, a soldier in the heavy cavalry, who was killed in the Austro-Prussian war; Augusta, who married William Raywinkle, and died at Oshkosh, Wisconsin; Georgena, who married Mr. Hibbey, and died in Chicago; George, who was the first of the family to leave Germany, and who died in Grosse Ile, Michigan, where he had a farm; Mina, who married Mr. Stootman, and died in Detroit; John, who lived at Cairo, Michigan, where he died; Jerry, of New Canaan, Colchester North, who owns one-half of the farm which the family settled upon on coming to this country; Rachel, who married George Geisel, and lives at Woodslee; and Ernest, who died in Germany. In 1855 the family left Germany for Canada, and in time settled on a 200-acre tract in the New Canaan settlement of Colchester North, a wild tract that one would hardly think fit for farming. Upon this place they built a log house and began the difficult task of clearing the land. Here Godfrey Klie died at the age of eighty-two years, and his wife at the age of seventy-eight years.

Henry Klie, son of Godfrey, accompanied the family to this country in 1855. In Germany he had wedded Louisa Duva, who was born in Oldendorf, Germany, May 26, 1826, daughter of Christian and Hedwig (Owen) Duva, farming people of Germany, where their lives were passed, the father dying in 1836, aged fifty-two, and the mother in 1846, at the same age. They were members of the Lutheran Church. Louisa was the only member of the family to come to America. The other children were: Fredericka, who married Frederick Oerman; Christina, who married William Ellison; Jeremiah, who married Amelia Miller; and Henry, who married Fredericka Coulter. The fathers of both Mr. and Mrs. Duva were killed in the German Rebellion.

For three years Henry Klie remained on the New Canaan farm, and then took his family to northern Michigan and the "Soo," and also



Henry Klie

spent some time in the copper country. Owing to the Rebellion in the States he was thrown out of employment, and returned to the County of Essex, for a time being employed at Windsor for fifty cents per day, and for a time at Walkerville by Mr. Hiram Walker. Later he again took up farming in Colchester North, but there was hardly a chance to make a living at that time, so Mr. Klie kept an outlook for more favorable opportunities. In time he succeeded in renting the Asa Wilcox farm on the lake front in Colchester South, and from that time on fortune favored him. After ten years of hard work on this farm, he purchased the Peter Knapp farm of 100 acres, in that township, paying a part down, on a valuation of \$6,500. This farm needed much improvement, and Mr. Klie and his sons turned their attention to developing it into the best property of its kind in the county. The father died upon this farm, March 18, 1884, aged fifty-nine years; his widow survives. They were members of the Lutheran Church. In politics he was a Conservative. To Henry Klie and his wife were born the following children: Augustus, a farmer of Colchester South, married Libbie Geisel, and has four children; Mary, deceased, married Wesley Wright; Henry is mentioned below; Louisa married Walter McCormick; Emma married Daniel Snider; Albert; Alice married William Springel, of Germany, and has two children; Annie married William McCormick, of Colchester South, and has two children.

HENRY KLIE, son of Henry and Louisa (Duva) Klie, and one of the enterprising farmers of Colchester South, was born at the Canadian "Soo," May 2, 1860, but he grew to manhood in the County of Essex. He remained with his parents on the Asa Wilcox farm, and continued to live at home and assist his father after the Knapp farm was purchased. After his father's death, Henry Klie and his brother Albert became joint owners of the home place, and carried it on. While the brothers were working together they erected substantial barns, and each put up a modern house. In 1902 Henry Klie sold his interest in the place, and bought the Timothy Shay farm, in Lots 66, 67 and 68, a 100-acre farm, and also sixty-seven acres in Lot 63, Concession 1. At the time of his purchase the property was in bad condition, but he set to work energetically to remedy this, and through his persistent efforts now has a fine farm, well equipped with all necessary buildings.

In politics Henry Klie is a Conservative. In religious belief he is a member of the Church of

England, of which he has served for a term of eleven years as warden. In 1893 he married Ellen Adams, a daughter of Matthew Adams, and two sons and one daughter have been born of this union: Archibald, Robert and Beatrice. Mr. Klie is justly regarded as one of the leading men of the township, where he has borne so important a part in the development of the country, and he enjoys a host of friends.

ADAMS. Mrs. Henry Klie comes of a distinguished family of the States. Her great-grandfather, Edward Adams, was a near relative of John Quincy Adams, President of the United States. Joshua Adams, son of Edward and grandfather of Mrs. Klie, was born in Maryland, and came to the County of Essex, unmarried, about 1798. Being a shoemaker by trade, he found plenty of work, and followed that calling all his life, dying aged seventy-three years. He married Elizabeth Quick, who died aged seventy-two years. Their children were: Mary (deceased), who married John Ulch, of Gosfield; Matthew; Wretta (deceased), who married John Woodiwiss; Joshua, who lives in Gosfield, a farmer near Kingsville; and Rosa Ann, who married Rev. Alexander Scratch, of Leamington.

Matthew Adams was born April 13, 1823, in Colchester South, and there grew to manhood, at a time when educational advantages were limited. At the age of eighteen or twenty he began to farm, and also learned the trade of a shoemaker, keeping a shoe shop for thirty years. Fifty-five years ago he purchased his first property, to which he added, and has a fine farm of fifty-four acres, which he has been farming for over thirty years. Mr. Adams married Hannah McCormick, a daughter of Matthew McCormick, and to them came children as follows: Jason, who lives at Oxley, married Alvira Huffman, and has one daughter, Frances; Josephine is at home; Alpheus, a farmer, living near Windsor, married Eliza Martin, and his children are, Ada, William, Forest, Lillian, Ora, Raymond, Carmen and Verda; Archibald, a physician, of London, Ont., formerly of Kingsville, married Esther Adams, and has two children, Enid and Prosper; Ellen married Henry Klie; Francis is at home; Olive is at home. The father is a Conservative in politics, and in religion is a member of the Church of England.

ABRAHAM COLE, a prominent farmer and county councillor of Essex, located on a fine farm on Lot 12, Concession 7, Sandwich South, was born April 11, 1845, on the present home, son

of Charles and Ellen (Driscoll) Cole, both of old and prominent families.

Charles Cole was born in February, 1800, in Ireland, where his wife was also born a few years later. When about twenty years of age he came seeking employment in the lumber regions of New Brunswick, and worked along the St. John's river for some four or five years. He then took passage for Massachusetts, and in the city of Boston met Ellen Driscoll, an orphan, and there they married. Some five years were spent in Boston, Mr. Cole finding work in a large flouring mill, but in 1830 they came to Canada, anxious to settle on land of their own. Mr. Cole bought a tract of wild land from Col. Talbot, on the line of Maidstone and Sandwich South townships, and there made some improvements, but in 1831 bought the present more desirable home. It was still all bush, but he soon hewed out logs for a cabin that proved a sufficient shelter until a more substantial one could be erected. Many hardships were endured by these pioneers, who wrought with might and main to secure for their children the comforts they now enjoy. The devoted wife died in 1887, and the sorrowing husband followed in the succeeding year. They were devoted Catholics, and assisted in the founding of the first church of their faith in the township. In politics Mr. Cole was a Conservative. They were the parents of these children: (1) Thomas, born at Boston, Massachusetts, in young manhood engaged on the Pere Marquette railroad at Flint, Michigan, and still lives there, being one of the oldest employes of the road and one of the most valued; he married Ellen O'Brien, of Flint, and they have four children, Thomas, James, Mary and Fannie. (2) Richard, born in Boston, was reared in Canada and there married Ellen Maher of Sandwich, and they settled at Detroit, where he died in 1894, leaving children, Charles, of State of Washington; John, of Philadelphia; William, of Washington; and Mary, a teacher in the Philadelphia public schools. (3) Charles, born in Boston, married Margaret Dougherty, of Michigan, and they settled at Hawley, in that State, where he worked as a railroad man until his death, in Flint, in 1878, leaving three children, Charles, Nellie and Fannie, all of Flint. (4) Frank, born at Sandwich, married Maggie O'Donald, of Minnesota, and he now resides in Chicago; she died in Saginaw, Michigan; their children were, Charles, deceased; James, in Chicago, where he is vice-president and general manager of the Consumers' Ice and Coal Company; Frank, of Saginaw; Wil-

liam, deceased, of Chicago; Abraham, Mary and Maggie, all of Chicago. (5) Frances, deceased, was the widow of William Lyons, of Windsor, and the mother of Edward, a prominent citizen of Kingston, Ont.; Katie, of Wisconsin; while Mary and Charles are deceased. (6) John died aged eleven years. (7) James Cole married Jane McCarthy, now deceased, and he is now a prominent railroad contractor in the States. (8) Abraham was eighth in order of birth. (9) William, the youngest, was born in 1849, and he married Catherine Driscoll, a member of an old Sandwich South family, and they now reside on a part of the old Cole homestead. They have these children, Mary, William, Ellen, Josephine, Alice, Maggie and Katie.

Abraham Cole was reared on the old homestead, and taught lessons of industry, economy and thrift. His education was somewhat limited, but he became well posted in practical farming. His parents were under his care in their declining years. On Feb. 11, 1879, Mr. Cole married Maggie McGuigan, born at Penetanguishene, on Lake Huron, in October, 1849, a daughter of Peter and Margaret McGuigan, who came to Canada from County Down, Ireland. Mr. McGuigan was a soldier connected with the British army and served fifteen years with the First Royals, when he was transferred to the Canadian Rifles and took part in the war of 1837-38, participating in all the battles of the Rebellion. He was born in 1803, and gave twenty-six years of loyal service to the Crown, being a sergeant in rank, and serving in Ireland, England, Scotland, the East Indies and Canada, and he was honorably discharged and pensioned for life.

In 1852, after his discharge, Mr. McGuigan purchased a farm near Niagara, where they resided seven years. In 1859 they came to Sandwich South, where he bought a farm and lived here until the time of his death in 1868. His widow, born in 1800, died in February, 1890, at the Sandwich home. They were the parents of five children, namely: Alexander, born in Belfast, Ireland, married and died there; Peter, born in Ireland, emigrated to America, and died on his farm at Kempton, Illinois, leaving a family of six children; Charles, born in Canada, married Ellen Sexton, and lives in Windsor, with a family of eleven children; James, born in Canada, married and settled in Ford County, Illinois, and has five children; and Mrs. Cole, who was the youngest of the family.

Mr. and Mrs. Cole settled on the old Cole homestead, and there they have lived until the

present time. Many changes have taken place, substantial improvements have been made on every side, the surroundings have improved, the land has become more productive under careful tillage, and a family of four bright, intellectual children have grown up around them. These additions to the original family circle deserve special mention: Charles, born July 29, 1881, completed the common school course, and then fitted himself for business at the University of Detroit; he is now most capably serving as clerk in the Windsor postoffice; Mary M., born Sept. 21, 1884, is a student at the collegiate institute at Windsor; Fannie J., born in 1889, is a graduate of the public schools; and Gertrude L., born in 1892, is still in school.

Politically Mr. Cole has always been identified with the Liberal party, and for many years has been called upon to serve in positions of trust and responsibility. In 1869 he was elected auditor, and in 1875-76 to his first term in the township council; for nine years he was tax collector, and in 1893 was again elected to the county council, serving four years; he has been reeve, and for twelve years has been county councillor, a position which he holds at present. In 1896 he was elected county warden. On account of his eminent fitness, Mr. Cole has many times been selected a member of committees to adjust county affairs, and has most efficiently served on the committee which selected the location of the house of refuge at Leamington; the county buildings committee, and many others. Few men of the township have taken a more active part in religious affairs in this locality than has Mr. Cole. With liberality he has contributed to the Catholic Church, and has placed therein three memorial windows, for his parents and himself, in St. Mary's Church of Maidstone Cross. He belongs to Branch No. 1, C.M.B.A., of Windsor. Mr. Cole is most highly esteemed through this section of the county, where he has been intimately known from childhood, and in every relation of life he is considered a good and worthy citizen.

GEORGE BRATT, a retired farmer of Malden township, County of Essex, is one of the prominent and representative men. [Extended mention of the Bratt family appears elsewhere.] He was eleven years of age when the family left England, up to which time he had attended school, but afterward had but one year more of educational opportunity afforded him. The long journey by land to Liverpool, and then the voy-

age to New York, consumed nearly as much time as is now required to encircle the globe in these days of electricity. Even then the new home could only be reached by a further voyage up the Hudson to Albany, and thence by the Erie Canal to Buffalo, again by steamer to Detroit, and four miles further, overland, to a rented farm on the old Chicago road, now aristocratic Michigan avenue. The family remained on this farm about five years, and then came to the County of Essex, settling in Colchester South.

In young manhood Mr. Bratt had learned the mason trade of Jonathan Parks, and after his marriage he located on the La Duke farm in Malden, engaged also in farming. Here he remained three years, subsequently renting the Lockhart farm near the lake, for ten years, and in 1872 he purchased the farm where he has since resided. It originally consisted of eighty acres, to which he afterward added twenty acres, and in more recent years he has purchased farms for his sons.

The present home farm was about half cleared when he bought it, and he soon had all of it under cultivation, erecting large frame buildings to take the place of the primitive log ones. About twenty-five years ago he built his large, comfortable brick house. It was during that year that our subject, assisted by John, Charles and James Park, made 600,000 bricks, and each built substantial brick residences, our subject's knowledge of the mason's trade enabling him to do the greater part of this branch of the work. Other work done by him may be seen in the present Frasier block in Amherstburg. Although Mr. Bratt has been an extensive and very successful farmer, he has never entirely given up work at his trade, and even in the current year, at the age of seventy-three years, shames some of the younger members of the craft with the skill with which he can still lay heavy stone walls with all the accuracy of the finished workman. Mr. Bratt enjoys the work, and appears to do it as easily as he did in youth, but he has retired from farming, turning over its labors to a younger generation.

Mr. Bratt has been twice married, (first) to Sarah Parks, born Feb. 20, 1835, who died Jan. 27, 1860. His second marriage was to Elizabeth Parks, the sister of his former wife, born Jan. 2, 1841, who died June 19, 1890. The children born to Mr. Bratt are the following: Herbert, a farmer in Malden, married Alice Onge, and they have seven children, Eva, Lloyd, Hazel, Althia, Mary, Benjamin and Cora (deceased). Sarah

is the wife of Fred McGee, and has four children. Arthur, a farmer near Amherstburg, is married and has three children, Kenneth, Eunice and Hazel. Althea is the wife of Edwin Atkin, of Malden, and has three children. John is the farmer on the home farm, and married Isabel Belcour. In addition to rearing his own family Mr. Bratt has reared a niece, Miss Susan Bratt.

Mr. Bratt has been a very busy man for many years. In addition to his large farming operations and work at his trade he has also operated a threshing machine for the past twenty years. The success which has attended all of his business ventures attests the good judgment with which he plans, and the complete manner in which he carries this planning to completion. In politics he is a strong supporter of the government party, and he has served in several of the local offices, at present being collector of taxes and school trustee. He and his family are consistent members of the Methodist Church, and he is one of its most liberal supporters.

MALOTT. The record of this family in the Dominion of Canada begins with the migration of three brothers and two sisters, Peter, Theodore, David, Catherine and Delilah Malott, who made their way to Detroit soon after the close of the Revolutionary War, in 1783. Their father had died in the State of Maryland. Of the brothers, Peter, the grandfather of three citizens prominent in the township of Gosfield South, County of Essex, at the present time, is fully mentioned below. David in time settled in the neighborhood of St. Catharines, Ont., and descendants of his still reside there; they usually spell the name Marlotte. Theodore drew Lot 13 in the township of Gosfield South, next to the Mersea township line. Catherine became the wife of Simon Girty, who was noted in the early days as a fighter among the Indians. Delilah married Henry Wright, of Colechester.

Peter Malott was married at Detroit to Mary Jones, whose life record is one of more than ordinary interest. She was brought up in stirring times. We find that in 1777 there lived near Morgantown, Monongalia County, West Virginia, Jacob Jones and his family. A small fort had been built into which the people collected for safety from the Indians. Land was cleared about the enclosure, and a few of the more venturesome began clearing some distance from the fort, Jacob Jones having a corn patch some seven miles away. One morning a party of five set out for the patch for a day's work—Jacob Jones, his

daughter Mary (aged ten years), and his son John (some two years younger), Alexander Legg and a young woman. They were surprised by a band of Indians, who surrounded them, but Jacob Jones made his escape by running into a nearby creek and reached the fort in safety. The Indians fired upon him as he ran, seven bullets piercing the hunting shirt which he wore, but not one injured him. He returned with men from the fort to rescue his friends and children if possible, but the Indians and their prisoners had disappeared, leaving no indications of the course they had taken, and the captives were given up for lost. The man Alexander Legg eventually escaped and returned to his friends. The young woman, after a few days' travel, was taken ill with chills, and the Indians, not wishing to be delayed, killed her, one of them burying his tomahawk in her brain. This appalling act was witnessed by the Jones children, who continued with the Indians to Sandusky, then an Indian settlement. Mary was adopted into the family of one of the Wyandotte tribe, and John was taken by another tribe. He effected his escape about three years afterward and made his way to Detroit, where in course of time he studied medicine with one Dr. Harvey and became a physician. Mary Jones was with the Wyandotte tribe ten years, at the age of twenty coming to Detroit, where she was cared for by the family of Gen. McCoombs, an American officer, for three years, until her marriage to Peter Malott. Through the General's influence the young couple settled on Grosse Ile, living there for about one year, when an old soldier who had a U. E. right in the township of Gosfield offered to dispose of same for a cow. At that time cows were scarce, and of considerable value, but after due consideration the trade was made, and Peter Malott, with his wife and child, came to the new holding, Lots 4 and 5, on the lake, where they passed the remainder of their days. He immediately built a rough log house and commenced the work of a pioneer in an uncultivated country, continuing to labor at the improvement of his property until his death, which occurred Dec. 3, 1815, when he was still in the prime of life. He fell into boiling cider, and the accident proved fatal.

After settling in Gosfield township, Mrs. Mary Malott occasionally heard from her parents, and she had a longing to see them again and visit her childhood home, which remained unsatisfied until 1817, some two years after the death

of her husband. Taking her youngest son, Peter, then about thirteen years of age, she started for Virginia, and the trials she encountered in the journey can never be appreciated by the present generation. Mother and son were taken across the lake to Sandusky by friends, and then started southeast on foot, having no roads but Indian trails. But they made the trip safely, and seventeen days after leaving their Canadian home arrived at the home of the Jones family in Virginia, parents and daughter being united after a separation of forty years. Mrs. Malott was then fifty, and her father seventy-eight. After a ten weeks' visit she returned to Canada, making the trip to Cleveland on horseback, and accompanied by her brothers. After waiting there three days she and her son took passage in a schooner for Amherstburg, and from that point finished the journey on horseback. Grandmother Malott, as she was familiarly known, lived to the age of seventy-eight years, and she was able to tell many interesting stories of her ten years' stay among the Indians. She passed away Oct. 2, 1845, and was laid to rest beside her husband on the homestead lot, now owned by her grandsons, Leonard and John J. Malott. Her descendants are quite numerous, and in recent years have held several reunions, the one at Kingsville, in 1902, having been a most enjoyable affair, and attended by many of the relatives. In 1903 they met at Muncie, Indiana, and completed plans for a monument to be erected in her memory at Grafton, West Virginia, near her girlhood home.

Peter and Mary (Jones) Malott were the parents of six children, namely: Joseph, Sarah, Mary, Theodore, Ann and Peter. Of these, Joseph, born on Grosse Ile, grew up in Gosfield, and came into possession of Lots 6 and 7, in that township. He was a prominent member of the Methodist Church, in which he served many years as a local preacher, being well known as a fluent speaker. Frequently he walked to Sandwich to conduct services, and it is said that in wet weather he often arrived at the house of worship with his Bible wet in his coat pocket. He married Mary McKenzie, and they had two sons and three daughters. Sarah, born Oct. 16, 1794, died young. Mary, born July 9, 1796, became the wife of James Wilkinson, and resided in Gosfield. Theodore, born April 9, 1799, died in childhood. Ann, born July 1, 1801, married John Williams, and one of their sons, Peter, resides in Leamington, Ontario.

Peter Malott, the youngest of the family, was born March 13, 1804, in the log house on Lot 4, Gosfield township, and was eleven years old when his father died. He early began the work of clearing and cultivating the land, and passed his entire life on the homestead, which came into his possession, becoming one of the thrifty and prosperous farmers of his section. The log house in which he was born was his home for many years after his marriage, all his children having been born there, and it was succeeded by a frame dwelling 25 x 35 feet in dimensions, which is still standing, though it has been removed from the original site and is not now used as a residence. Mr. Malott took an active part in the affairs of his day, serving in the rebellion of 1837-38, and was present at the fighting around Amherstburg, at that time being a teamster. Later he became an officer in the local military company, and he was a prominent figure at the annual June drills, for many years holding a major's commission. He was also prominent in the religious life of his community, being a conscientious member of the Methodist Church. Before a church was built religious services had been held in his father's house, and he was active in the erection of the brick church in Kingsville in 1846, and served as trustee of that church for many years. In politics he was a staunch Tory, and he was deeply concerned in the public welfare, doing all in his power, during the fifteen years he served as councilor, to advance the interests of his township. He passed away May 21, 1882.

Peter Malott was married at the McCormick place, in Colchester, Sept. 24, 1822, to Julianna Wigle, who was born June 4, 1805, daughter of John Wigle, and died May 21, 1882. To this union were born ten children, of whom we have the following record: (1) Ann (deceased) married Peter McDonald, and two of her sons still live in the vicinity. (2) Jane, the widow of Angus McDonald, lives in Kingsville. (3) Mary is the wife of Solomon Fox, of Kingsville. (4) Susan died when eighteen months old. (5) Ezra is mentioned more fully below. (6) John J. is mentioned below. (7) Eliza, widow of William G. Fox, makes her home in Kingsville. (8) Leonard is mentioned below. (9) Elizabeth, wife of Solomon Iler, died Aug. 22, 1899. (10) Delight is the widow of John S. Middaugh, of Kingsville, who died Oct. 19, 1904.

EZRA MALOTT was born June 7, 1833, in the log house on the home place in the township of

Gosfield South, and there grew to manhood. He had such advantages as the common schools of the time afforded, attending under Master McMurray and later under Col. King, and was reared to farming, which has been his life work. At the age of twenty-two years he started for himself on a farm of sixty-five acres in Lot 3, some thirty acres of which had been cleared. This tract he entirely cleared and improved, residing there until his removal to the village of Kingsville in 1890. Meantime he worked and prospered, buying other land in the township as he was able, and he now owns a part of Lot 4, as well as a place of 100 acres in the 3d Concession. Mr. Malott has, however, been more than an industrious farmer. He has been a useful citizen, always taking a lively interest in public affairs, served some years as school trustee, and was a township councillor for twelve years in succession. His political support has been given to the Conservative party.

In 1854 Mr. Malott was united in marriage with Jeanette Fox, daughter of Michael Fox, and to this union have come three children: Mina, born March 30, 1855, is the wife of William Gilkenson, of Kingsville. Nora, born May 22, 1858, is the wife of Arthur R. Ferris, of Harrow, and they have two sons, Ezra G. and Sidney E. Sarah, born March 5, 1862, is the wife of Hugh Scratch, of Kingsville. Mr. Malott and his family are members of the Kingsville Methodist Church. Socially he is quite prominent in this section as a member of the I. O. O. F., which he joined in 1873, becoming a charter member of the lodge organized at Ruthven at that time. He has since assisted in organizing a number of lodges in the County of Essex, including those at Kingsville, Amherstburg, Comber, Leamington, Woodslee and Harrow.

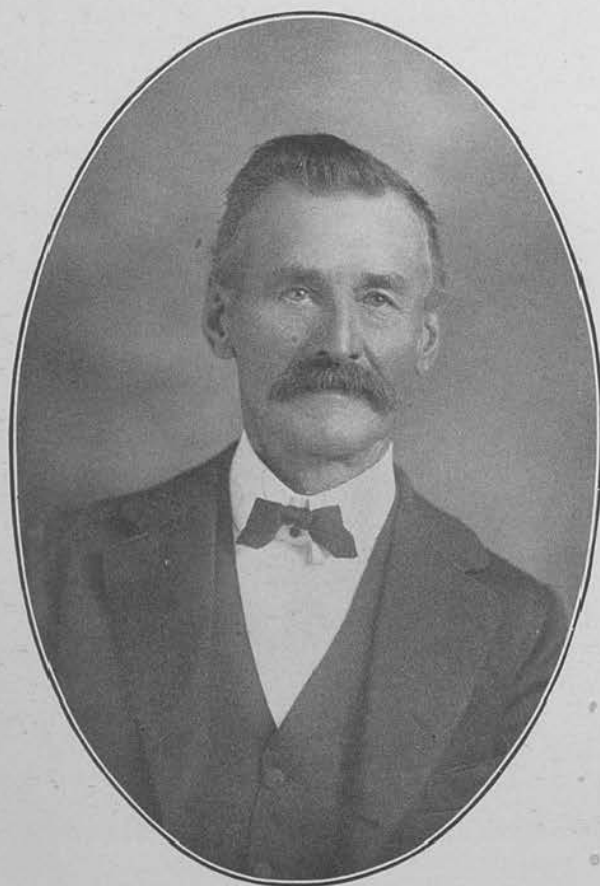
The Fox family, to which Mrs. Malott belongs, had an important part in the early history of this part of Essex. The first of the line in America was Philip Fox, a native of Baden, Germany, who came to America with his wife, Catherine (Lamer), in the year of their marriage, 1772. They landed at Baltimore, Maryland, where they lived for several years, and then removed to Pennsylvania, where seven of their children were born. A number of neighbors banded together to settle farther north, and in the company were John Wendel Wigle and Philip Fox, with their families. Their first objective point was Detroit, and they moved in a leisurely manner, carrying their belongings on

pack horses and driving their cattle before them. At one time they all lived on Grosse Ile. In 1791 Philip Fox removed to a farm six miles below Windsor, near Petite Cote, but in 1794 he was fortunate enough to draw Lot No. 10, on the lake shore in Gosfield, and settled thereon, he and his wife passing the remainder of their lives on that place. Their remains rest on the Wesley Wigle farm, in a private burying-ground. Their family consisted of eight sons and two daughters, namely: Jonas settled on Lot 9; Philip settled on Lot 2, Concession 5, Mersea township, and married a Miss Snyder; Margaret; Judith; Michael settled on Lot 250, Talbot Road West; George settled on Lot 22, Concession 4; Henry settled on Lot 21, Concession 4; Adam settled on Lot 22, Concession 5; Jacob settled on Lot 22, Concession 6; and John settled on Lot 20, Concession 5.

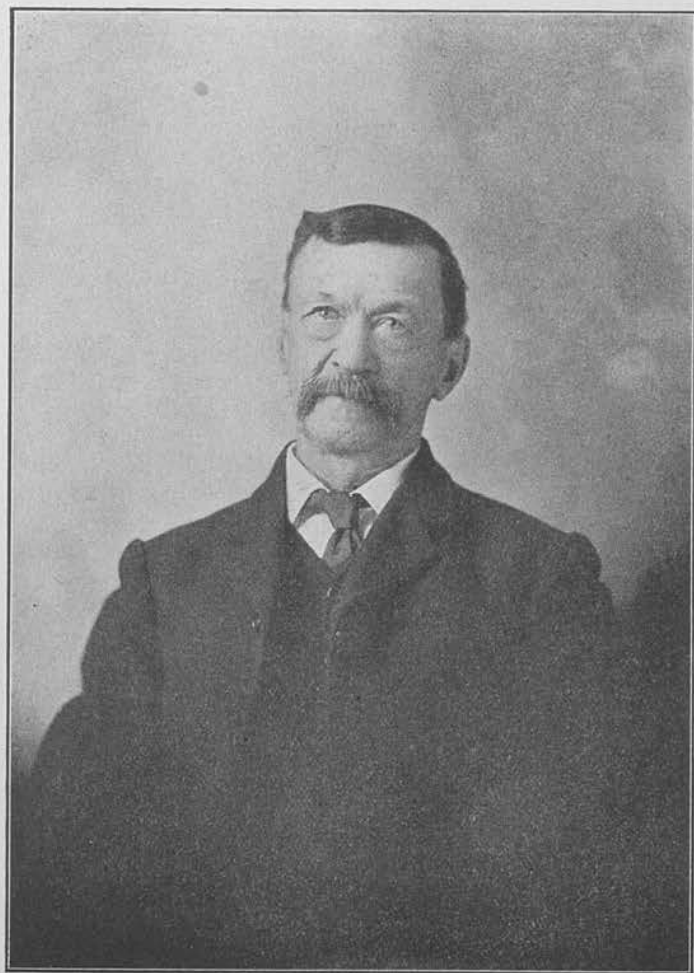
Michael Fox, son of Philip, was born in Pennsylvania, and grew up in Gosfield. He married Elizabeth Wigle, and they had children as follows: Julianna married Peter Heatherington; George married Mary Hairsine; Elizabeth married (first) Daniel McKenzie and (second) John Magaw; Mary married Thomas Govereau; Michael was the father of Mrs. Malott; Jonas married; Catherine died unmarried; Sarah Ann married James Ruthven; Lucinda married Thomas Brush; Charles married Mary Mickle.

Michael Fox, father of Mrs. Malott, was born in Gosfield in 1814, grew to manhood in his native place, and there married Catherine Ruthven, who was born in Scotland in 1816. They became the parents of seven children, namely: Colin, telegrapher at the Kingsville office, married Christine Dunbar, and they have five children, Christine, Minnie, James, Colin and Allan. Jeanette is the wife of Ezra Malott. Angus married Sarah Boothe, and died in July, 1879, in Fenton, Michigan, where she resides. Wilhelmina is the wife of William A. Grenville, of Kingsville, and they have four children, Colin, John, Juliet and Rose. Sarah is the widow of Hugh Gillispie, of Kingsville, Ont. Chloe is the wife of Solomon Wigle, of Leamington. Catherine married Wesley Wigle, of Gosfield. The father of this family followed farming north of Ruthven and also carried on a general store in Albertville, then the trading center of the township, where he served as the first postmaster. His death occurred Jan. 27, 1850.

JOHN J. MALOTT was born Nov. 27, 1835, on the old Malott homestead, where he grew to



John L. Thalott



Leonard Chalott

manhood. When he came of age he received a share of the homestead lands and began farming for himself, and later he bought part of his sister's share, still holding seventy-two acres of the homestead property. He lives on Lot 4, and now occupies the second house which he put up on the farm, a substantial brick structure, erected in 1877. For a number of years he engaged in milling in connection with his agricultural pursuits, in 1866 building a sawmill at Kingsville, and two years later adding a gristmill, and he did a general milling business for fifteen years, when he sold it. In recent years he bought forty-seven and a half acres on the north part of the old farm, which he has given to one of his sons, and he owns a place of 100 acres in another part of the township besides his own farm. Of late years Mr. Malott has turned much of the responsibility over to the younger generation, because of ill health, but during his active life he was very progressive in all his undertakings, and in addition to general crops successfully engaged in tobacco and fruit raising. He has been quite active in the public life of his locality as a leading member of the Conservative party, and has served eleven years as councillor in Kingsville, eight years at one time and three at another. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., at Kingsville, having joined the order at Ruthven some thirty-three years ago.

On Dec. 20, 1857, Mr. Malott was united in marriage with Hannah Iler, who was born in the township of Colchester, County of Essex, Ont., March 28, 1841, sister of Sheriff J. C. Iler, and to this union has come a large family of children, as follows: (1) Alzora, born Nov. 12, 1858, married Ernest O. Scratch, and has had two children, Mary and Esther. (2) Ella, born Oct. 3, 1860, is the widow of John C. Brown, of Gosfield, and her only daughter, Ada, is the wife of Theodore Wigle. (3) Cora, born Jan. 8, 1863, is the wife of John Stadden, of Gosfield, and they have had nine children—Ella Maud, born Oct. 30, 1885; Florence A., July 25, 1887; Edith M., Dec. 26, 1889; Ada May, Jan. 15, 1892; Jessie Irene, Feb. 16, 1895; William John, May 10, 1896; Clara Grace, Jan. 27, 1900; Herbert Arthur, Sept. 27, 1901; Fred Evans, July 15, 1903. (4) Burwell, born May 29, 1865, married Ella Quick, and they have seven children, Ernest, Herbert, Howard, Joseph, John J., Harry and Edith. (5) Herbert, born Jan. 26, 1869, married Mary Forbes Peden, and they have had two children, Iler, born March 8, 1897; and

Grace, born July 24, 1901. They reside in Detroit. (6) Nettie, born April 4, 1871, died Feb. 5, 1879. (7) Martin, born July 29, 1873, lives at the home place. He married Ada Wright, and they have had two children, Brook, born July 2, 1901, and Ethel, Feb. 23, 1903. (8) Harley, born Nov. 1, 1875, married Elizabeth Allen, and they have three children—Hugh, born Dec. 16, 1898; Geraldine, July 30, 1900; and Norma, Nov. 19, 1902. (9) Mary Lilly, born Feb. 17, 1879, is at home. (10) Lena May, born May 21, 1885, is at home.

LEONARD MALOTT was born on the home place Aug. 1, 1842, and received his education in the public schools of the neighborhood. After his marriage he lived three years on the home place, in 1870 moving to Kingsville, where he has ever since had his home. In that year he built a sash and door factory on Main street, and for twenty-six years carried on that business, selling machinery when he retired from that line. The building is still standing. In addition to his Kingsville property he has seventy-five acres of the homestead farm, sixty-four acres in Lot 6, and fifty acres in Concession 5, and farms extensively. Like the other members of his family he has been prominent in the public affairs of his locality, and is now serving his fourth year as councillor of Kingsville. For the past twelve years he has been a vice-president of the South Essex Reform Association. Fraternally he affiliates with the Masons and United Workmen, and he was a charter member of Beaver Lodge, I. O. O. F., but of late years has not been active in the latter organization. His religious connection is with the Methodist Church, in which he is a steward, and also a member of the Quarterly board.

On Nov. 19, 1862, for his first wife, Mr. Malott married Miss Belinda Augustin, only child of Simon and Margaret (Reeve) Augustin, pioneer settlers at Kingsville. She died in 1867, aged twenty-two years. Two children were born of this union: Frank, who married Maggie Rollo, and has four children living, Guy, Belinda, Leonard and Carl (Homer is deceased); and Maggie, who is the wife of Ernest Flanders, of Kingsville, and has three children, Roy, Wilbur and Ernest L. For his second wife Mr. Malott married, Aug. 7, 1870, Miss Martha Pykett, and they have had seven children, namely: (1) Peter, born May 7, 1871, occupies the homestead in which five generations of the Malott family have resided. He married Mercy Healey.

and they have had three children—Delmar Hamilton, born June 1, 1898; Harold Lesley, June 28, 1901; and Esther Martha, Sept. 13, 1903. (2) James died at the age of twenty-six years. (3) Jennie is the wife of Robert Healey, and has one son, Hugh M. (4) Mabel is the wife of Robert Black, and has one son, Fred McMurray. (5) Edna is the wife of Hugh Coatsworth. (6) Scott and (7) Lilburn are at home.

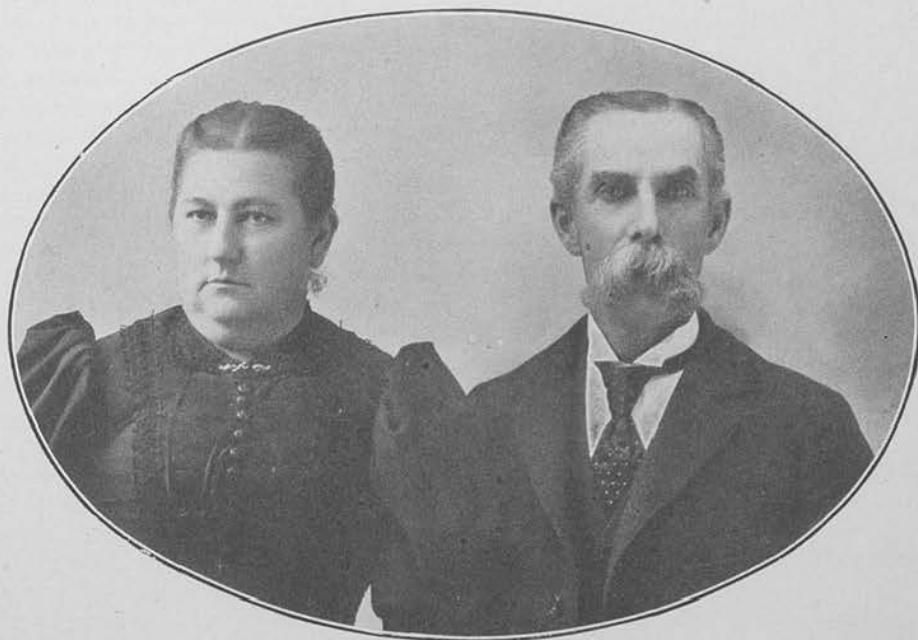
Mrs. Martha (Pykett) Malott was born in Gosfield South Dec. 16, 1846, daughter of James and Jane (Borrows) Pykett, of Lincolnshire, England, who were married in Kingsville, where the father carried on farming. Besides Mrs. Malott, Mr. and Mrs. Pykett had the following children: Joanna, deceased; Mary, of Gosfield North, widow of Alex Peterson; Ellen, of Maidstone, widow of Thomas McCloskey; and John, Harriet and Relley, all unmarried and on the old homestead. They were reared in the faith of the Church of England.

CHARLES MINNIS, a prominent farmer and stock raiser of Mersea township, one of the substantial and best known men in that line in his section of the County of Essex, is not only influential as a business man, but also active in various other industries. He was born in Mersea township, Feb. 3, 1846, and is of Irish extraction, his father, John Minnis, having been born Feb. 2, 1818, in County Down, Ireland.

Hugh Minnis and his wife, the grandparents, who were also natives of Ireland, were married there, and in 1818 emigrated to Canada, bringing their son, John, then but three months of age, with them. The voyage was made in a sailing-vessel, and consumed eleven weeks. Coming to Ontario they located in Mersea township, on the present site of the John Davies general store, in Leamington, County of Essex, and they lived there three years. There both parents died, leaving their only son, John, an orphan, three years old. He was adopted by Alexander Wilkinson, known as "Uncle Aleck," who owned land and lived in what is now the center of Leamington, and with whom he remained until of age, obtaining a fair education. He was reared like one of Mr. Wilkinson's own children, receiving a Christian training. His father had left a sum of money, about four hundred dollars, with which he bought land on what is now the 5th Concession, Lot 5, a tract of 200 acres. This land was then a wilderness, and upon it he erected a little log house, and began the life of a

pioneer, commencing to clear off his farm, and succeeded in clearing off half the tract. In time he built a brick house, one of the first in that concession, and made other improvements. On this place he lived and reared his family, all of whom reflect credit on the Christian training of their devoted parents. Mr. Minnis devoted his active years to the cultivation and improvement of his farm, and the last years of his life were spent in Leamington, where he was cared for by his youngest daughter, Mrs. W. W. Ames, at whose home he died June 22, 1901. He was buried in Lake View cemetery, Leamington. Several years before his death he lost his eyesight, and his hearing was also affected, but he bore these trials with Christian fortitude. He was a consistent member of the Methodist Church, which he joined early in life, and lived up to its principles and teachings, continuing steadfast in the faith until his death. He was quite active in church matters, and his home was used as a place of worship for many years before Mount Carmel church was built. He was a staunch Liberal in politics, and served as a member of the township council for a number of years. He was also school trustee for many years, giving the land on which the school was built for that purpose, and ever took a deep interest in education, doing his duty as he saw it in this as in everything else. Mr. Minnis was strictly temperate in his habits, was a staunch advocate of temperance, and was never known to take a drink in a barroom or tavern. As a business man he was quite successful.

On March 17, 1840, in Mersea township, Mr. Minnis married Hester Jane McGaw, who was born March 27, 1822, in Newmarket, Ont., sister of the late John McGaw, and, as will be seen, was married before she was eighteen years of age. The married life of this couple extended over sixty-one years, and they celebrated their golden wedding on March 17, 1890, surrounded by all their children, and grandchildren and friends. Mrs. Minnis lived to the ripe old age of seventy-nine years, and died at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. W. W. Ames, April 18, 1901; she was buried in Lake View cemetery, Leamington, where her devoted husband was laid to rest two months later. They loved one another in life, and were not long separated by death. She was a sincere Christian woman, a devoted member of the Methodist Church, and a loving wife and mother to her large family, which consisted of twelve children, namely: Mary Jane married



Chas. Minnis & Wife

Thomas Dresser, of Mersea township; Sarah Ann married Albert Fox, of Mersea township; Charles is mentioned below; John J. is a resident of Leamington; Hugh resides in Detroit, Michigan; Malissa married Edward Foster, of Leamington; Alexander, an evangelist, resides in Kingsville; Chloe married Henry Foster, of Leamington; Lydia married Robert Beacon, of Mersea township; Malinda E. married Elliott Kimball, of Mersea township; Priscilla married Thomas J. J. Foster, of Gosfield township; Huldah married W. W. Ames, of Leamington.

Charles Minnis, the subject proper of this sketch, was born on his father's place on Lot 5, Concession 5, and attended the district school of his township, remaining on the homestead until twenty-three years of age, working on the farm. His father then gave him the south part of the farm, where he started in to make a home for himself, building a small frame house to which he brought his bride. Here he has resided for the past thirty-five years, making extensive and systematic improvements on the farm, and in 1898 he built a fine brick dwelling-house, one of the finest in the township, fitted with all modern improvements, at a cost of over \$3,500. He has also built some of the fine barns and other outbuildings. In addition to general agriculture Mr. Minnis has for several years been engaged in raising fine Short Horn Durham cattle, having been one of the first in the township to venture raising that kind of stock. He is a member of the Dominion Short Horn Breeders' Association, of Toronto. Mr. Minnis has been more than a merely successful farmer. His enterprising and progressive spirit has brought him to the front as a man of intelligence, one whose opinion on all practical matters may be respected, and he is favorably looked upon wherever known.

Mr. Minnis is a Liberal in politics, but never sought office. He and his wife are both members of Mount Carmel Church, of which he was one of the organizers, and he has served as a member of the building committee, and was one of the first to solicit aid to build the present church edifice. He has acted as Sunday-school teacher, superintendent and assistant superintendent of the Sunday-school, and has been class-leader for over thirty-five years, as well as trustee and steward, and a member of the quarterly official board ever since uniting with the church.

As may be inferred from the record of his services Mr. Minnis has long been active in relig-

ious work, in fact his interest began in boyhood. He has a Bible given him over forty-five years ago by the venerable Jasper Golden, of Kingsville (who was a Sunday-school superintendent for many years) for answering the most questions from the Gospel of St. Mark. Mr. Minnis, like his esteemed father, is a man of temperate habits, has never used tobacco or strong drink, and is so consistent on the tobacco question that he would never grow the weed, or allow it to be grown on his farm.

Mr. Minnis was married, in Mersea township, Feb. 12, 1869, to Hannah Dresser, who was born in Mersea township April 25, 1848, a daughter of George and Rose H. (Adams) Dresser, and one child blessed this union, Oscar, born May 7, 1871, who died from diphtheria Sept. 12, 1879. He was buried in Lake View cemetery. Mrs. Hannah (Dresser) Minnis died Aug. 22, 1904, and was buried in the Lake View cemetery. She had been ailing for six months, and though she received the best of care it proved unavailing. Mrs. Minnis proved an ideal helpmeet to her husband, not only in the home, but in his many benevolent and charitable interests, in all of which he had her sincere sympathy and able assistance.

The DRESSER family, of Mersea township, is one of the oldest of this section of County Essex, where its representatives have for over sixty years been identified with the growth and progress of the community. The founder of the name in Mersea township was George Dresser, who was a native of Yorkshire, England, a son or Thomas, who lived and died in his native home, staunch in his support of the Church of England.

George Dresser, before mentioned, grew to manhood in England, and there received a good solid education. He worked as a farmer on his father's home, and married Rose Hannah Adams in 1831. From time to time friends and relatives of young Dresser had crossed to America, and appeared to succeed, and, longing for a wider field in which to found a home, he and his wife emigrated to America, in a sailing-vessel, landing in Quebec after a long and very tiresome voyage. From Quebec they made their way to Ontario, and after a short time spent in eastern Ontario, they came to the County of Kent, living there until 1841, when they removed to County Essex, and settling in Mersea township on a tract of 100 acres they laid the foundations of a sterling old family, beginning their

pioneer life in a log house. With his brave wife to help and cheer him, George Dresser commenced clearing his land, and in time his sons also assisted. Later, a brick house replaced the primitive log one, and substantial buildings were put up about the farm. Upon this property, redeemed from the wilderness by such steadfast endeavor, George Dresser lived out his life, and died at the advanced age of ninety-one years, wealthy, respected and beloved. In politics he was a strict Conservative, and he was called upon to serve in the township council, as well as to fill a number of other township offices, his keen judgment and ability making him peculiarly fitted for public office.

George Dresser was a member of the Methodist Church, and took a deep interest in all church matters, living up to his creed in his daily life, and endeavoring to influence others to a higher way of living. The power that such a man possessed in a community could not be overestimated. He proved by his judicious investments, his broad acres, well cultivated and well stocked, that it is not necessary to be careless of a religious life to succeed, and, as all who had dealings with him proved to their satisfaction, he never took advantage of anyone. Facts such as these are very powerful agents in the conversion of some people, and it was one of the greatest sources of rejoicing on the part of Mr. Dresser that through his offices many were brought into the church. His good wife also died on the homestead, and both were interred in Lake View cemetery. She, too, was a devout member of the Methodist Church, and was beloved by a wide circle of friends. The following named children were born to Mr. and Mrs. George Dresser: William is mentioned below. Christopher died at the age of twenty years. Thomas, who is now engaged in farming on the 3d Concession, in Mersea township, married Mary Jane Minnis, daughter of the late John Minnis, and sister of Charles Minnis, of Mersea township, and they have a child, Darius, a farmer of Gosfield township. Hannah married Charles Minnis, of Mersea township. Lewis died in young manhood. Everett is on the homestead. Edith married David Nebitt, of Leamington. Ivan is at home. Margaret married James McCracken, of Mersea township.

William Dresser, the oldest son of George Dresser, was born in eastern Ontario, and came to the County of Essex with his parents, locating in Mersea township, where he began work-

ing at an early age. There he grew to manhood, and when he had attained maturity located on the 3d Concession, on the farm now owned and operated by his brother, Thomas Dresser. He exchanged the homestead farm for the one he owned, and upon it died in 1896; he is interred in the Lake View cemetery. He was a firm Methodist in religion, in politics a Conservative, and was a man of force and character, very highly esteemed.

While living in Mersea township William Dresser married Rachel Wiper, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Wilkinson) Wiper, and she survives, at the age of seventy years, living upon the Dresser homestead. She is a member of the Methodist Church. The following children were born to them: George, a machinist of Wheatley, Ont.; Alwida, who married Dempster Wales, of Mersea township; Thomas, a farmer of Mersea township; Mary Hannah, who married Edwin Foster, of Tilbury West; Christopher, of Middlesex; Laura, who married William Kidd Wilkinson, of Mersea township; Ella, who married John Wales, of Mersea township; Rose Etta, who married Finley Robinson, of Mersea township; William Henry, on the homestead (he married Vina Armstrong); Howard N., a resident of Gosfield South; and Cora, who married Albert Smith, of the 5th Concession, Mersea township.

WILLIAM H. NEVILLE, one of the younger farmers of Gosfield North, and a public-spirited citizen, who is ever ready to help in any movement for the betterment of his community, was born March 27, 1866, near Pontiac, Michigan, though he comes of one of Canada's old families, being a son of Edward and Sarah (McKenzie) Neville.

The first of the family to settle in Essex was Edward Neville, a native of Ireland, who came to Canada with his family of five sons, Robert, Edward, James, George and Francis, and one daughter. Francis Neville was born in July, 1798, married Nancy Williams, born Oct. 4, 1805, and settled on what is now Lot 271, Talbot Road South, in 1825, in the days when the country was an unbroken wilderness, and the only road an Indian trail from the lake to Windsor. On the farm which he cleared in the midst of this wilderness, Francis Neville and his wife lived for the rest of their days, and of their eleven children nine reached maturity: (1) Thomas married Agnes Beatty, and lived and died on the old homestead, leaving a family of

three, James (of Cottam), Robert (of South Dakota) and Nancy (wife of Charles Boorman). (2) James married Sarah Wigle and settled in Gosfield, his family are John, of Detroit; Mary, wife of Wilthew Foster; Colin, on the homestead about half a mile from Ruthven; Testamia, wife of Michael Wigle; Dr. Wendal, of Wisconsin; Augusta, wife of Ezra Wigle; and Adelia, wife of Scott Foster. (3) Edward was the father of William H. and Joanna. (4) Mary, wife of Charles Gilboe, of Gosfield, had two daughters, Testamia, wife of Solomon Malott, and Alwilda, wife of Albert Lonsbury. (5) Abigail married Peter Gilboe, of Gosfield, their children being Andrew, of Detroit; Serona, wife of Fred Robinson; Isadore, wife of Grove Hopgood; Philemon, of the United States; Hubert, at home; Minnie, wife of Charles Williams; and Leonard, at home. (6) Jane is the wife of Joseph Gilboe, of Michigan, and has six children, Francis and Oscar, of Pontiac; Laura, wife of George Johnson; Byron, Ella and Nina, at home. (7) Charles married Adeline Sanford and settled in Gosfield, where he died leaving one son, Charles, of Kingsville. (8) Solomon married Julia Lamarsh, and settled in Gosfield; he has two sons, Charles, of Cottam, and Hubert, of Michigan. (9) Isabella is the wife of Alexander Neville, of Pontiac, Michigan, and mother of Truella, now Mrs. Dusenberry, of Pontiac.

Edward Neville was born in Gosfield township, May 29, 1827, and grew up on the farm, assisting his father and going to school long enough to secure a limited education. In 1860 he married Miss Sarah McKenzie, who was born in Dover township, County of Kent, in 1836, daughter of Donald McKenzie, who came to Canada from Scotland. After their marriage the young couple settled on a part of the Neville homestead for some years, and then, selling their farm, they moved to Pontiac, Michigan. In 1869, however, Mr. Neville returned to Canada and purchased the present homestead, on Lot 272, Talbot Road North, then largely bush land, which he cleared and developed into a productive farm. He put up a good house, barn and other needed buildings, and continued to dwell in the home which he had himself made until his death in December, 1884. His wife still lives there with her son. The only daughter, Joanna, born in Canada in 1863, is the wife of Arthur Flint, has two children, Orville and Elton, and lives on a farm near Cottam.

William H. Neville, the only son, passed his boyhood in the home which was later to become

his own, and was educated in the schools of the township. As he grew older he became more and more the manager of his father's farm, and since the death of the latter has continued in the same vocation. He is one of the extensive tobacco producers of the county, and is also largely engaged in raising stock and grain. He has added a number of buildings to those which his father put up, and has now extensive barns and tobacco warehouses. Progressive and wide-awake, Mr. Neville has always prospered.

On Dec. 27, 1887, Mr. Neville was married to Miss Weltha Cohoe, born in the County of Oxford, June 11, 1867. She is the daughter of Andrew and Elizabeth Cohoe, who moved to their present home in Rochester township, County of Essex, during their daughter's childhood. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Neville: Carmine, in January, 1889; Emma, in February, 1895; Andrew E., in December, 1897; Sara E., in April, 1901. Mr. Neville and his wife belong to the Methodist Church, in which Edward Neville was always prominent, although his wife, Sarah, has always been a member of the Church of England.

In public life William Neville has always taken an active part; a member of the Liberal party, he was elected in 1899 town auditor, and two years later, at the expiration of that term of office, he was made town treasurer, a position he is still holding. He is of the best type of citizens, being one of those who hold themselves ever ready for service, where it is needed, and who strive to advance the interests of the community in which they live. Socially Mr. Neville belongs to the I.O.F., Court Cottam Lodge, No. 3435. Thoroughly manly and upright in character, and of more than average ability, William H. Neville is a worthy successor to his father, who was respected and beloved throughout the region.

JAMES W. SHEPPARD, a prosperous farmer of Gosfield township, residing on Concession 6, Lot 7, County of Essex, and one of the leading men of that locality, was born in Dunn township, County of Haldimand, June 18, 1861, son of William and Mary A. (Harvey) Sheppard. The father was born in Sussex, England, in 1832, and the mother in Devonshire, England, in 1830.

In 1854 William Sheppard came to Canada, settling in the County of Haldimand, where he married in December, 1855, and for some years engaged in farming in that county. He finally

sold his property and located in the County of Essex in the fall of 1880, purchasing 200 acres then owned by Joel Broadwell. On this property he and his sons made many improvements. Still later he purchased 100 acres in the 5th Concession, clearing it from the bush and building upon it. Upon this land he resided for a few years, before retiring to the village of Cottam. His first wife died in November, 1891, leaving him the following children, all born in Haldimand: Annie married William Vickers, now deceased, of Gosfield North, who left two children, Edward and Ethel. Mariah married John Billing, of Gosfield North, and they have no children. James W. is mentioned below. Hattie, Emma and John, all unmarried, live at the old homestead. Ellen married W. A. Montgomery, of Gosfield North, and has six children, John, Hattie, Isabella, Glen, Archie and Mary. William Sheppard has since married Mrs. Eliza June, an estimable lady of Gosfield North.

James W. Sheppard, whose name introduces this sketch, received his education in the schools of Haldimand, and grew up upon a farm. In 1892 his father gave him 100 acres of the old homestead, upon which he erected one of the largest and most thoroughly equipped barns in this section, 104 x 60, and made many other improvements, until his property is now one of the best farms in County Essex.

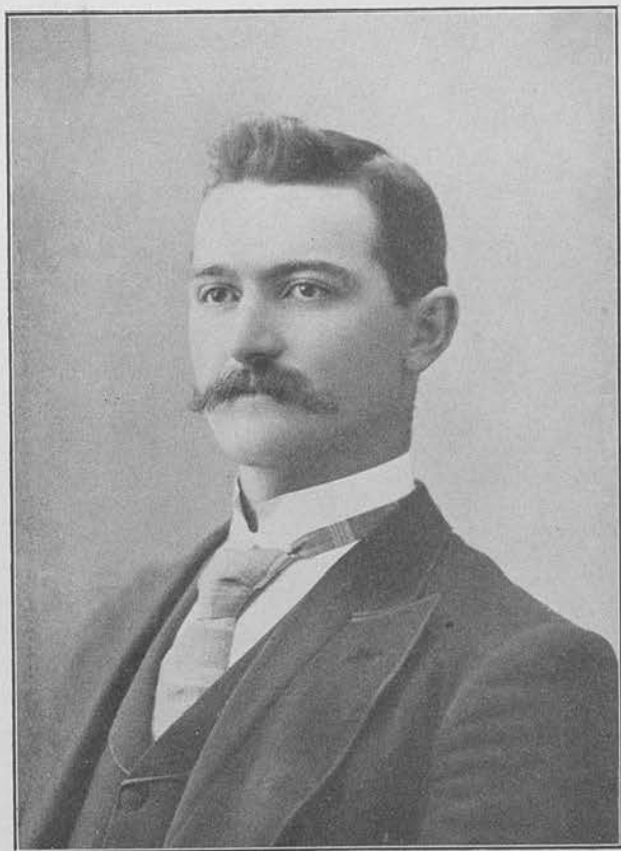
In March, 1892, he married Miss Luvia Dewhirst, a daughter of William Dewhirst, a member of one of the old families of the township. Mrs. Sheppard was born in Rochester, County of Essex, June 3, 1869, received an excellent education in the schools of the county, and for three years was one of the popular teachers of County Essex. Mr. and Mrs. Sheppard settled upon their farm after their marriage, and live in a handsome brick residence, which Mr. Sheppard prepared for his bride. Two little ones have come to their home: Myrtle, born in July, 1893, and Wilbur, born in June, 1902. Politically Mr. Sheppard is a member of the Reform party, as are all the members of his family, and in 1900 he was honored by election to the township council, which office he filled for four years; he has also held the office of member of the school board. Religiously both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Church. His fraternal affiliations are with the I.O.O.F., Lodge No. 218, County Essex, in which organization he is deservedly popular. Enterprising, a good manager and excellent farmer, Mr. Sheppard has met with remarkable success, and he is not only a

leading member of society, but also a popular one, for he has many friends throughout the county.

KLIE. The Klie family, so worthily represented in Colchester South by men of the highest integrity and public spirit, originated in Germany, the emigrant ancestor being Godfrey Klie, the grandfather of Henry and Albert Klie. He was born in Germany, where he became a property owner. He married Charlotte Stoller, and to them were born: Augustus, who went to California, and was never afterward heard from; Henry; Charles, a soldier in the heavy cavalry, who was killed in the Austro-Prussian war; Augusta, who married William Raywinkle, and died at Oshkosh, Wisconsin; Georgena, who married Mr. Hibbey, and died in Chicago; George, who was the first of the family to leave Germany, and who died in Grosse Ile, Michigan, where he had a farm; Mina, who married Mr. Stootman, and died in Detroit; John, who lived at Cairo, Michigan, where he died; Jerry, of New Canaan, Colchester North, who owns one-half of the farm upon which the family settled on coming to this country; Rachel, who married George Geisel, and lives at Woodslee; and Ernest, who died in Germany. In 1855 the family left Germany for Canada, and in time settled on a 200-acre tract in the New Canaan settlement of Colchester North, a wild tract that one would hardly think fit for farming. Upon this place they built a log house and began the difficult task of clearing the land. Here Godfrey Klie died at the age of eighty-two years, and his wife at the age of seventy-eight years.

Henry Klie, son of Godfrey, accompanied the family to this country in 1855. In Germany he had wedded Louisa Duva, who was born in Oldendorf, Germany, May 26, 1826, daughter of Christian and Hedwig (Owen) Duva, farming people of Germany, where their lives were passed, the father dying in 1836, aged fifty-two, and the mother in 1846, at the same age. They were members of the Lutheran Church. Louisa was the only member of the family to come to America. The other children were: Fredericka, who married Frederick Oerman; Christina, who married William Ellison; Jeremiah, who married Amelia Miller; and Henry, who married Fredericka Coulter. The fathers of both Mr. and Mrs. Duva were killed in the German Rebellion.

For three years Henry Klie remained on the New Canaan farm, and then took his family to



Albert Klie

northern Michigan and the "Soo," and also spent some time in the copper country. Owing to the Rebellion in the States he was thrown out of employment, and returned to the County of Essex, for a time being employed at Windsor for fifty cents per day, and for a time at Walkerville by Mr. Hiram Walker. Later he again took up farming in Colchester North, but there was hardly a chance to make living at that time, so Mr. Klie kept an outlook for more favorable opportunities. In time he succeeded in renting the Asa Wilcox farm, on the lake front in Colchester South, and from that time on fortune favored him. After ten years of hard work on that farm he purchased the Peter Knapp farm of 100 acres, in that township, paying a part down, on a valuation of \$6,500. This farm needed much improvement, and Mr. Klie and his sons turned their attention to developing it into the best property of its kind in the county. The father died upon this farm, March 18, 1884, aged fifty-nine years; his widow survives. They were members of the Lutheran Church. In politics he was a Conservative. To Henry Klie and wife were born the following children: Augustus, a farmer of Colchester South, married Libbie Geisel, and had four children; Mary, deceased, married Wesley Wright; Henry; Louisa married Walter McCormick; Emma married Daniel Snider; Albert is mentioned below; Alice married William Springel, of Germany, and has two children; Annie married William McCormick, of Colchester South, and has two children.

ALBERT KLIE, who is well and favorably known in Colchester South, as one of the prosperous farmers of that locality, was born in New Canaan, Oct. 20, 1865. He began attending school after the family had moved to the lake shore. With his brother, Henry, he operated the home place after the death of the father, until 1902, when he purchased the interest of Henry, and since then has been its sole owner. It is a fine farm of 100 acres, all well improved, and is no doubt one of the very best in the county. He raises corn, hogs and tobacco, finding that they give him the best results. He is a Conservative in politics. Both he and his wife are members of the English Church, in which he is serving as vestryman. Mr. Klie is a member of the Woodmen of Colchester village.

In 1892, in Colchester South, Mr. Klie was married to Annie Louraine Ferriss, who was born in Colchester South, Jan. 25, 1866, eldest daughter of Thomas H. Ferriss, and to this union have

been born these children: Vera Marguerite, who has distinguished herself as a student, having passed four examinations in two and one-half years, and is about ready to enter the high school; Ina Robena; Donald Ring; and Evadyne Louraine. Mr. and Mrs. Klie have many friends throughout this section of country, and are very justly regarded as popular and substantial people.

FERRISS. The Ferriss family, of which Mrs. Albert Klie is a charming representative, is well known in the County of Essex. Her father, Thomas H. Ferriss, born in 1844, has long taken an active part in public affairs. His occupation until 1897, was that of a farmer, but in that year he was appointed postmaster at Harrow, and he has since most satisfactorily discharged the duties of that office. For fourteen consecutive years he was a member of the township council, where his good judgment and foresight were always exercised for the good of the people. During four of these fourteen years he was deputy reeve. He married Margaret Fisher, who was born in 1845, and their children were: Annie L., Mrs. Klie; Miss Margaret, of Harrow; Gordon, a confectioner and baker at Harrow; Forest, of Harrow; Mary, widow of Charles Lowry, of Windsor; Miss Blanche, at Windsor; and Lydia, wife of Adna Brown, of Windsor. The family belongs to the Methodist Church, in which Mr. Ferriss has been steward for many years.

BENJAMIN BROWN, assessor of the township of Tilbury West, and a prosperous farmer of that township, is a native of Northumberland, England, born May 6, 1850. He is a son of Robert Brown, who was born in the same place, and remained there until middle age, working for a number of years in the silver mines. In his native place Robert Brown married Ann Whitfield, and they had a family of ten children, seven of whom were born before they left England. In 1867 Mr. and Mrs. Brown and these seven children left their home in Northumberland, England, and embarked at Liverpool on a steamer which brought them to Boston, Massachusetts, and from there they came to Ontario. Their first location was in the County of Middlesex, where the father and three sons found employment at farm work, and they remained there three years, at the end of that period removing to the township of Tilbury East, in the County of Kent. Here Mr. Brown bought a fifty-acre tract of bush land, which with the help of his sons he cleared and improved, putting up a

frame dwelling house and other necessary buildings. Mr. Brown spent the remaining thirty-one years of his life on that place, engaged in general agriculture and stock raising, and died in 1901, at the advanced age of eighty-three years. He was buried in the Baddertown cemetery, beside his wife, who passed away in March, 1887, at the age of fifty-four years. Both were devout members of the Methodist Church, and Mr. Brown was noted for his honesty and upright character, and his devotion to the welfare of his family. He was a staunch Liberal in political faith, but was not active in party affairs and had no desire for office. We have the following record of the ten children born to this worthy couple: Benjamin is mentioned below; Thomas died in the State of North Dakota; Joseph is farming in the township of Tilbury East, County of Kent; Elizabeth (deceased) was the wife of John Struthers, of Tilbury East township; Jane became the wife of Reuben Jones, of Merlin, County of Kent; John resides in Merlin; Robson resides in Chatham, County of Kent; Henderson lives in New Ontario; Annie, living in Merlin, is the widow of Solomon Gray, who was killed by the bursting of a boiler; Isaac resides on the homestead in the township of Tilbury East.

Benjamin Brown received a somewhat limited education in his English home. He was brought up in a mining region, and at the age of eleven and a half years commenced work in the mines, which he continued until leaving England with his parents. In the County of Middlesex, Ont., he was employed at farm labor, beginning at \$7 per month, and after two years there he removed to the County of Kent, where he worked on the farm with his father for four years. There Benjamin and his brother Thomas rented a tract of 250 acres in Raleigh township, County of Kent, and they carried on general farming on that land for three years. At the end of this time Benjamin Brown bought a 100-acre tract in the township of Tilbury East, which he owned and cultivated until 1883, in which year he sold out and came to the County of Essex. Here he bought a tract of land on Lot 2, Middle Road, in the township of Tilbury West, and carried on farming there until 1889. That year he rented his farm and embarked in the hardware business in Comber, in partnership with William Goatbe, under the firm name of Goatbe & Brown, this connection lasting for seven years, when Mr. Goatbe sold out to Thomas Beattie. Brown and Beattie continued the business for two years

longer, when Mr. Brown disposed of his interest therein to his partner, returning to his farm previously spoken of, where he has been successfully engaged in farming and stock raising ever since. Mr. Brown has attained his present prosperity by the exercise of thrift and excellent management, as well as untiring industry, and he deserves all that has come to him. His efficient direction of his own affairs has won the recognition of his townsmen, who have shown their confidence by electing him assessor, which office he has held for the past seven years. He has also taken especial interest in the promotion of educational movements, and has been a trustee of union school No. 14, Middle Road, for the past six years. He is a staunch Liberal in political sentiment. Mr. Brown attends the Methodist Church at Comber, of which he is a consistent member and a trustworthy official, at present serving as steward and trustee. He has been Sunday School Superintendent at the Methodist Church for the past twenty years, being as active in that branch of the work as in others. Fraternally he affiliates with the Blue Lodge, A. F. & A. M., with the A.O.U.W. and with the I.O.F., all at Comber, and is active in all those organizations. He is a man of genial disposition, and finds hosts of friends in all the relations of life.

On March 7, 1879, in Bothwell, County of Kent, Mr. Brown married Miss Victoria Hall, a native of Raleigh township, daughter of Samuel Hall, and to this union seven children have been born: James Melville resides on the home farm; Annie Harriet married William F. Campbell, of Westfield, Ont., and has one son, James H.; Harriet Eva married John Ford, of Comber; Delbert Guy and Sabre Alma are at home; Howard Ervin died when four years old; Everett Wilford is the youngest. All the family unite with the Methodist Church. Mrs. Brown is known as an excellent Christian woman, a devoted wife and mother, and the entire family stands high in the esteem of the community.

WILLIAM RAPER, who has the distinction of being one of the oldest railroad conductors in Western Ontario, comes of honorable English parentage. Thomas Raper, his father, was born in 1800, in Devonshire. By trade he was a tailor and this he followed until the time of his death, in 1859. The mother of William Raper was also of English birth and parentage, and bore the maiden name of Harriet Smith. These parents had a family of seven children born to them, as follows: Thomas, who learned his father's trade,

and is deceased; Annie, who married John Watson, accompanied him to Ontario, settling at London, where Mr. Watson became one of the first conductors on the Great Western Railroad, his death occurring in 1894, from accidental drowning; Harriet, now deceased, was the wife of James Gordon Cummings; James, who still resides in England; Emma, who became Mrs. Jackson, and resides in England; Mary Ann, who has been twice married and who lives in England; and William, of Windsor.

William Raper, the youngest member of his parents' family, was born Aug. 11, 1843, in County Surrey, England, and in 1868 he became a resident of London, Ont., and soon after became connected with the Great Western Railroad as brakeman, in which capacity he served for two years. In 1870 he was promoted to the position of conductor, and this position he held until the Great Western merged into the Grand Trunk, and his valuable services were recognized by the new organization, and he has been ever since retained, his term of service being longer than any other official of his rank, in all Western Ontario.

In 1869 Mr. Raper was united in marriage with Miss Lavina, daughter of John Ball, who was also born in England. To this union these children have been born: William and Frank, who died in childhood; Victor, who is now book-keeper for Alexander Nelson, of Windsor; and Anne Gertrude, who is the wife of Alexander Stewart, a pharmacist of Windsor. Both Mr. and Mrs. Raper belong to the Church of England. Mr. Raper is fraternally connected with the Order of Odd Fellows, and was a charter member in the organization of the Order of Railway Conductors.

Railroad men are notable travellers, and although many of them must be content with only the season's changes of landscape, they cover as many miles of surface as do a great number of those who dash around the globe with their attached cyclometers. In the case of Mr. Raper, 150 miles for each seven days of the week, for thirty years, count up to a large number, and aggregate enough to have encompassed the globe sixty-four times. In all these years of faithful service he has escaped serious accident, has met with many adventures, and has formed and cemented many lasting friendships. His courtesy and attention have won him commendation from both the road and a grateful travelling public.

JOSEPH BENETEAU, a prosperous and influential farmer of the 2nd Concession, in

Anderdon township, comes of an old French family who were among the pioneers of the County of Essex.

The first of the family in Canada was the great-grandfather of Joseph, who was known as the first settler in the region around the Canard River. His son Charles, with his wife, Catherine (Vignieux), also came from France before the days of the American Revolution, and settled in the same locality, in what is now Sandwich West. Charles Beneteau fought in the War of 1812. He died at his home, leaving a family of fourteen children, all now deceased except one daughter, Zoe, who is the wife of Colbare Lavoie, of Bay City, Michigan. The others were Charles, Ambroise, Athanas, Alexander, Laurant, Thomas, Felix, Florence, Aunjelic, Fannie, Olive, Arcange and Fubrani.

Alexander Beneteau was born in Sandwich West, in August, 1819. When very young he learned the trade of carpenter in Amherstburg, and worked at it until he saved enough to buy a farm—the present Beneteau homestead, then only wild land. He built a log house and settled down to life as a farmer, as such proving very successful. As time went by he added to his original purchase until at his death he was able to leave a farm to each son. He was a consistent member of the Catholic Church, and among the founders of both the Amherstburg and St. Joseph (River Canard) Churches, the latter erected on a part of the Beneteau homestead in 1864. Mr. Beneteau never took any active part in politics, but always voted a straight Conservative ticket.

Alexander Beneteau was married twice, first to Mary Martin, by whom he had two children, as follows: (1) Philoman is the wife of Felix Bazaire, of Anderdon, and has a large family, Mary, Alan, Eugene, Dolphie, René, Rose, Eli, Theophile, Azane, Remon, Clement and Alida. (2) Patrick, born in Anderdon, was married to his first wife in Windsor in 1882, and to his second wife in Quebec; they now reside in St. Paul, Minnesota, where he is an active and well-to-do business man. He has four children, Thomas, Corinne, Charlotte and Eugeni. In 1850 Alexander Beneteau married for his second wife Fubrane Monforton, who was born in 1820 in Sandwich West, and she passed away fifteen years before his death, in 1869. By this union there were children as follows: (1) Joseph is mentioned below. (2) Maurice, born in 1853, married Miss Rose Parent, of Walkerville, and they now reside in Detroit; they are the parents of

Lewis, Corinne, Rose, Edmond and Stanley. (3) Josephine, born in 1855, is unmarried and living at the old homestead. (4) Maxim, born in 1857, married Miss Louisa Bondy, and resides on a part of the old homestead. He has six children, Alexander, Herman, Eugene, Rosa, Abertine and Mary. (5) Elizabeth, born in 1859, is the wife of Henry Parquette, of Anderdon, where they reside, in the 2nd Concession. Their children are Louise, Ernest, Leo, Edmond, Rose, Ema, Corinne and Florine. (6) Alan died in childhood.

Joseph Beneteau was born on the present farm, on the Canard River, in Anderdon, Oct. 12, 1852, grew up there, and was educated in the district schools. He remained at the home with his parents until they died, after which he became manager of the old farm. On Nov. 14, 1887, Mr. Beneteau married Miss Matilda Burns, who was born in Quebec in 1860, daughter of Alexander Burns and Mary (Peno). The Burns family came from Quebec and settled in Anderdon, where the parents both died, and there Mrs. Beneteau was brought up, receiving a fair education. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Beneteau settled on a part of the old homestead, where Mr. Beneteau has erected modern buildings and made one of the finest farm homes of the section. To his original home he has added by purchase seventy acres, and is one of the prosperous and well-to-do farmers of his locality. To him and his wife eight children have come, as follows: Corinne, born Nov. 10, 1888; Louis, March 10, 1890; Leo, April 6, 1892; Oriel, Nov. 2, 1893; Ernest, in March, 1895; John, June 18, 1897; Thomas, Feb. 13, 1901; and Alfred, Dec. 9, 1902. Religiously the family are all members of the Catholic Church.

Politically Mr. Beneteau has always been identified with the old Conservative party and has been an active politician. He has filled the office of school trustee three years in Anderdon; in 1889 he was elected member of the Anderdon council, which office he filled five years, and he also served three years as deputy reeve of Anderdon, all of which trusts he filled with distinct ability and to the credit and satisfaction of his constituents. He is a member of the C.M.B.A. and also of the John Baptist Order, of the Canard Church orders. Mr. Beneteau is one of the leading representative men of Anderdon, and stands high in his community as a man of character and honor, looked up to and respected by all.

WILLIAM PETTYPIECE. Seldom is the death of one man in a community the cause for such universal and widespread grief and regret as was felt in Anderdon over the loss of one who had walked among his fellowmen for many years, sympathizing alike with their joys and sorrows, and ever ready to lend a helping hand to all in need. The death of William Pettypiece was a sorrow not alone to his family, but to all who had known his many virtues of mind and heart. He was born in County Sligo, Ireland, in 1816, and died at his home in Anderdon township, County of Essex, Feb. 23, 1893.

William Pettypiece spent the first thirty-four years of his life in his native land as a farmer. In 1844 he married Miss Mary Duke, a native of the same county, and six years afterward, with his wife and three children, Mr. Pettypiece embarked for America, to seek a new home in Canada. They came in a sailing-vessel to Quebec, the voyage covering a period of nine weeks. Going westward from Quebec they settled in the County of Essex, on the present homestead in Anderdon, in the 7th Concession, Lot 5, which Mr. Pettypiece bought and proceeded to clear. He put up a log house, which continued to be the home of the family until 1870, when he erected the present residence. Mrs. Pettypiece survived her husband seven years, continuing to live on the old homestead until Feb. 12, 1900. She was a woman of many Christian virtues, and shared with her husband the love and respect of the people of Anderdon. The memorial verses, which we give herewith, were composed by Miss Violet J. Pettypiece.

IN MEMORY

Of William Pettypiece, who died Feb. 23, 1893.

Dear Father thou hast faded,
As fade the sweet flowers,
When Autumn's invaded
This bright land of ours.

No rose that we cherished,
With care on its bough,
Drooped, faded and perished
As quickly as thou.

Thine eye lost its brightness,
Thy cheek lost its bloom;
Thy form lost its lightness;
And sank in the tomb.



Mary Patterson



Wm. Patterson

Nature's zephyrs are sighing;
Her roses are shed.
For father is lying
In peace with the dead.

But why should our blossoms
With sorrow be riven
For one of earth's blossoms
Transplanted in Heaven?

The saints gather round thee
In garments of white,
And Jesus has crowned thee
An angel of light;

Oh, there shall we meet thee,
When life's dreams are o'er,
And joyfully greet thee
With kind words once more.

IN MEMORY

Of Mrs. Mary Pettypiece, who died Feb. 12, 1900.

Death has been here and borne away
Dear mother from our side;
How sad our hearts, how lone our home,
Since our dear mother died.

Inevitable is the doom
Of all—the young, the old
Must meekly bow their head and go
To Death's embraces cold.

He comes into our midst again,
Ere sorrow is forgot;
Our dear mother is the sacrifice
And Oh! he spares her not.

She is gone, our dear mother,
Never more on earth to dwell;
We have loved her, we do miss her,
Though she lives where all is well.

She is sleeping, our dear mother,
Resting on the Savior's breast;
Resting where she longed to number
With the saved and the blest.

Four lonely graves, four empty chairs,
Deal gently, Lord, in days to come,
Let blessing rest upon our home—
Lord, stay Thy hand.

Loving friends respect our sorrow,
Share our grief and lend a tear;
All because our dear mother
Has been taken from us here.

Why should we sorrow at or grieve
O'er this our recent loss?
Her pathway to the home above,
Was shadowed by the cross.

And with the Angels in Heaven
Above she now may sing,
The grave has lost its victory,
And death its baneful sting.

We pray that we may be prepared,
Like her, when death appears,
That through the valley we may go
Devoid of doubts and fears.

That "by the river we may meet,"
When all our trials are o'er,
With her to tune our hearts and sing
Upon the Golden Shore.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Pettypiece were members of the Church of England, and for many years attended the church of that denomination in Amherstburg, and later St. Stephen's, in South Sandwich. Politically Mr. Pettypiece was a Conservative, and for many years was collector of taxes for Anderdon. He was a member for a number of years of the Order of Orangemen. He was very successful and accumulated a large amount of property, at one time owning 875 acres of land in Anderdon township which was divided among his children.

There were nine children in the family of William and Mary Pettypiece: (1) John, the eldest, born in Ireland, married Miss Mary A. Best, of Colchester South, and lived in Anderdon until 1896, when he moved to Manitoba, where he followed farming. His death occurred at his home Aug. 19, 1904. He had a family of five children, Forest, Clifton, Judson, Nellie and Perry. (2) Sarah, born in Ireland, and educated in the County of Essex, is the wife of Joshua Carnahan, who is a farmer in Anderdon. They have no family. (3) Anthony, born in Ireland, married Miss Jennie Johnson, of Anderdon, and they have had eight children, Mary A., (who died when a young lady of eighteen), Maggie E., William H., Charles E., Mabel B., Norvil F., Clarence F. and Evelyn E. They now reside in Manitoba, where he is engaged in farming. (4) William, born in Anderdon, died on his home farm in Anderdon, in April, 1894. (5) Charles Duke, born in Anderdon, when a young man purchased a farm in the 8th Concession, where he still resides, unmarried. (6) Duke A., born

at the present home, grew up there and was educated in the district schools. He never married and remained at home until his death, Sept. 7, 1903. Some years ago he took one of his father's farms in the 8th Concession, which he looked after, and also superintended the old homestead farm. (7) Violet J., born at the present home (which is known as Stillbrook Farm), was educated in the home schools. She has always remained at home, where her comforting care eased the last days of her parents. She is a lady of culture and refinement, and every part of their home shows her handiwork, her drawings, paintings, needlework, being genuine works of art. Miss Pettypiece is well versed in the current literature of the day, and is herself a writer of no mean ability, contributing to various periodicals. Her life has been devoted to others, and to making all around her happy. She is a member of the Ladies' Aid of St. Stephen's Church, Sandwich South, and is known as the "silent worker." (8) George E., born at the old home, married Miss Eva Jones, of Manitoba, and has one son, Herbert. They reside on his farm on the 7th Concession in Anderdon. (9) Wellington E. died when seven years old.

FRANCIS E. LARAMIE, a prosperous farmer and owner of the brick and tile plant in Malden township, County of Essex, as well as an extensive ranchman of the North-West Territory, is a son of Alexander Laramie, a native of Quebec, of French parentage. When a young man Alexander Laramie came to Colchester South, in 1843, and engaged in farming. Later he was a sailor for a time on the Great Lakes. In Colchester South he married Sarah Richardson, a member of one of the old families. For a time he conducted his father-in-law's farm, and later the family went to Michigan, but returned after a few years. In fact, they were much inclined to move, and during the thirty-nine years of their married life it is claimed Mr. and Mrs. Laramie made thirty-nine changes. The father last farmed in Malden township, where he died in 1889, aged seventy years. The mother is still living, and is a resident of Colchester South. To them were born: Mary Melinda married Charles Cornell, of Michigan; John died aged nine years; Lucinda Ann (deceased) married William Van Brocklan, of Detroit; Francis E. is mentioned below; George is a farmer of Malden township; William Alexander is a resident of Laingsburg, Michigan; Edgar is a resident of

Gosfield South; Charles Wesley died in Anderdon, aged twenty-one years; Lewis Arthur died in Anderdon, aged twenty years; Thomas is an engineer in Delray, Michigan; Margaret Jane died aged two years; Norman died aged twenty-one years; Sarah Delilah died aged three years.

Francis E. Laramie was born on his grandfather Richardson's farm in Colchester South, Jan. 21, 1850. As the family was not long in one place, his chances for education were not many, and he began providing for himself at the age of ten years, at first only receiving his clothes, board and lodging in payment. When he was twenty-one years old, he commenced farming in Malden township on rented land, thus continuing ten or twelve years. His first purchase was of ten acres in Malden township. Later he sold this, and bought fifty acres in Lot 38, Concession 4, and just recently he purchased the old Graveline farm of 100 acres and carries on the two properties.

Some thirteen years ago, in company with Durias Wygle, he started on his farm a plant for the manufacture of brick and tile. After five years the partnership was dissolved and he has since conducted the business alone, his annual output being 200,000 brick, as well as large quantities of tiling, selling to the local market. In a single year the business done represents \$5,000, and all is carried on by Mr. Laramie, who as a boy little more than saw the inside of a school room. Experience is a great teacher—in his case has proved a very good one. In 1900 he went to the North-West and located a ranch. In 1903 a stock company of Amherstburg and Kingsville gentlemen was formed, and Mr. Laramie was chosen managing member. He visited the property last spring, and put a competent man in charge of the 250 head of cattle. In his politics Mr. Laramie is independent, and takes a deep interest in the advancement of the temperance cause. He had served one year in the town council. Socially he is a member of the Scotia Lodge of Good Templars, at Malden.

Mr. Laramie has been twice married. His first wife was Dina Waldren, who died at the age of twenty-five years, leaving a daughter, Gussie, who is now the wife of Herbert Mickle, of Delray, Michigan, and has one daughter, Mabel. The second marriage of Mr. Laramie was to Rosina Reneau, and they have children as follows: Louis Arthur, Eli Ellis, Morris George, Jessie Louisa, Edith Marvilla, Elmer Francis,

Bertha Irene, Lorain Mildred, Buelah Edna, Orville Alexander, Stanley Everett, Clifford Earl, and Sylvia May.

JOSEPH L. ST. LOUIS, councillor and farmer of Sandwich East, living on the Tecumseh Road, County of Essex, Ont., was born on his present estate, June 26, 1854, son of Louis St. Louis, and Anna (Parrin) St. Louis, who were both born in Sandwich East, he in 1817 on the river front, and his wife June 13, 1815. She was a daughter of Jacob and Mary Parrin, pioneers of the county. The property occupied by our subject is a portion of the old homestead where the father died in 1892, having been a very successful farmer.

The children born to himself and his wife were: Catherine St. Louis was born in 1849, a year after the marriage of her parents, at the old homestead, where she received a good education, and is now the wife of Napoleon Rivard, now deceased, who resided on Concession 2, Sandwich East. They had a family as follows: Paul, Dennis, Katie, Annie, Dellima, Mazie and Rosie. The second child was our subject. The excellent mother died in December, 1897. Both parents were consistent members of the Catholic Church, and he was among the founders of the church in his section of the county.

Joseph L. St. Louis is the only son of this pioneer family, and he grew to manhood on the farm, and obtained a liberal education in the public schools of Sandwich East. He continued as a farmer until he engaged in the hotel business in Sandwich in 1891. In this line he continued for three years, and then bought the "Dominion House" on the Tecumseh Road, operating that for three years, when he sold the property and again gave his undivided attention to farming operations, although he had never ceased to manage the farm. On Nov. 24, 1879, he married Miss Kittie Pratt, born on March 31, 1856, in Sandwich West, a member of a prominent pioneer family. Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. St. Louis, of whom Edward and George died in boyhood. Rosie, born May, 1881, is a well-educated young lady at home; Alexander, born January, 1887; Jasper, born 1889; Fred, born 1893; and Phrasie, born 1896.

Politically Mr. St. Louis has always been identified with the Liberal party, and in 1899 was elected a member of the council of Sandwich East, which position he still holds, and he has been a school trustee for six years. Religiously he, his wife and family are consistent members

of the Catholic Church, which was founded and supported by both his father and grandfather. Mr. St. Louis is one of the representative men of the County of Essex, and stands very high in the confidence and esteem of his fellow-townsmen.

WILLIAM STOKES, a leading citizen of Windsor, who passed away at his home in this city, Aug. 31, 1899, was a native of Canada, of Irish ancestry, born in 1838, in the city of Quebec. For many years he was prominent both in business and political life.

William Stokes, Sr., his father, was born in the Emerald Isle, and married there prior to his removal to Quebec. By trade he was a cooper, and this honest occupation he industriously followed until his death. His three sons were named: Thomas, James and William.

The late William Stokes grew up under his father's care and was taught his trade. Being of an adventurous disposition, and possessing most excellent business qualifications, he engaged in trade with the West Indies, taking his stock there and exchanging it for sugar, which he disposed of in Quebec. Later he became interested in the lumber business, and engaged extensively in the same in Quebec, in the County of Kent, and also in the United States. About 1884 he settled in Windsor, and during his latter days was connected with Her Majesty's Customs in that city. His wide acquaintance and extensive travel made him a most excellent official, as well as agreeable companion, while his unimpeachable integrity and uprightness of character, won him the confidence of the Government, and the respect and esteem of his fellow-citizens. Deeply interested, as a man of his intelligence would be, in public affairs, he labored for the success of the Conservative party.

Mr. Stokes was twice married, first to Mary Ann Murray, a native of Quebec, and to this marriage seven children were born, namely: John William, who is a commercial traveller; William, station agent at Whiteley, who married Margaret Armstrong, and has two children, Norma and Erick; Edward and Ellen, both deceased; Louisa May, who married D. A. Wilson, of Cincinnati, Ohio, and has one son, Eugene; Charles Clifford, who is a resident of Cincinnati; and George, deceased.

In 1877 Mr. Stokes was united to the estimable lady who still survives him, making her home in Windsor. She was Miss Frances Ball, born in 1850, in Delaware, Ont., and educated

in Delaware and in London. She is a daughter of Stearne and Theodocia (Ledwith) Ball, the former of whom was born July 8, 1819, in Ireland, and the latter in the same country, Dec. 2, 1815, and both parents now reside with Mrs. Stokes in her pleasant home in this city. The ancestral lines may be traced still farther back, the paternal grandfather having been Thomas Hewitson Ball, who was born in 1784, in Ireland, and died in 1856, a son of Stearne Ball, who was born in 1750, in Ireland. The name of the wife of Thomas H. Ball was Frances Wemyss. The maternal grandfather was Richard Ledwith, and this family may also be traced far back in Irish history. The family born to Mr. and Mrs. Ball included six children, Mrs. Stokes being the third in order of birth, the others being: Ernest, who married Kate Howson, and had the following children: Stearne, Mabel, Edward, Fred and Fanny; Maria, deceased, who married Rev. Deacon; Stearne, of Detroit, who married a Miss Duncan, and has children, Helen, Charles, Jessie and Frances; James, of California, who has children, Ernest and Theodocia; and Shirley, who married Elizabeth Lundy, of Niagara. The children born to the late William Stokes and wife were these: Theodocia, Gertrude, Ernest, Otway, Florence, Percy and Kathleen.

Mrs. Stokes is an earnest member of the Church of England, as was also the late William Stokes. In his death this community lost one of its prominent citizens and a most devoted family a loving husband and careful and indulgent father. His memory is cherished by relatives and friends as a precious possession, while his business success, public services and public-spirited activities identified his name with the history of Western Ontario.

EDWIN PLANT, reeve of the township of Maidstone, and a prosperous farmer of the Middle road, Lot 15, County of Essex, was born on the old Plant homestead, that township, June 8, 1862, son of Thomas and Jemima (Blackie) Plant, old pioneers of Maidstone.

Thomas Plant was born in Cheshire, England, April 17, 1826, and was reared and educated in his native land. His wife was born in Scotland, June 20, 1829, and there grew to womanhood. There, too, in 1854, they were married, and two years later they came to Maidstone, where they started in as pioneer farmers, making their home for a number of years on their original property, in a little log cabin. Mr. Plant cleared up his

land, and became one of the progressive farmers of this section, becoming the owner of 500 acres of land prior to his death, which occurred Feb. 6, 1885. His wife survives, making her home on the old homestead. Religiously Thomas Plant was a Presbyterian, while politically he was a member of the Reform party, and became very prominent in local affairs, serving as clerk of Maidstone for ten years. For twelve years he served as reeve, and for one year was warden of the county. Taking a deep interest in school matters, he served upon the school board, was its secretary and treasurer for a long period, and he always encouraged what he thought tended toward the advancement and development of the community. He also served as president of the Agricultural Society of Maidstone, and was the county representative. To himself and wife were born the following family: (1) Alfred, born in Scotland, in 1855, resides on his farm in Tilbury West; he married Jane Wright, of Maidstone, and they have three children, Florence, Garnet and Thomas. (2) Agnes, born in 1857, married Charles Hicks, of Maidstone, and has four children, Ernest, Lillie, Myrtle and Roy. (3) Walter, born in 1860, died in 1885. (4) Edwin was the fourth in order of birth. (5) Oliver, born in June, 1864, resides on his farm in Maidstone; he married Miss Grace Totten, of Maidstone, and they have five children, Ella, Walter, Stanley, Ernest and William. (6) Thomas, born in 1867, married Miss Edith Wilcox, of Rochester township, and they reside on the old homestead. (7) Ella, born in 1868, deceased, married John K. Arnold, of Maidstone, now of Montana, and had one son, George C.

Edwin Plant was reared on the home farm, and worked upon it until 1888, when he married Miss Elizabeth Going, born in the County of Bruce, Ont., in July, 1867, daughter of George and Caroline (Reed) Going, who were among the pioneers of the County of Halton, Ont. In 1876 they removed to Windsor, where Mr. Going was employed by the Michigan Central railroad, but is now retired. Mrs. Going was a descendant of a United Empire Loyalist family. Besides Mrs. Plant their children were: Rev. Arthur H., B. A., a Methodist minister of London; Dr. J. William, a physician of Sahuaripa, Mexico; Caroline, wife of Capt. H. E. Crow, of Chatham; and Marguerite, wife of E. E. Standish, of Maidstone. Mrs. Plant was educated in the Windsor high school, and prior to her marriage was a popular teacher in Maidstone.



Edwin Plant-

Mr. and Mrs. Plant settled on their present farm where they own 150 acres of land, the greater portion of which is improved. He erected barns upon his property, and has made his farm into a very pleasant and comfortable home. In addition to this farm he also owns other property.

Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Plant: Arthur H., born in January, 1890, is now a student in the Essex high school; Ethel, born in September, 1894, is a bright little student of the home schools. Religiously Mr. and Mrs. Plant attend the Methodist Church, and Mrs. Plant was a teacher in the Sunday-school. The political affiliations of Mr. Plant are with the Reform party, and for two years he served as secretary and treasurer of the school board. In 1891 he was elected a member of the Maidstone council, which position he filled with ability for seven years, and in 1901 he was further honored by election to the office of reeve, an office he has since filled with marked ability. He has been a director and treasurer of the North Essex Agricultural Society since 1885, and treasurer of the great Southwestern Agricultural Society of Essex for a number of years. Fraternally he is a member of the A. O. U. W. lodge of Woodsee. That Mr. Plant is a very popular man, his numerous elections to positions of honor and responsibility prove, and they demonstrate, too, the confidence the people of Maidstone feel in his ability and integrity. In every relation of life he has proved himself a true man, whose ring is sound and clear. His family is an old and honorable one in this locality, and its representatives have played an important part in the development of this part of Ontario.

JAMES DUTOT, who is known in the township of Tilbury West, as one of the leading farmers and most successful dairymen of his section, was born Sept. 19, 1856, on the Island of Jersey, and belongs to one of the old Huguenot families which escaped to Jersey from religious persecutions in France.

Daniel Dutot, his grandfather, was born on the Island of Jersey, his father being one of the refugees. Here he acquired wealth through cattle raising, which business he followed all his life, providing choice cattle for the English market. His wife, Catherine Lecauteur, came also of a family of refugees, and her life was passed in Jersey. Their five children were: Daniel, who died in France; John; Elias, a sailor, who died in South Africa; Mary, and Elizabeth.

John Dutot, the father of James, was born on the Island of Jersey, and was educated in both the French and English languages. He was reared to the work of a gardener. He married Mary Ann Nicolle, who was born in Jersey, Jan. 9, 1829, only child of Peter and Susan (Blanpie) Nicolle, and granddaughter of Peter Nicolle, who married Magdalena Duchemin, a native of the Island of Jersey, who came from Huguenot stock which originated in France. Mrs. Dutot is still living, and now makes her home with her son James. She and her husband had the following children: John is a farmer in Tilbury West; Peter died young; Mary Ann married Larue Smith, and died in Colchester (all of these were born on the Island of Jersey); Elizabeth, born in the County of Perth, Ont., married James Bailey, of Colchester South; and James is mentioned below.

The Dutot family started for Quebec in 1862, on the sailing vessel "Alice Jane," commanded by Capt. Le Greau, and, after a voyage of six weeks, landed at Quebec. They went into the County of Perth, Ont., and settled on land where they lived for eight years, coming then to the County of Essex. Here they located on Lot 7, Concession 10, Tilbury West township, where Mr. Dutot secured a farm of 100 acres. At that time the country was still but a vast wilderness, but a log house was soon constructed, and here was made the family's permanent home. The father died here May 24, 1887, and was buried in McDowell Cemetery. He was a Liberal in his political views, and in religious connection was a member of the Church of England. His widow still survives and is very active for one of her years. She has long been a valued member of the Methodist Church.

James Dutot was but six years of age when he accompanied his family to Canada, and he grew up and received his education in the County of Perth. The schools were, in his day, poorly managed, and the sessions were held in log buildings many miles apart, but those anxious for an education were willing to make many sacrifices to obtain it. He remained assisting on the home farm until he was twenty-four years old, and then went to farming for himself, settling on Lot 8, Concession 10, which was his maternal grandfather's farm. Mr. Dutot has been located there ever since and has met with much success. He is an excellent farmer, and raises a large amount of stock, making a specialty of Short Horn Durhams, taking great pride in the splendid specimens he has produced.

On April 25, 1888, in Tilbury West township, Mr. Dutot married Mary A., daughter of Alfred and Charlotte (Humphrey) Halliday, and they have six children: Mary Charlotte, who died aged twelve years; Elizabeth Maud; Grace Mildred; Ruth Lillian; Susan Jane; and Alfred Nickle.

Mr. Dutot is an active member of the Presbyterian Church at Comber, and is interested in the Sunday School. Fraternally he is connected with the A.O.U.W. and the K. O. T. of M., and is also a Master Mason, connected with the local lodge. In addition he is a valued member of the Tilbury West Agricultural Society, as well as the Shorthorn Breeders' Association of Toronto. In every relation of life he is a man of sterling character, one of those who justly represent the best class of citizens in any community.

CHARLES MICKLE, who is one of the prominent citizens of Malden township, County of Essex, a member of the municipal council and a prosperous farmer, is a descendant of one of the pioneer settlers of this locality.

William Mickle, the great-grandfather of Charles, was a native of Ayrshire, Scotland, and in early manhood came to work in the docks along the lake front in the County of Essex, at his trade of ship carpenter, making his home at Amherstburg. His death occurred in that city. In Chatham he married Hannah Turner, who received a pension after his death, as the widow of a soldier in the English army during the Revolution; her death occurred at the home of her son William. Her husband built a log house in Amherstburg, just opposite the present *Echo* office, and there he reared this family of children: William, born in 1793; Hannah died unmarried; John; Lucy married Thomas Brush; and James.

William Mickle(2), grandfather of our subject, occupied the old Elliott house for a short time and then bought a 200 acre farm on the lake shore, in Malden township, and there resided some twelve years. In the spring of 1838 he bought 160 acres of land on Lot 11, on the river front from a Mr. Hawes. This land was originally owned by Simon Girty, the renegade, and he was buried on the place. Mr. Mickle was a ropemaker by trade, but did not follow that occupation after 1838, giving all his time to farming, at which he was quite successful, and he became a large landowner, having some 500 acres of land in Malden township, besides a 400-acre tract at Rond Eau, in Harwich town-

ship, County of Kent, and for military services he received a Government grant of 200 acres, near Wallaceburg, having served as captain of a local military company, and being present at the taking of the schooner "Ann." He also engaged in lumbering, and got out timber with which to build the blockhouse on Bois Blanc Island. Mr. Mickle led a very busy life, accomplishing much in the space of his allotted sixty-three years. In Colchester South he married Sarah Brush, who survived him until 1870, aged sixty-nine years. They had these children born to them: William C., who lived on his father's farm, but now is a resident of Colchester; John H., who came into possession of the Wallaceburg land, and resided there until his death in 1902; Wilhelmina, deceased, who married William Bartlett, of Amherstburg; Thomas, deceased, who lived in Malden township; George L.; Mary, deceased, who married William Johnson, of Chatham; Alexander, born July 10, 1838, who has the south half of the River Front farm, and has always taken a prominent part in municipal affairs, having been reeve for fifteen years, and councillor for five years; and Amelia, wife of Thomas Woodbridge, of Gosfield South township.

George L. Mickle, father of our subject and son of William (2), was born Sept. 9, 1832, in Malden township, and can still recall some of the events of the Rebellion of 1837-38, particularly the quartering of the soldiers in their home on the lake shore. He was about six years old when the family removed to the River Front, and there he has ever since made his home, having for many years owned the north one-half of Lot 11, upon which he has erected a substantial brick house, and all the farm buildings. Politically Mr. Malden has always been allied with the Reform party, and in years past served several times in the township council. He has also been school trustee, and for twenty-seven years was secretary and treasurer of the school in the vicinity of his home. George L. Mickle married Louisa Little, of Wallaceburg, and to this union children were born as follows: Sarah, the wife of Nathan Brush; Charles; William, who now carries on the homestead farm; and Wilhelmina, wife of O. B. Marshall, of Prescott, Arizona.

Charles Mickle was born April 25, 1862, on the homestead farm, and there was reared to manhood, receiving his education first in the little log school house, and later in the stone building which replaced the earlier temple of learning. At the age of twenty-three years, Mr. Mickle came to that part of Malden township

known as Knapp's Island, beginning on a fifty-acre farm, and later purchasing an adjoining fifty acres. Here he has made many improvements, erected substantial buildings, and has a very attractive home.

Mr. Mickle married Mary C. Smith, daughter of Charles Smith, of Malden township, and they have four children, Mary Louise, Ray, Ruth and George L. Mr. Mickle is a Reformer, the present president of the Reform Association of Malden, and ever since becoming a voter has taken a lively interest in public matters and has proven how useful a first-class citizen can be to a community. At present he is a valued member of the township council.

THOMPSON MARTIN (deceased) was during his lifetime one of the popular farmers of Anderdon, a man of unswerving integrity and well known and esteemed for his many virtues. His death, which occurred July 26, 1901, was mourned as a loss to the whole community, and his family in their affliction had the sympathy of all.

Mr. Martin was born in Colchester township Dec. 7, 1850, son of Robert and Jane (Palon) Martin, who came from Ireland. Robert Martin and his wife were among the prominent old families of Colchester South and were members of the Church of England. They died at their home there, he Feb. 8, 1886, his wife in April, 1893.

The following article appeared in the Amherstburg *Echo* at the time of his death:

"It is our painful duty to announce the death of Mr. Robert Martin, who departed this life in the township of Colchester South, on the 8th inst., at the age of seventy-six years. Deceased was born in the County of Antrim, Ireland, in 1810, and was married in 1836 to Miss Jane Palon, who survives him and is left in good circumstances. Mr. Martin was the father of eleven children, two of whom died in Canada, John, when a child, and Edward, of Anderdon, in 1880. Nine of his children are left amongst us, five sons—Thomas, James, Francis and William, of Colchester South, and Thompson, of Anderdon, and four daughters—Mrs. Lennox Thompson, Mrs. James Brush, Mrs. Jacob Snyder and Mrs. Alpheus Adams, all of Colchester South. If Mr. Robert Martin had lived until next month it was the intention of his family to celebrate his golden wedding, or fiftieth anniversary of his marriage, and it is a matter of regret that he and his good wife were not permitted to

enjoy this consolation, but the will of Providence must be respectfully endured. Mr. Martin was a steadfast member of the Church of England, and for fifty years a member of the Royal Orange Order. He was always a staunch Liberal-Conservative, moderate in his views and a lover of the connection of Canada with the great British Empire. All his neighbors and acquaintances will miss the good citizen, kind father, loving husband, and charitable and steadfast churchman. Mr. Martin was only taken down two days before his death, and fell asleep in his Saviour, whose precepts he followed, always giving good example. May his soul rest in peace. The funeral was one of the largest that has ever taken place in this county, although the day was very cold and the roads rough. We sincerely sympathize with the sorrowing family, and beg to tender them our respectful and deep sentiments of condolence and regret."

Mr. and Mrs. Martin were the parents of a large family of children: John dying when a child. The others were as follows: (1) Thomas, the eldest, now a retired farmer of Harrow, now residing in Colchester, was married to Miss Caroline Woodbridge, of Gosfield, who died July 30, 1904, and by whom he has one daughter, Georgiana, now Mrs. Silas Brush, of Colchester. (2) Mary J., deceased, was the wife of Lennox Thompson, of Colchester, and had five children, all of whom are deceased. (3) James, who died in April, 1898, left a wife (formerly Julia McLean) and eight children, three of whom are married, Ida (Mrs. George Atkinson, of Gosfield), Robert (who married Miss Jessie Brown, of Colchester), and Mina (the wife of Mr. William Klie, of Colchester North). The others are George, Edward, Susan, Ross and Norman. (4) Ellen, Mrs. James Brush, has a family of four, three of whom are married, Amanda (Mrs. J. H. Pettypiece, of Amherstburg), Mary (Mrs. James Gibb, of Anderdon), and John (who married Miss Maggie Thompson, of Colchester). Martin is unmarried. (5) Francis (deceased), born in Colchester, married Maggie Pettypiece, of Anderdon, settled in Colchester and died leaving one daughter, Jane, now the wife of Nelson Fox, of Colchester. (6) Thompson. (7) Edward died in June, 1880, unmarried. (8) Sarah, who died in March, 1896, was the wife of Jacob Snyder, of Colchester, and left four children, Robert (who married Eliza McCormick, of Colchester), Ella, Lena and Earl. (9) William, who is on the old homestead, married Miss Susan Martin, of Malden, and has

three sons, Arthur, Frank and Kenneth. (10) Eliza, born in Colchester, is the wife of Alpheus Adams, who resides in Sandwich West, and has eight children, Ada, Willie, Forrest, Lillie, Ora, Raymond, Carmen and Verda.

Thompson Martin grew up on his father's farm and received a fair education in the district schools. On December 30, 1874, he married Miss Alice Fox, who was born in Colchester in January, 1850, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Lypps) Fox, a member of one of the old families of County Essex. Mr. Martin and his wife settled on his father's homestead in Anderdon, where he erected the present home in 1885, and at various other times put up new barns and made improvements generally on the old place, becoming one of the wealthy and successful farmers of Anderdon. Mr. Martin was a member of the English Church, with which his wife and family are still connected. Politically he was a Conservative, but held no office save that of school trustee of Anderdon, in which capacity he served for many years.

Mr. Martin's death left his wife and three children surviving him. Edith, the eldest, born in July, 1877, was educated in Anderdon and married R. E. Golden, who resides in Anderdon on a farm. Elizabeth, born in August, 1882, educated in the schools of Anderdon, is at home, unmarried, a young lady of culture and refinement. John, born in September, 1888, is the farmer at the homestead. Mrs. Martin is a lady of many Christian virtues which have greatly endeared her to her neighbors.

Jacob Fox, father of Mrs. Martin, was born in Gosfield township, County Essex, March 11, 1806, and settled in Colchester, where he died Nov. 21, 1893. His wife, born in February, 1813, lives in Harrow, aged over eighty years. They had eight children, one of whom (Arthur) is dead. (1) John, of Colchester, married Miss Delia Papst, and has seven children, Nelson (who married Miss Jane Martin), Ellis, Ernest, Lilian, Louis, Roy and Allan. (2) Lucinda became the wife of Nelson Papst, of Anderdon, and died leaving six children, Walter (who married Miss Carrie Gibb, of Anderdon), Ada (married to Colin Botsford, and now living in Gosfield), Albert, Bessie, Frank and Alvin. (3) Alice is Mrs. Martin. (4) Albert, born in Colchester, residing on the 3rd Concession in Anderdon, married Miss Melinda Bondy, of Colchester, and has five children, Lena, Nina, Edna, Stella and Standley. (5) Louisa, the wife of

Alfred Jariett, of Malden, has three children, Della (Mrs. William Pigeon, Colchester), Arthur and Grace. (6) Asa, born in Colchester, married Miss Arizona Lipps, and is settled on the old homestead with his five children, Vera, Earl, Clare, Mabel and Hazen. (7) Herman, unmarried, lives in Harrow, Colchester, with his mother.

WILLIAM EDWARD STOREY, M. B., one of the prominent representatives of the medical profession in the County of Essex, descends from a family of Irish extraction, the grandfather of the Doctor, Edward Storey, having been born in the Emerald Isle early in the nineteenth century. He emigrated to Canada, bringing with him his son, Edward, who was born in Ireland in 1832, and died in Newbury, Canada, in 1886. The grandfather and father both followed farming, and were very prosperous and highly esteemed. Edward Storey married Miss Jane Pratt, who is now residing in Windsor, and to this union were born the following children: John, who is a passenger conductor on the Wabash railroad; and William E., our subject.

Dr. Storey was born in Newbury, Ont., Sept. 1, 1875, and in June, 1892, when less than seventeen years of age, was graduated from the high school at Windsor, with a first-class certificate. Then he entered the University of Toronto, where he completed a course of pedagogy, and for three years was a teacher of classics in the high school of Kemptville. Having also had a strong inclination toward the medical profession, Dr. Storey in 1896 entered the Medical Department of the University of Toronto, from which institution he was graduated in 1901, with the degree of M. B. In August, of the same year, he located in Walkerville, where he at once entered upon the practice of his profession and while he is one of the youngest members in this locality he has proven himself also to be one of its ablest, and his practice is steadily increasing. Dr. Storey is a member of the A. O. U. W., the K. O. T. M. and the I. O. O. F.

SAMUEL MALOTT, a prominent citizen of Gosfield township, County of Essex, belongs to one of the historic and interesting families of that locality, and its story is of three brothers, Peter, Theodore and David, who, with two sisters, Catherine and Delilah, made their way to Detroit soon after the close of the American Revolution.



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The family came from Maryland where the father died, and it is stated that three of the family who appeared in Detroit, came there as Indian captives and were purchased of the savages by Gen. McCoombs, the American officer. David Malott settled near St. Catharines, Ont., and his descendants still reside in that locality. Peter Malott settled on Lot 4, Gosfield township, a record of whom is given elsewhere. Theodore Malott located on Lot 13, next to the Mersea line. Catherine Malott became the wife of Simon Girty, a record of whose career would prove most interesting reading, connected as it was with the early days in this locality. Delilah married Philip Wright, of Colchester, many of their descendants being found in this locality.

Theodore Malott came to Gosfield township in 1794, locating in the eastern part of the township on Lot 13, and also acquiring land in Mersea township. He built a log home and began clearing, which he carried on until his death at the age of fifty-four years, and he was interred in a corner of the old orchard on the home place. For many years he was a local preacher in the Methodist church, and was widely known for his exemplary life and his good deeds. He married Catherine Wigle, a member of another of the prominent families, and to them were born: Sarah, who married John Scratch, a member of another of the noted old pioneer families; Joseph, who settled in Mersea, where his sons still live; Peter, the father of our subject; Wendel, who married Louisa Upcott, and lived near Olinda; John, who married Maria Hickmott, and became the father of Albert Malott, mentioned elsewhere; Thomas, who married Ann Scott, and died at Union, Ont.; George, who married Almina Wimer, and died at Kingsville, where he was proprietor of the "Exchange Hotel"; William, who married Mary Mills, and lived on the homestead; David, who died young; Kate, who married Cornelius Quick; and Judy, who married Zenas Orton.

Peter Malott, father of our subject, was born May 11, 1803, on Lot 13, Gosfield township, and grew up on the home place, his boyhood being given over to the clearing and cultivating of the land. He enjoyed few educational opportunities, but did, for a limited period, attend Master McMurphy's school. When he became of age, he drew a Government lot on Talbot Street, where he resided some years. In 1834 he sold that place and bought the property where our subject now resides, consisting of 134 acres in Lot 19, Concession 1, Western Division, purchas-

ing this property of William Hall, who had drawn it from the Government.

On this property Mr. Malott built a log house which he occupied with his family until 1858, when he built, with the help of our subject, a larger house which was occupied until 1881, when the present handsome brick house was built. With the help of his sturdy sons, the father cleared the greater part of this farm. In 1864 he gave up active farming and moved to Cottam, where he died May 10, 1881. He took part in the military occurrences of the locality, and was present at the taking of the schooner "Ann" in 1837.

In Gosfield township Peter Malott married Elizabeth La Marsh, a daughter of Samuel La Marsh. Her parents settled on Cedar Creek in 1806, when she was a year and a half old; she died May 14, 1892, aged eighty-seven years. Their children were as follows: (1) Henry resided at Kingsville until his death in 1900; he married Mary Ulch, and had two daughters, Mary and Elizabeth. (2) Simon lived in Tilbury East and died there in 1898; he married Maria Duston, and had eight children, Peter, Oliver, William, Ozias, Norman, Andrew, Matilda and Jane. (3) Catherine is the deceased wife of Moses Rose, of Gosfield. (4) Rebecca is the widow of John Upcott, and resides near Olinda. (5) Prideaux died at his home near Brooklyn, Michigan, Oct. 16, 1903, aged seventy years; he married Mary Fox, but had no children. (6) Samuel is the subject of this sketch. (7) Solomon married Fanny Clark and had two children, Andrew and Luetta; they reside in Detroit. (8) Susanna is the wife of Michael Baltzer, of Gosfield South. (9) Hannah married John Hickmott, of Gosfield South, and has had four children, Ruby (deceased), Ida (deceased), Jason and Todd. (10) Mary married, first, Henry Quine, and had four children, George, Henry, Anna and Mary; she married, second, Louis Arner, of Malden township, by whom she has no children. (11) James, of Gosfield North, married (first) Annie Mills, and had two children, Melville and Flossie; he married (second) Phoebe Reid.

Samuel Malott was born Feb. 14, 1835, on the place where he now lives. He enjoyed common school advantages, in a log building standing just east of the present stone school, and located on part of his present farm. At the age of twelve years he was considered able to do his share in the clearing of the land, and he continued to farm with his father until he was

twenty-seven years of age. He then bought 100 acres of the home place, and in 1890 he bought an additional 100 acres, located just east of the other tract. Mr. Malott has always been an industrious, careful farmer, and has met with well deserved prosperity. Although past middle life he still enjoys active work, and is ably assisted by his son Ernest, whose modern ideas and practical methods are combined with his father's experience. In addition to this large farm, Mr. Malott owns property in Kingsville, and is one of the substantial men of the township.

On Nov. 2, 1862, Mr. Malott married Amanda McCormick, daughter of Matthew McCormick, of Colchester South. They have one son, Ernest, born May 8, 1866, who resides on the home place. He married Malinda, daughter of Benjamin Wigle, and has three children: Samuel Earl, born Feb. 11, 1888; Carl Fayette, born Jan. 1, 1899; and Gertrude, born April 20, 1901.

The religious connection of the family is with the English Church. Politically Mr. Malott is a Liberal. He served three years in the municipal council, and for a short period filled out an unexpired term as reeve, being at that time also a member of the county council. For many years past he has served as school trustee, and in every way he has fulfilled the duties of an upright man and public-spirited citizen.

MATTHEW McCORMICK, father of Mrs. Malott, was born May 12, 1797, on the old home place in Colchester, where he was reared with very few chances for improvement, being but six years old when the death of his father obliged him to assume responsibilities far beyond his years. He continued to live on the home place until some years after his marriage, and when it came into his possession he traded it for what he considered a more desirable one on the lake. This he occupied until 1843, when he bought Lot 15, Concession 2, consisting of 200 acres of wild land. Erecting a log house Mr. McCormick occupied it until 1860, when he built a brick house, in which he lived until his death. He had cleared up a large property. A man of kindly instincts, generous and warm-hearted, he had many friends. Like his father before him, he was a worthy member of the English Church.

Mr. McCormick married Deborah Wright, who was born in Colchester, only child of Henry and Deborah (Hitchcock) Wright, and to them were born these children: Sarah, deceased wife of Henry Wigle, of Ruthven; Mary Ann, deceased wife of Samuel Thrasher; Rob-

ert, who died in Waltz, Michigan; Thomas Alexander, who removed to Calgary, Alberta Territory, where he acquired some 480 acres of land, and died in 1894; Elmira, deceased, who married T. C. Munger; Hannah, who married Matthew Adams, of Colchester South; Theron, who owns the east half of the old homestead; Amanda, wife of Mr. Malott; Louisa Jane, deceased, who married Cyrus Wigle, of Ruthven; and George, who owns the west half of the old homestead.

TIMOTHY RUPLEY, a successful farmer of Sandwich West, County of Essex, Ont., was born in Sandusky, Ohio, July 10, 1837, son of James and Catherine Rupley, who both died there when he was a child.

Our subject was adopted by William Hemsy and wife, both natives of Ireland, who first emigrated to Ohio and then to Canada in 1837. They settled in Sandwich on the farm now owned by Mr. Rupley, and started their experience as pioneers in the woods, and there their remaining days were spent.

When he had attained to manhood's estate Mr. Rupley followed boating and fishing on Lake Superior for eleven years. In 1856 he married Julia O'Connor, a native of Ireland, and daughter of Patrick O'Connor, who emigrated from Ireland in 1871, he purchasing the Hemsy homestead, upon which our subject erected a new house and made many improvements, and has followed farming ever since. Mrs. Rupley died at the home in 1896, the mother of five children: John, born in Sandwich, attended a business college of Detroit; Miss Laura, is a successful dress-maker of Detroit; Miss Catherine is the housekeeper at home; Martin resides at the homestead; and Miss Mary is at home.

Mrs. Rupley died in the faith of the Catholic Church, to which Mr. Rupley also adheres, he being one of the founders of the three Catholic churches in this section of the country.

While his educational advantages were somewhat limited, Mr. Rupley is a well-informed man, a close student, and one who can express intelligently and entertainingly the views he forms upon current events. He is a man who stands high in the community, and he is well worthy the respect accorded him.

ALFRED T. BRISTOW, one of Mersea township's progressive agriculturists and well-known citizens, has been identified with the growth and prosperity of his locality for the

past thirty years. He was born Dec. 17, 1846, in the County of Kent, England.

Alfred Bristow, father of Alfred Thomas, was born in the same locality, and there learned the trade of shoemaker. He married Harriet Nash, a daughter of James Nash, and they had children as follows born to them: John, a resident of the State of Michigan; Jane, deceased wife of David Myers, of the County of Norfolk, Ont.; Ann, deceased wife of Richard Lloyd; Alfred Thomas; Emily, who died aged eighteen years; and William G., a carpenter and joiner at Leamington, who was the only one of the children not born in England. In 1851 the parents and children sailed from Southampton on board a sailing vessel bound for Quebec, and after a voyage of six weeks they reached their destination. They came on to Ontario and located in Walsingham township, County of Norfolk, where the father followed his trade and also engaged to some extent in farming, until his death. The remains of both parents were later taken to Leamington and interred in the beautiful Lake View Cemetery. Both were members of the Church of England. Mr. Bristow was a Conservative in his political belief. He was a member of the Loyal Orange Association.

Alfred Thomas Bristow was in his fifth year when the family came to Canada, where he received his education in the public schools. At the age of sixteen years he started out to make his own way in the world, learning the trade of carpenter and joiner, at which he worked in the County of Norfolk, where he became well known as a reliable contractor and builder. In 1871 he removed to the County of Essex and located in Mersea township, and continued working at his trade until 1872, when he bought a tract of sixty-two acres, a bush farm, on Lot 16, Concession 2. Thither he brought his wife as soon as he had erected a small frame house, and on this farm did much hard work, clearing and cultivating, and placed here valuable improvements, including a fine brick house and other substantial buildings. In 1902 he sold this property and removed to Concession A, buying the Snyder farm, a tract of 100 acres, where he is now engaged in farming and stock raising. For one who started out with no capital, and but an indifferent education, Mr. Bristow has done wonders. His success points out its own lesson, that close attention to business, industry, energy and honesty are bound to bring their reward.

Mr. Bristow has not been wanting in loyalty. During the Fenian Raid, in 1866, he was one

of the volunteers, a member of the Walsingham Rifles, under Capt. J. S. Morgan. He was associated with this gallant company for six years, and for his services the Dominion Government presented him the medal known as the Fenian Raid Medal, and the Ontario Government gave him a grant of 160 acres of land in the Thunder Bay District, in New Ontario. In politics Mr. Bristow is a staunch Conservative, but he is no seeker after political preferment. He has always shown a deep interest in educational movements and for six years has served as school trustee. In 1868 he joined the Masonic fraternity, being a member of Walsingham Lodge, No. 174, and was one of the petitioners for Leamington Lodge, No. 290. He has held various positions in the lodge, of which he was master two years, and has always been active in its work, belonging also to Leamington Royal Arch Chapter, No. 119. He also holds membership with the A.O.U.W. at Leamington.

In September, 1870, in the County of Norfolk, Ont., Mr. Bristow was married, by Rev. M. Holtby, to Margaret McCallum, who was born in the County of Norfolk, Ont., Oct. 29, 1846, daughter of John and Anne McCallum, farming people of that county, natives of Scotland. Mrs. Bristow is a lady of culture and taste, of refined manner and amiable disposition, and wields a strong influence for good not only in her own household but in the church and the neighborhood. Both she and her husband are devoted members of the Church of England. Their three children are: Grace D., who is the wife of S. W. Darbeshire, of Mersea township, and has one son, Joseph McArthur; Annie, who is the wife of James A. Young, and has two children, Alfred Taylor and Margaret Mary; and John A., who is married and lives at home, engaged in farming. All the members of this happy and united family are held in the highest esteem in the locality. Mr. Bristow comes freely up to the idea of what constitutes a first-class citizen, an honorable business man, a careful provider for the welfare of his family, a loyal supporter of the laws of his country, and a valued member of church and fraternity.

PATRICK DELMORE, a lime burner and farmer of the 3d Concession in Anderdon, was born in Amherstburg, Sept. 18, 1843, son of Patrick and Jane (Darrah) Delmore.

Both parents were born in Ireland, the father in Dublin, and the mother in the North of Ireland, and they married after coming to Que-

bee and came to Amherstburg in 1836. Patrick Delmore, the only one of his family who came to Canada, was a soldier in the English army sent to Canada by the English Government during the Rebellion of 1837-38. He was honorably discharged at Amherstburg after the war, and there settled, having been given a house and two acres of land in the town of Amherstburg, as a pensioned soldier. After living in Amherstburg thirteen years he sold his property and bought a farm in the 4th Concession in Anderdon, forty-eight years ago. He died in 1892, his wife two years later. Mrs. Delmore's father, Patrick Darragh, died in Ireland. Patrick Delmore and his wife left five sons and two daughters: (1) Katie, the eldest, born in Amherstburg in 1840, was the wife of George Burns, of Anderdon, and died leaving children as follows, Charles (deceased), Frank (of Chatham), Jennie (of Detroit), Edward (of Anderdon), Maggie (of Windsor), Katie (of Amherstburg), and Mary (of Malden). (2) The first born son, Patrick, is our subject. (3) Frank, born in 1844, was a carriage and wagon maker by trade, and settled at Essex Center, where he died in 1893. He married Miss Martha Wilden, of Maidstone Cross, and left four children, Jennie, Martin, Myrtle and Deda. (4) William died in boyhood. (5) James, born in 1848, married Miss Maggie Sets, and lives on the 4th Concession in Anderdon. They have had a large family, Frank, Rosie, James, Lena, Maurice, Edith, Margaret, William, Russel, Laura, and three others who are deceased. (6) Edward, born in 1850, grew up in Amherstburg and was for some years foreman in the London Asylum. Later he became a merchant for some years at Amherstburg, and then moved to Cairo, Michigan, where he is a leading merchant. He married a lady of Toronto, and they have three children, John, Elizabeth and Edward. (7) Rosie, born in 1853, is the wife of Frank Bodwin, one of the well-to-do farmers of Malden. They have no children.

Patrick Delmore grew up at Amherstburg, and being the eldest son of the family remained at the old farm house in Anderdon and helped his father care for the family until he was twenty-one years old. He received only a limited education in the district schools. After his marriage Mr. Delmore settled for a few years at the old Delmore homestead before he purchased a farm on the 3d Concession, where he erected buildings and made one of the well-cultivated farms of Anderdon. He has burned lime on the farm from the time of his purchase, burning two

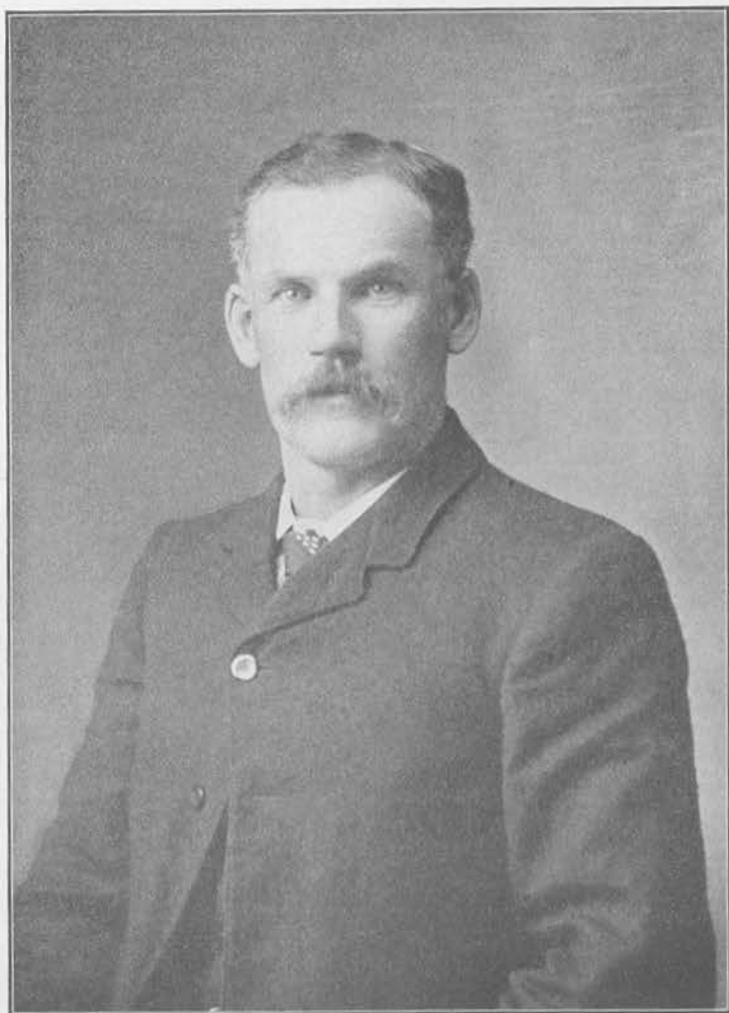
and three kilns at one time and shipping lime all over the country.

In 1863 Mr. Delmore married Miss Ellen Conboy, who was born in St. Helen's Island, Canada, in 1840, the daughter of Patrick and Mary Conboy, who came from Ireland and settled on a farm in Anderdon, where he died. Mrs. Delmore died in July, 1896, mother of twelve children, of whom William, Patrick, Irene, Laura and Evelyn, died young. Mary Delmore, the eldest living, born in Anderdon in 1867, is now the wife of James Bajaire, one of the wealthy and successful farmers of Anderdon, who comes of a prominent pioneer family of French descent; they have three children living, Alice, Thomas and Arthur, while Ernest and Nora died in childhood. Leonard, born in Anderdon, in 1868, is unmarried and a resident of Lansing, Michigan, holding a responsible position in one of the sugar refineries there. Ellen, born in 1874, is the wife of William Gibbs, of Malden, where they reside with their family of five children, Frederick, Lily, Mildred, May and Hazel. Albert, born in 1876, married Miss Bertha Smail, of Detroit, where they reside with their only daughter, Irene. Fred K., who is unmarried, is a sailor on the Lakes. Augustus, born in Anderdon in 1878, is sailing on the Lakes; he married Miss Clara Goulin, of Malden. Josephine, born in 1880, the youngest of the family, is the wife of William Amlin, who resides in Malden township and has one son, Orvil.

In his political sentiments Mr. Delmore has been identified with the Reform party; in 1873 he was elected county constable, an office which he has filled to the present time. He is also one of the school trustees, and has been treasurer of the board for a number of years. He has held the position of town councillor for seventeen years, and is now health inspector. Religiously this old family has always been connected with the Catholic Church.

Mr. Delmore is the son of one of the old and wealthy families of Anderdon, who for several generations have been identified with the interests of the township. They are all men and women of sterling worth of character and devout Christian people.

WILLIAM STEWART, Justice of the Peace for Essex County, township clerk and fish warden of the township of Pelee Island, a successful farmer and stock grower, is one of the leading men of the Island, and he was born on the banks of the Miramichi river, about twenty miles from



William Stewart

Newcastle, New Brunswick, Dec. 13, 1856, son of the Rev. W. Stewart.

The Rev. W. Stewart was a native of Scotland, where he received a thorough theological education, and was ordained a minister of the Presbyterian Church. After locating in the Province of New Brunswick he was appointed to attend to the spiritual needs of the people of that place. Later he removed to the County of Halton, Ont., where he was minister of the churches of Milton, Trafalgar and Hornby. After a number of years in that locality he was superannuated and retired, at which time he removed to Toronto, and there he spent the remainder of his noble life, dying Jan. 20, 1892, at the advanced age of eighty-nine years, eleven months, ten days. His remains were interred in the beautiful Green Hill cemetery. Before leaving Scotland Rev. Mr. Stewart married Ellen Scott, a lady of culture and refinement, who survived her husband, making her home at Toronto until her death, which occurred in May, 1904, when she was aged seventy-five years. The following children were born to the Rev. Mr. Stewart and his wife: Jane, who married Elijah McCartney, and resides in Halton; William; Christina, who married Joseph Rankin, and resides near Strathroy, Ont.; Jemima, of Toronto, Ont.; John George, of Assiniboia, N. W. T.; Annie; and Thomas, of Toronto.

William Stewart was but four years of age when brought by his parents to the County of Halton, and there he attended the public schools and worked upon the farm. He later went to the agricultural college, where he took up the study of agriculture, and after finishing his course he removed to the County of Huron, locating in the township of Turnberry, there working upon a farm with his uncle, and remaining four years. In 1881 he came to Pelee Island, worked as a farm hand and in the woods until 1888, when he rented a farm and operated it, also taking contracts for taking off the timber. This he shipped to Cleveland, Sandusky, Kelleys Island, and Detroit. By strict economy and good management he accumulated sufficient money to purchase a farm of twenty acres, upon which he started to farm for himself. First he had to clear the land, and upon it he built a house and other buildings. Later he invested in ninety-seven acres of woodland, from which he cleared the timber, and placed it in a high state of cultivation. He is now operating 117 acres of land, and carries on general farming,

fruit growing and stock raising. Mr. Stewart is also fish warden of Pelee Island, and a Justice of the Peace, and was appointed to these responsible positions by the Provincial government. In politics he has always been a staunch Liberal, and has served very ably in the township council, and during the time of the passage of the bill for the drainage of the big marsh he was one of its most effective supporters. Like all members of his party he is an advocate of good public schools, and is in favor of extending and improving the present system. At present he is a member of the school board of his district, which he has served in the capacity of secretary and treasurer, and is recognized as a very important factor in educational matters. Mr. Stewart is a member of, as well as director in, the Agricultural Society of Pelee Island; he is a member of the K. O. T. M., and has been its recorder for several years, as well as trustee of the hall, and he is also a member of the Joint Stock Company.

On Oct. 5, 1882, Mr. Stewart was happily married on Pelee Island to Lydia Srigley, a native of Pelee Island, born April 7, 1863, daughter of Squire James and Mary (Carr) Srigley, well-known and popular residents of the island, and natives of the County of York and Nova Scotia, respectively. The following family has come to the union: Mary Helena, born Oct. 7, 1883; Erie Pearl born Jan. 5, 1885; William Srigley, born Oct. 17, 1886; Wilfred Christena, born Oct. 18, 1887; Lydia, born July 6, 1889; Olive E., born May 5, 1891; Rena Raye, born July 17, 1894; Ruby, born Oct. 17, 1897; and Aberdeen, born Nov. 12, 1898, who died March 15, 1899. Both Mr. and Mrs. Stewart are well and favorably known throughout the Island, where they have many friends. Not only as a public official, however, is Mr. Stewart best known, for he possesses a genial, frank manner which attracts others, and makes him welcome in any assembly. His duties as an officer have always been attended to with conscientious fidelity, and in every walk of life he has proven himself an honorable and upright gentleman, and a man whose success has been attained by hard work intelligently directed in legitimate channels.

REUBEN BRUNER, an esteemed resident of Gosfield South, County of Essex, is probably one of the most venerable citizens of this locality, belonging to one of the old families.

In early days three youths, George, Adam and Henry Bruner, accompanied their widowed

mother to the County of Essex, and lived for a time on Grosse Ile. Later, when their mother married a Mr. Tofflemire, the family removed to Cedar Creek, and there the lads were reared. Of these, George was the father of our subject. Adam began farming at Olinda, but soon returned to Cedar Creek. Henry was the grandfather of J. S., Amon and Wellington Bruner, sketches of whom will be found elsewhere. A sister, Susan, married Jonas Fox.

George Bruner, like his brothers, was born in Pennsylvania. When he located in Gosfield township on his own responsibility, he settled on Lot 21, Concession 5, a government tract of 200 acres, cut the first timber on it, and built his first rough log cabin about ten rods north of our subject's present home. Later he built a two-story hewed log house, which was torn down some ten years ago. He was obliged to pay a double tax on this house, as he had indulged in the comfort of a double row of windows. George Bruner lived in this home during his life, and saw much of his land cleared. In 1828 he sold some fifteen acres to the Furnace Company, the plant of which was operated until about 1840, much of the surrounding land being cleared to supply charcoal. Mr. Bruner died May 12, 1834, aged fifty-seven years. He married Elizabeth Tofflemire, daughter of Martin Tofflemire, who came here from Kentucky, although he lived originally in Pennsylvania. Mrs. Bruner died in 1868, aged eighty-four years. The children born to them were the following: Eve died in infancy; Mary, who died aged eighty years, married (first) John Reaves, and (second) William Wood; Martha, wife of Thomas Boyles, of Amherstburg, died aged eighty-one years; Lazarus married Ann Skinner, and died in 1838; Ruth married Benjamin Slater, and died in Gosfield; Abraham married Mary A. Mickle, and lived on a part of the homestead; Susan was the second wife of the late Benjamin Slater; and Rachel was the third wife of Benjamin Slater; Reuben; Isaac died aged two and a half years; Nancy married George Foster, and at the time of her death lived in Romney; Elizabeth married Thomas Corlett, and lived in Gosfield.

Reuben Bruner was born March 23, 1823, on the place where he grew to manhood and received his education. In his early years he was engaged in the business of getting out wood for the furnace. When he attained manhood, he came into possession of a part of the homestead, receiving eighty-five acres as his portion. He did much of the necessary clearing, and lived in

the hewed log house until after his marriage, when he built his present brick house.

In 1848 Mr. Bruner married Jane Fox, daughter of George Fox, who died in February, 1899, aged seventy-four years. They had these children born to them: Milton G., born April 20, 1849, of Olinda, married Marshy Webster, born July 6, 1851; Marvin L., married Amanda Routain, and they had children, Clara, Melvin (of Manitoba), Hattie and Elva; Adorah, born April 12, 1854, married James Chissam, of Glencoe, and they have children, Mabel, John and Martin; Eliza J., born Aug. 3, 1856, married John Latam, in Mersea, and they have children, Golden, Maxwell, Oliver, Mahlon, Ada, Reuben, John and Jacob; Oliver M., born Jan. 18, 1859, lives with his father and carries on the farm, owning also a farm in Mersea township, and he is also engaged in the broom industry, making as many as 1,000 dozen a season; he married Ella Towns, of Ohio, and they have children, Leona, born Dec. 15, 1890; Reuben S., born May 17, 1892; Elda, born March 13, 1894; Viva, born Dec. 6, 1895; Ida Murial, born Nov. 1, 1897; Carl Demorest, born April 23, 1900; and Irene, born Nov. 30, 1902; and Ruby A., born June 26, 1862, married Wellington Stotz, of Gosfield North, and they have children, Murray, Lottie and Pearl.

Mr. Bruner has passed his life engaged in agriculture, and has given attention to broom-making during inclement seasons on the farm. This industry he learned when eighteen years of age, and he is probably the oldest broom manufacturer in the Dominion. The factory is located on the farm, and the business in later years has been carried on in association with his son. The farm is a productive one, and in addition to the usual crops, tobacco and fruit are grown.

In politics Mr. Bruner has always been a Liberal. He served through one year in the council, declining the honor after that. For a long time he was one of the stockholders of the Ruthven Woolen Mill, and he served as one of the directors for nine successive years. In religious belief he is a Universalist, and served as a director of the General Convention until the infirmities of age prevented attendance. Although advanced in years, Mr. Bruner keeps himself employed both bodily and mentally. He takes a deep interest in public affairs and local improvements, and his memory of long-past times is very remarkable.

TOFFLEMIRE. Four brothers of this name, Jacob, Henry, Abraham and William, came to the County of Essex from Kentucky. Jacob married a member of the Riley family and settled at Olinda; Abraham, once an Indian captive, married a Miss Francis, and left no issue; William married Miss Ives, of Gosfield, and they had two children, Martin and Nancy. These brothers were the sons of Martin Tofflemire, who accompanied them from Kentucky, and located at Cedar Creek. He built there the first water mill in the county, which he operated for a number of years, but later came to Olinda, where he died, and was buried in this lot. The father of these sons had four daughters by two marriages, viz.: Polly, who married (first) a member of the Banks family, and (second) Adam Bruner; Elizabeth, mother of Reuben Bruner, of this sketch, and the only one born in this county; Mary, who married John Tofflemire; and Rachel, married to John Fox, the two last named being half-sisters of the mother of our subject. All of these have long since passed away, but many are recalled for their many traits of kind, Christian character.

L. WESLEY COWELL. Since the War of 1812 the name of Cowell has been prominent in the County of Wentworth, whither the family moved from the United States about that time, and L. Wesley Cowell, one of the descendants of those early pioneers, is now a prominent and esteemed citizen of Leamington, County of Essex. He resided on his farm in Concession 6, Lot 16, Gosfield North, until March 22, 1904, when he retired and removed to Leamington. He was born on the old family homestead in the County of Wentworth, Feb. 17, 1840.

Leviness Cowell, father of L. Wesley, was born in the United States in March, 1800, and came with his father to Canada about twelve years later, growing up in his adopted country. He married Miss Abigail Bentley, of Ontario, where she was born in March, 1806, and they lived on a farm in the County of Wentworth, which Mr. Cowell cleared from its wild state. There they reared their family of six children. Mrs. Cowell passed from this life in 1863, and was followed to the grave by her husband in 1884. (1) Solomon, the eldest child, married Miss Mary Church, of the County of Wentworth, settled on a farm there, and died in 1899, leaving a family of five children, Alva, Samuel, Albert, Henrietta (now deceased), and Charlotte. (2) Eleanor married Joseph Tice and settled at

Rodney, County of Elgin, Ont., where she died, the mother of six children, Shiply, Amanda, Margaret, Emma, Wesley and Milton. (3) Daniel married Miss Rhoda Jones, and moved to Wisconsin, where both he and his wife died; their family is still in that State. (4) Benjamin married, settled in the County of Halton, Canada, and died there, leaving four children. (5) Bethany is the wife of John Wilbee, of Brantford, Ont., and has four children, Milton, Tillie, Charles and Annie.

L. Wesley Cowell, the sixth and youngest child of the family, attended the district schools of the County of Wentworth, and was busied on his father's farm till after his marriage. In May of the following year, 1869, he and his wife removed to the County of Essex and purchased the place which was his home until he retired. His land was wild when he bought it, but Mr. Cowell cleared the place and developed it into a most productive farm, with a complete equipment of first-class buildings and every convenience demanded by modern agricultural methods. He also owns property in the town of Leamington, where he now resides.

In September, 1868, Mr. Cowell was united in marriage to Miss Maria Bush, who was born in 1849, and like her husband was a native of the County of Wentworth. She was the daughter of Samuel and Sarah A. (Barker) Bush, the former of whom was born in the County of Essex, England, married there and brought his wife to Canada in 1833. He was one of the pioneers of the County of Wentworth, where he remained till his death, in 1898. Mrs. Cowell has borne her husband six children, five of whom are living, as follows: (1) Alminia, born in 1869, is the wife of Leon Hutchins, a farmer of Gosfield North, and has three children, Nettie B., Flossie M. and Eunice H. (2) George, born in 1871, married Miss Ella Hawkes, of Gosfield, and lives on his father's farm. (3) Milan, born in 1873, married Miss Lida Turner, of Gosfield, has one daughter, Lillian, and lives in Albion, Michigan. (4) Alvin, born in 1875, a saddler and harness-maker of Paris, Ont., married Miss Mabel Howe, of Hamilton, and has two children, Melvin and Vera. (5) Samuel died in childhood. (6) Milton, born in 1883, is employed in a factory at Brantford, Ont.

Mr. Cowell has long been conspicuous among the active workers of the Methodist Church, with which he and his wife are identified. For many years he filled the positions of steward, Sunday School superintendent and class-leader, and was

at the time he removed to Leamington assistant superintendent of the Sabbath School and a Bible class teacher. In his political views he is a Reformer, but not an active partisan nor an office-holder. Mr. Cowell and his wife are both people of fine character, who have made their real worth felt by those among whom they have lived, and who have done their utmost to forward every movement for the benefit of the community, so that they are held in high esteem by all.

JAMES ROBINSON, a prosperous farmer of Essex, and a prominent citizen, was born in Windsor Sept. 27, 1840, a son of James and Sabina (Emerson) Robinson, old pioneers of the County of Essex.

James Robinson was born in Huntingdonshire, England, Dec. 21, 1804, while his wife was born in Tedford, Lincolnshire, England, Jan. 15, 1809. They grew to maturity in England, being educated there. In 1833 he came to Windsor, where he was foreman in a ware and commission house owned by James Dougall, a merchant. Here he continued for some years, and in 1838 he and Sabina Emerson were married. In 1842 he removed to the town of Essex, County of Essex, and took up wild land. Needing money, he left his wife and children upon the Essex farm, and worked for three years in Windsor for his old firm. Many times he and his wife walked to Windsor, a distance of eighteen miles, carrying their produce to that town, their only market. In time Mr. Robinson became a successful farmer, owning 200 acres adjoining the town of Essex, and there in the primitive log house he died, in July, 1870. His wife passed away in July, 1887. In 1888 their children held a reunion at the old log house, which has since been removed to make room for a more modern home. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson were active Methodists during their lives and accomplished much good by their piety, uprightness of living, and acts of kindness. Mrs. Robinson was one of the first school teachers of Windsor, acting in that capacity as early as 1835. In politics Mr. Robinson was a strong Liberal, but he was not an office-seeker.

Mr. and Mrs. Robinson were the parents of eight children who grew to maturity. (1) Elizabeth, born in Windsor May 7, 1838, married Charles Little, a farmer of Maidstone, and had children as follows: Sabina married Thomas Webster, of Walkerville, Ont.; Catherine mar-

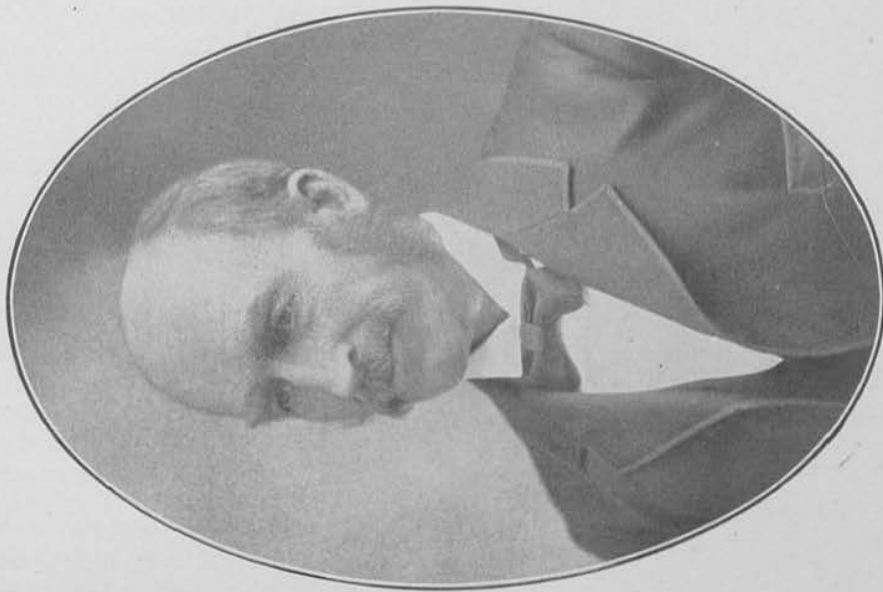
ried Albert Perry, of Essex; George was drowned in 1881; Nelson is a farmer of Maidstone; Charles is a farmer of Maidstone; Jennie married Edward Maddams, a machinist and engineer of Walkerville, Ont.; Robert died in young manhood; John is a farmer of Maidstone; Thomas is a farmer of Maidstone. (2) James is mentioned below. (3) Frederick, and (4) John, twins, were born in 1843, and John died in young manhood. Frederick is a resident of Essex, where he is a contractor and builder, and he married Sarena (or Sophronia) Gilboe, of Gosfield, by whom he has three children, Gordon, Ethel and Gerold. (5) William, born in Essex in May, 1845, was reared at the old home, where he married Bessie Cook, of England, and now resides in Essex, retired, being one of the wealthy retired farmers of this locality. (6) Phoebe, born March 26, 1848, now deceased, married Walter Taylor, of Leamington, one of the leading fruit growers of that place, and they had one son, Gordon, who is now a minister of the State of Washington and editor of a newspaper in the town of Oakville. (7) Joseph, born in 1849, was reared upon the old homestead, where he resides, and where he erected a fine brick residence a few years ago. He married Miss Louisa Squires, of Gosfield, and they have a family of five children, Della P., Stella, Roland, Ernest and Arabella. (8) Thomas, born May 4, 1854, married Sarah Starkey, of Sandwich, and now resides in Detroit, where he is a foreman in the chemical works. He has four children, Mary, Maud, Gertrude and Rachel (who married Joseph Rivers, of Essex).

James Robinson grew to manhood on the family place, and upon his young shoulders fell, in large measure, the responsibility and care of the farm. He continued at the homestead until his marriage, when he started in life for himself, at this time purchasing a tract of 100 acres adjoining the town of Essex, where he cleared up the entire property, and upon it his first wife died in 1872, leaving two children who died in childhood. She was a lady of many Christian traits of character and virtues.

In 1868 Mr. Robinson married Miss Christina Kerr, who was born in Scotland in 1847, daughter of a prominent banker of Peebles, Scotland, and sister of a member of Parliament from Scotland. On March 6, 1873, Mr. Robinson was united in marriage with Sarah Barnes, who was born in Stark county, Ohio, Sept. 24, 1849, daughter of James and Elizabeth (Haines)



Mrs James Robinson



James Robinson

Barnes, the latter of New Jersey. James Barnes was born in Devonshire, England, but settled in Ohio when a young man. He married and made his home in Stark county, Ohio, where he became one of the prosperous farmers of his neighborhood, and died in 1874, his widow surviving until 1875. They left six children, all born in Ohio: John settled in Maidstone in 1862 and is now a resident of Windsor; he has a family. Joseph is a resident of Cedar County, Iowa; he is married and has a family. James is a farmer of Portage county, Ohio; he has three children. Mivert, a resident of Youngstown, Ohio, has a family of three children. Mary married Walter Notman, of Portage county, Ohio, and has one son, Clarence, a baker. Sarah, Mrs. Robinson, was reared and educated in Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Robinson lived for some years in the old log house, but in 1883 he erected his present handsome brick residence, well supplied with every modern convenience, which serves as a model for the surrounding country. To this couple have come two children: (1) Bertha, born in 1875, was educated in the high school of Essex, and is a young lady of ability. (2) Mivert, born in 1878, was reared upon the farm, and married Miss Maud M. Belton, of London, niece of Dr. Belton, of London; they reside in his own home, erected by Mr. Robinson upon the homestead. In January, 1902, a daughter, Fay Margerie, was born to this happy marriage.

Religiously Mr. Robinson, his wife and family are all members of the Methodist Church, of which Mr. Robinson has been a trustee for thirty-seven years, and also class-leader for many years. Since young manhood his best efforts have been directed toward the upbuilding and advancement of his church, and his good works are known by all who live in that vicinity. He has always voted with the old Liberal party, but like his father never sought office. Mr. Robinson is a veteran soldier of the North Ridge Rifles, having served gallantly during 1866. Fraternally he is a member of the Order of Chosen Friends.

The family thus spoken of briefly deserves special attention, for Mr. Robinson is the son of the first settler but one who laid the foundations of the now prosperous town of Essex. In the midst of great forests, so dense that the midday sun could scarcely penetrate their vastness, James Robinson, the father, with James Robinson, the son, felled the first tree to make the little home in which the elder man thereafter

lived and died. As soon as he had seen things properly adjusted, the sturdy pioneer returned to his work in Windsor, while the mother, a refined and cultivated woman, looked after the family and superintended the work of her son James, as he, while still a boy, did a man's work on their new property. Our subject remembers well the old-fashioned fireplace, where large logs furnished the only heat, and where both cooking and baking were done. Many entertaining incidents come to his mind as he talks over those days, which, with all their hardships, were not entirely desolate. Reared in poverty, taught from infancy to endure and be brave, made to assume heavy responsibilities when only a boy, Mr. Robinson became a true man, strong and capable, and in his declining years serves as an example of what Canada can produce in the way of an upright Christian gentleman and prosperous farmer, whose life and actions are far above reproach.

JOSEPH MAJOR, the proprietor of a hotel and also a farmer of the 6th Concession in Anderdon township, was born in Lower Canada, Jan. 4, 1832, son of Stephen and Margaret (Cargur) Major, both natives of Lower Canada.

Stephen Major was the son of Benjamin Major, who was born in France, was an officer under Napoleon, and was in the French army that came to Canada during the War of 1812. After the war he returned to Lower Canada to live, and there reared his family. Only five children survived him from a family of twenty-six. Of these Stephen, father of our subject, was the eldest; Mack was born in Lower Canada, where he settled and died, leaving a family; Benjamin died at Traverse City, Michigan; Mitchell died in Montreal; Angel, born in Lower Canada, married Joseph Sherbanoe, and at death left four children who live in Lower Canada.

Stephen Major started in life as a farmer in Lower Canada, where he died in 1883; his wife survived him till 1888. They were the parents of eleven children, as follows: Stephen, the eldest, who died in Montreal; Allen (deceased), of Montreal; Peter, a business man, who died in London; Abram, now a resident of Anderdon, who is married and has a family; Paul, a farmer of Sandwich West, and the father of six children; Alexander, Adolph and Casper, all residents of Lower Canada; Antoinette, the wife of Frank Carrier, of Lower Canada; Peter, who died young; and Joseph.

Joseph Major grew up in Lower Canada, where as a young man he engaged in lumbering. In 1851 he went to Michigan, and was similarly engaged for some years; later he moved to Duluth, where he bought ties and lumber for a firm in Buffalo. In 1866 Mr. Major went to Amherstburg, and there married Miss Catherine Ronslot, who was born in Sandwich West in 1831. After his marriage he began contracting in staves, which he loaded on boats at Amherstburg for the Buffalo market. In 1869 he bought a tract of wild land in the 5th Concession from the Indian Reserve, where he started his life as a farmer in a little log cabin in the woods. He cleared up a large farm and built a good brick house; this burned down in June, 1896, but it was rebuilt the next year. In 1900 Mr. Major purchased his present hotel property, where he has lived to the present time, looking after his farm in connection with his hotel life.

Mr. and Mrs. Major have eight children living. Josephine, born in Anderdon, married Thomas Dumac, of Wayne County, Michigan, and has ten children. Patrick, born in Anderdon, married, lives in Depew, Michigan, and has four children. Mack is married and is employed on the Michigan Central railroad. Jacob is one of the engineers in the Detroit Lighting Company, and is unmarried. Remi is a saloon-keeper of Detroit, and is married, but has no children. Irene is at home, unmarried. Elizabeth is the wife of George Lasaline, of Anderdon. Sabra married Charles Bussy, of Anderdon, and has two children.

In political views Mr. Major has always been a Conservative; he has held the position of county councilman five years. Religiously the family are members of the Catholic Church. Joseph Major is one of the genial and gentlemanly hotel men of the County of Essex, and is a man whose life is above reproach. Starting life in the lumber woods as a day laborer, by honest industry he has placed himself in the ranks of our well-to-do citizens. He has always been active in everything that promised good for the community in which he lives, and is one of the honored residents of Anderdon township.

D. WILLIAM ANDERSON, station master of the Pere Marquette Railroad Company, and also agent for the Dominion and Canadian Express Companies, at Leamington, was born in Stephen township, County of Huron, Ont., Feb. 26, 1867, a son of James and Elizabeth (Howes) Anderson.

During his boyhood days Mr. Anderson acquired a good common school education, and after he had attained to manhood's estate attended the Canadian Business College, spending the intervening years upon the homestead farm. After completing his business course, and being thoroughly grounded in business methods, he was engaged as bookkeeper in the office of W. S. Pulford for five years, at Leamington and Harrow, and later he was in the employ of T. R. Flood, at Harrow. During that time he also studied telegraphy, so that he was able to accept a position with the Lake Erie & Detroit River Railroad Company as operator at Kingsville. Subsequently he was in the general offices at Walkerville. His next position was that of general agent, at Merlin, Blenheim and Dresden, and he was returned to the general offices at Walkerville, where he was retained for two years. On March 1, 1903, he was appointed to his present position, which involves much responsibility and is a testimonial to the appreciation the road has of his services.

Fraternally Mr. Anderson is a member of Blenheim Lodge, No. 274, A.F. & A.M., the A.O. U.W., and the Royal Templars. He is a member of the Methodist Church, is a teacher in the Sunday School, and takes a very active part in Sunday School work, being a prominent man in the church.

On Dec. 24, 1892, Mr. Anderson was married, at Harrow, to Jessie Rosebrugh, a daughter of Hiram and Sarah Rosebrugh, of Harrow. Mrs. Anderson was born at St. George, Ont., and is a most charming lady and an accomplished hostess. To Mr. and Mrs. Anderson the following children have come: James Leslie, born Sept. 20, 1893; Earl, July 8, 1895; Edward Victor, in 1902; and Andrew Henry, born March 14, 1904.

Genial and courteous in manner, a thorough business man, and understanding every detail of his work, Mr. Anderson makes one of the best station masters Leamington has ever known, and he wins new friends every day. The duties of his position, together with his church interests, fully occupy his time, so that he does but little politically, although he can be relied upon to support any measure looking toward the betterment of the city.

GEORGE EDMUND MORRIS, a resident of the County of Essex who has made farming and stock raising a successful line of activity for many years, and who is also a prominent member of the council of Tilbury West township, was

born Aug. 11, 1850, on Concession 4, Lot 11, in the old Morris home, a grandson of that prominent old pioneer, John Morris, of whom extended mention will be found elsewhere.

John Morris, eldest son of settler John, was born in Yorkshire, England, and accompanied his parents to Canada. During his boyhood he had few educational opportunities, but when chance offered, he profited by such schooling as was possible in the night sessions. When he married his father showed appreciation of his remaining with him and assisting in the clearing of the land by deeding him an adjacent tract of 100 acres. This farm John Morris (2) cleared into a good property, and made fine, arable land of it, and during his life he made many improvements, including the building of good dwelling and barns. Here he died July 18, 1893, at the age of seventy years and one month, and was buried in Knox cemetery. In religious belief he was a Presbyterian, and in his political sentiment he was a staunch Liberal. He married Emily Smith, daughter of Edward Smith, and she died May 27, 1897, at the age of sixty-four years, and was buried by his side in the Knox cemetery. She also was a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, and was a woman of force of character, bearing the inevitable trials and hardships with a calmness of spirit and cheerfulness of demeanor which not only was an encouragement to her husband, but impressed itself on her children, eleven in number, namely: George E.; Annie married William Butler, both deceased; Mary married Joseph La Pontney, of Detroit; John died aged thirty-four years; William resides in Tilbury West township; Charles is on the homestead; David is a member of the police force at Detroit; Margaret married Thomas Gray, of Woodstock; Olive died aged nineteen years; and two, twins, died in infancy.

George E. Morris was educated in the district schools of Tilbury West township. As the eldest of a large family, much responsibility fell upon him, and he began at a very early age to perform the duties on the farm which are usually delegated to older and more experienced tillers of the soil. When about twenty-four years of age, his father purchased an extra tract of fifty acres of land, in the vicinity of the homestead, and on this the young farmer settled. This land was soon cleared and ready for cultivation, substantial buildings were erected, and fine stock introduced. Later Mr. Morris added another fifty-acre tract. Here he has raised some very fine horses, and has given particular attention

to raising Short Horn Durham cattle. In order to encourage this great improvement in cattle raising, he associated himself with the Short Horn Raisers' Association of Ontario, an organization which has done much to improve the standards of cattle raising in this locality. He usually keeps as many as thirty head. In politics Mr. Morris is a consistent Liberal, and since 1900 he has been an important member of the township council.

On Dec. 29, 1875, Mr. Morris married Matilda Jackson, born in Tilbury West township, Jan. 6, 1852, daughter of Thomas and Mary J. (Price) Jackson, of whom extended mention will be found elsewhere. Seven children were born to this union, namely: Edward J., Mary J., Olive E., Susie B., Robert Ralph, and two who died in infancy.

The death of the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Morris, in the prime and vigor of bright young manhood, brought grief not only to his parents and family, but to the whole community. Edward Morris was born Dec. 10, 1876, and passed out of life Aug. 7, 1903. He was educated in the local schools, where he was noted for his mental alertness, as well as his kindness of heart and the lovable qualities which through all his subsequent life made him the center of a circle of warm friends. Reared on the farm, his father had no more enthusiastic admirer in his success in his enterprises. The Durham cattle and the fine horses in which his father took just pride, he also admired. He was of that genial, sunny temperament which makes a final parting so hard for loved ones to bear. With a courage most wonderful, he cheered his loved ones with a show of hope to the last, but, in spite of every medical attention, and of an unusually strong physique, the poison of typhoid fever did its fatal work. His remains were laid away in the quietude of the old Presbyterian cemetery, but he is not forgotten, nor is the influence of his brave, helpful, clean, manly young life lost. In this dire affliction his family had the sympathy of the whole community.

FRANK CAHILL, a prosperous farmer of Sandwich West, Lot 3, Concession 6, County of Essex, Ont., was born in Sandwich South, Sept. 23, 1843, son of James and Catherine (Lebo) Cahill, pioneer settlers of the County of Essex.

James Cahill was born in County Galway, Ireland, in 1798, and his wife in France in 1808. The former was brought by his mother with two

brothers and two sisters, via Quebec, on a sailing vessel, and they worked their way to County of Essex by the lakes. Mary Cahill, the noble grandmother of our subject, settled with her little band in Sandwich South in the woods, on wild land given her by grant from the English government. Her husband had died in Ireland, leaving her with five children. Her death occurred in Rochester township, County of Essex, after she had struggled hard to make a home for her children, who were as follows: James; Patrick, who settled at Mt. Clemens, Michigan, where he died leaving a family; John, who was drowned in the Detroit river when a young man; Margaret, deceased, who married John Mero, a farmer who settled on Lake St. Clair, and died leaving a family; Bridget, who married William Cotter, of Canada, settled on the St. Clair river, and there both died leaving a family.

James Cahill, the father of our subject, was the eldest of this family. In 1826 he married and purchased a tract of land on Talbot street, in Sandwich South, where he opened up a farm out of wild land. He cut a road through the woods where he built a log cabin and started life as a farmer, becoming very successful, and adding to his possessions until he became a large landowner. This property he divided up among his children. His wife, who shared his hardships, died in 1864, and he survived her for about twenty years, dying when aged eighty-three years. He was a consistent member of the Catholic Church, and one of the founders of the church in this section. Fourteen children were born to these worthy people, thirteen of whom lived to maturity: (1) James, born in Detroit, was drowned while sailing on the lake at Toledo, Ohio. (2) Patrick, born in Sandwich, as were the other children, died in young manhood at the old home, having been injured by a fall in London while he was engaged in erecting a church. (3) John married Bridget Broderick, of Ireland, settled in Sandwich West and farmed until 1895, when he died, leaving a family. (4) Thomas, born in June, 1836, when a young man was engaged in butchering; he married (first) Eliza Halton, of Canada, who died in Michigan in 1863, leaving one daughter, Catherine (who married John Coan, of Big Rapids, Michigan, and has a daughter, Maryette), and Thomas married for his second wife a Mrs. Jackson, of Michigan, who died in 1883, leaving no family, and he still resides in Michigan. (5) William, born in 1838, married Mary Lyon, and now resides in Windsor, Ont., and had a family of eight chil-

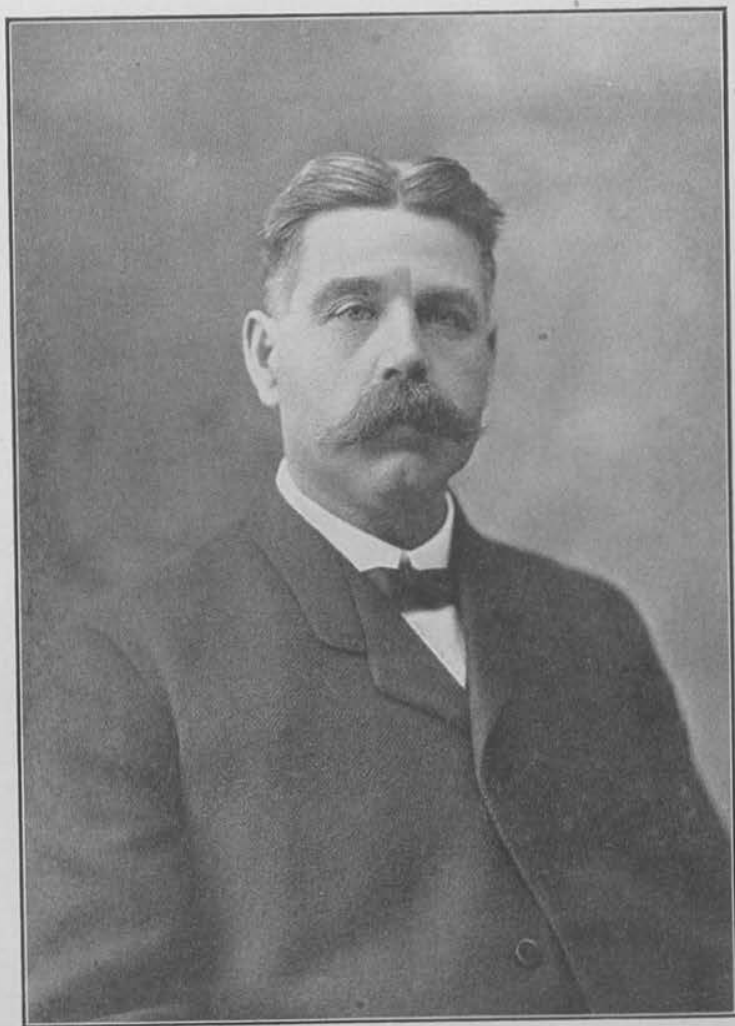
dren. (6) Charles, born in 1840, is unmarried and resides in Big Rapids, Michigan. (7) Michael, born in 1841, married Mary Leach, and settled in Michigan, where he died in 1896, leaving a family. (8) Peter, born in 1847, married Sarah Mitchell, of Michigan, has a family, and resides on a farm near Big Rapids. (9) Joseph married Emma Mitchell, and resides on a farm at Big Rapids; they have four children. (10) Mary, born in 1850, married Michael McCue, and resides in Michigan; they have four children. (11) Catherine died in young womanhood. (12) Bridget, born in 1854, married John Lyons, a farmer at Big Rapids, and has seven children. (13) Frank completes the family.

Frank Cahill was educated in the Sandwich schools and resided upon the farm until he reached maturity. In 1870 he married Miss Mary Ouellette, born in Sandwich West, May 3, 1846, daughter of Alexander and Catherine (Muffetor) Ouellette, who were born in Sandwich West, descendants of pioneers of this locality. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cahill located on their present farm, where he erected good buildings and made many improvements. He has also purchased adjacent land, and owns two large farms in Sandwich West. Mr. and Mrs. Cahill have four children, as follows: Frank A., the only son, married Miss Maud Mayville, of Windsor, and has two children; Alice passed away in May, 1901; Miss Cora, born in 1878, resides at the old homestead; and Miss Irene was born in 1884.

Politically Mr. Cahill has always been a Reformer, and has held the office of tax collector for a number of years, giving the most entire satisfaction. Religiously he and his family are members of the Roman Catholic Church. He belongs to the C.M.B.A.

Mr. Cahill is one of the most highly-respected men of this locality, living uprightly and honorably and bringing up his children to be good men and women, in which he is nobly aided by his most excellent wife. The pleasant home of the family is a gathering place for their numerous friends, and a most generous hospitality is shown to all.

ALFRED F. CAMPEAU, Chief of the Ontario Police department, with headquarters in the Medbury Block, at Windsor, is one of the best-known citizens and trusted officials of Ontario, and is also a most worthy representative of one of the oldest French families of this locality.



A. H. Campbell

Chief Campeau is one of the fifth generation of the Campeau family. It was founded in Ontario by Jean Baptiste Campeau, a native of France, who was the Chief's great-great-grandfather. The name was continued in the next generation. Although it was an agricultural family, its members have distinguished themselves in military life. Jean Baptiste, the great-grandfather, was a captain in the army, and his son Charles, the grandfather, became a sergeant in the army, and fought during the war of 1812. His death occurred about 1866, in Sandwich East, County Essex. His children were: Melie, born while he was serving in the army, married Thomas Trombley, of Conner's Creek, Michigan; Filis married Francois Trombley, also of Conner's Creek; Charles married Mrs. Tasie Dequinte; Susan married Xavier Letourneau; Hipolite married Theresa Reaume, of the County of Kent; and Jovite married Deline Rogers.

The children born to Hipolite Campeau and wife were thirteen in number, ten sons and three daughters. Eight sons died when young and the surviving members of the family are: A. F., of Windsor; Mary, the wife of Isaac Campeau, of Windsor; Lena, the wife of Euclide Jaques, of Windsor; Peter, who married Nettie Parent, the daughter of Paul Parent, of Windsor; and Victoria, the wife of Denis Moyzon, of Belle River. Hipolite Campeau was born in 1822, in Sandwich East and has followed farming, lumbering and brick-making all his life. In 1848 he erected his present residence, cutting the timber himself and clearing the farm which he now occupies, at the age of eighty years. Mr. Campeau drew the first timbers for use in building the docks of the Walker brewery at Walkerville. Politically he is a Liberal. With his family he adheres to the religious belief of the Roman Catholic Church.

The birth of A. F. Campeau took place Oct. 5, 1856, at the family home at Sandwich East, County of Essex, where he remained engaged in attending school and working the farm until April, 1883, when he removed to Windsor, opening a livery stable and feed barn on Goyeau street, which he operated from April to November of that year, going then into the employ of Thomas Kilroy, in a grocery business, on Glenary Avenue, and remaining here until in the spring of 1884, when he entered the business house of Walker & Sons. He continued there until Sept. 15, 1884, and on the following day Mr. Campeau became a member of that branch

of the public service which his long career has but served to adorn, and which has made his name known to both high and low all over Ontario.

From Sept. 16, 1884, until May 16, 1889, he was a member of the Windsor police force, but on that date he was appointed by the Ontario Government as a provisional police, at increased salary, and this was followed on Oct. 24, 1896, with appointment to the position of Chief of Police, employed on the Detroit River, at a salary of \$1,000 per annum. That this most faithful official's services were noted in high places was made manifest by his appointment in 1899 to the honorable and highly responsible position of Chief of the Ontario Police, subject to order all over the Province. His work is mainly confined to western Ontario, but there is no doubt but that the future holds many grave problems, with increased immigration and religious fanaticism, that only a strong, experienced, level-headed and fearless official like Chief Campeau can handle.

In October, 1883, Chief Campeau was married to Adelaide Cadieux, daughter of Edward and Adelaide (Jenisse) Cadieux, of Ottawa, and the children born to this union are four in number, namely: Paul, born Nov. 8, 1885; Josephine, born Oct. 28, 1887; Clara, born Oct. 25, 1889; and Freddie, born Feb. 20, 1891. Chief Campeau is identified with the Liberal party in politics. His religious membership is with the Roman Catholic Church.

GEORGE JASPERSON, of the town of Kingsville, County of Essex, is one of Kingsville's most representative business men, and is largely interested in the canning of fruit and vegetables, and the leaf tobacco industry. His family history is one of interest, showing the sturdy characteristics of a courageous and virile race.

George Jasperson, the grandfather of the present George Jasperson, was born in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, and as a young man emigrated to America and for a time was located in Lewisburg, Ohio, where he married. Soon after this event he moved to Detroit, and possessed himself of property on both sides of the river. He engaged in merchandising in Detroit, and once owned a five-acre tract of land, the same upon which is now the Detroit Opera House. Mr. Jasperson was very successful, and an able business man, and at one time in his career owned a large amount of real estate, at Bay

City, Trenton, and other points contiguous to Detroit. His later years were spent at St. Clair, where he died in 1858, at the age of about seventy years. His children were as follows: Henry, deceased; Lewis, father of George Jasperson, of Kingsville; Isabella, deceased, who married Charles Kellogg, of Phoenixville, Pennsylvania; Ann, deceased, who became the wife of Mark Hopkins, of St. Clair, Michigan; Matilda, who married Willard Smith, of Mexico; Mary; Laura, who married Charles Randall, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and Emma, who married Morton Robinson, of New York.

Lewis Jasperson was born Feb. 20, 1825, in Lewisburg, Ohio, and was reared in Detroit and Windsor. With the aid of his father, he opened a small general store at what is now Kingsville, this being the first business venture in the present town. For some years he gave his attention to merchandising, and then became interested extensively in sawmilling and lumbering, building a mill in Colchester, on the lake shore. After operating this some years he sold it, but continued in the lumber business the greater part of his life. He was very familiar with the values of the great forests that then covered so much of the territory now occupied by smiling and productive farms. His later years were passed in comparative quiet in Kingsville, where he died. We are permitted to copy the following obituary of Mr. Jasperson, which appeared in the columns of the *Kingsville Reporter* at the time of his decease:

"Lewis F. Jasperson, who died in July, 1895, was born at Lewisburg, Ohio, Feb. 20, 1825, as a young man came to Detroit and there assisted his father in his mercantile business, they doing a large business with the Indians. He came to this village as a young man and opened a general store at the Corners, the first business enterprise started at Kingsville. After a few years he went into the sawmilling and lumber business, and was identified with that the greater part of his life. He was a man of marked appearance, his finely-developed physical form, and well-shaped head, with a very stately walk, made him especially noticed in his everyday life. He was a man well informed, and kept well abreast of the times, and was a man that every wind of doctrine could not shake. His faith in God was as sturdy as the oak. A good name was his ruling passion. He was married in Christ Church, Detroit, July 7, 1846, to Nancy Jane Wigle, who was killed in a runaway accident, Feb. 9, 1893."

To Lewis Jasperson and his wife were born: Annie, who died at St. Clair, Michigan, aged seventeen years; Ella, who married Charles Brown, and died in 1885, at Detroit; George, of Kingsville; Cora, who died at the age of ten years at St. Clair, Michigan, two weeks before her sister, Annie; Frederick, a civil engineer for the Pennsylvania & Reading railroad; Bonzano, mentioned below; and Charles Hilton, who fills a responsible position with the Philadelphia & Reading railroad.

The mother of our subject, whose accidental death brought sadness to family and friends, was a lady of many amiable characteristics, and of exalted Christian character. She was a daughter of John and Susannah (Scratch) Wigle. A sampler is preserved, worked by her when sixteen years old, which preserves the family record as follows: "John Wigle, born Dec. 21, 1778; Susannah Scratch, born Jan. 23, 1785. Their children were as follows: Mary, born Feb. 10, 1803; Leonard, March 14, 1804; Julia Ann, June 4, 1805; Wendel, born Sept. 8, 1806; Isabella, June 2, 1807; Joseph, Oct. 8, 1809; Peter, Aug. 22, 1811; Ann, Nov. 18, 1813; John, Sept. 19, 1815; Sarah, Sept. 8, 1817; Robert, May 24, 1820; Solomon, May 14, 1822; Adam R., June 14, 1824; Nancy Jane, June 1, 1828; and Michael J., March 15, 1831." The latter is the only surviving member of this large and prominent family.

George Jasperson was born July 26, 1852, in Kingsville, where he grew up and obtained his education. At the age of nineteen years he went to Michigan, where, for six years, he was employed in the lumbering industry. Upon his return here, he built a sawmill on Pelee Island, which he operated for five years, and then removed the machinery to the opposite side of the Island, and resumed business for three more years. He then sold this plant to a Mr. McQueen. Mr. Jasperson then went to Romney township, near the lake front, in the vicinity of the Caleb Coatsworth homestead, built there a mill and cut the timber from 3,000 acres. He continued to operate this mill for ten years. His next venture was the purchase of a roller mill in Kingsville, which he operated to advantage some three years, when it was destroyed by fire. He then purchased the grain elevator here, and continued to operate it until 1902, when he disposed of it to its present proprietors, Henry Bros.

Some five years ago Mr. Jasperson began to

be interested in the tobacco industry, and through his enterprise has become one of the largest buyers of leaf tobacco in the province. Recently he built a substantial tobacco warehouse in this village in which large quantities of leaf are packed. In April, 1900, in company with his brother, Bonzano, and Darius Wigle, he bought the preserving company's plant established here, and since then the company has carried on a very profitable canning industry, putting up all kinds of fruit and vegetables. During the past season exclusive attention was given to the canning of peaches and tomatoes. Until the last year our subject had acted as manager of this growing business, but now his brother holds that position, Mr. Jasperson needing more time to attend to his tobacco interests.

Mr. Jasperson is one of the leading and public-spirited citizens of Kingsville. Mainly through his efforts a company was formed, including himself, his brother and David Conklin, some three years since, which installed and has since conducted a very satisfactory electric lighting plant. Few of the city's successful enterprises have not felt his helping hand and profited by his good judgment and wise advice. He comes of a family of business men and his success in his ventures shows that the ability still continues undiminished in the family. He enjoys universal esteem and is surely one of the representative citizens of this section of the county.

On Oct. 11, 1886, Mr. Jasperson was united in marriage with Alice McCormick, daughter of William McCormick, of Pelee Island, this family being one of the most historic in the annals of County Essex. Both Mr. Jasperson and wife are consistent members of the Church of England, in which both were reared. In his fraternal relations Mr. Jasperson is equally prominent, for many years having been identified with the Masonic bodies, and also with the Order of Workmen.

BONZANO JASPERSON, son of Lewis, was born in Kingsville, Ont., May 25, 1869. He remained at home with his parents as long as they lived. From his youth he had shown remarkable business instincts, and his ventures have been uniformly successful. Until 1892 he was in the lumber business with his brother, George, and when they sold out Bonzano Jasperson entered the grain business in Kingsville, so continuing until 1895, when he sold to the Henry Company. In 1896 he began the private banking business at Kingsville, and is so engaged at the present

time. He has other extensive interests, being a large stockholder in the canning factory at Kingsville. He was the founder of the oil business on Pelee Island, and was the organizing director, attending to the first leases, etc. The company is known as the Pelee Gas & Oil Company.

On Oct. 8, 1892, in St. Andrew's Church, at Truro, Nova Scotia, Mr. Jasperson married Gertrude Kent, daughter of Charles A. Kent, prominent in the business world at Truro as a grocer and coal and feed merchant. To this union have been born two children, Esther G., born Sept. 16, 1897; and Frederick K., born July 16, 1900. Fraternally Mr. Jasperson is a Mason, and has been treasurer for six years. He has been active in church work, and he has served as deacon and junior warden.

RICHARD MOONEY, a prosperous farmer of Maidstone township, County Essex, located on Lot 19, Concession 9, was born May 6, 1843, in Sandwich East, County Essex, son of Michael and Catherine (McSweeney) Mooney, the McSweenys being very early settlers of the county.

Michael Mooney was born in 1809, and his wife in 1811, both in Ireland. Our subject's paternal grandparents died in that country, but the maternal grandparents came to the Province of Quebec, where they died. Michael Mooney married in Quebec, and in 1836 removed to Sandwich, County Essex, settling on the line of Maidstone and Sandwich. There he cleared up a home from the wilderness, built a comfortable log cabin first and later a more commodious home, becoming one of the prosperous farmers of the locality. Here his wife died in 1852, but he survived until Aug. 15, 1890. Both were consistent members of the Catholic Church. Politically he was a Reformer. In their family were the following children: Philip, born at Quebec, married Bridget Caven, of Maidstone, and they settled on a part of the old homestead, where he died in 1876, leaving children, Michael, Mary, Catherine, Charles and Lizzie. John, born at Quebec, married Sarah O'Connor, of Ann Arbor, Michigan, settled for a time in Maidstone, and then removed to Windsor, where he is engaged in a grocery business; his children are, Ellen, Maggie, Edward and Effa. Ellen and Mary both died in promising young womanhood. Catherine married Emory Kay, of Colchester township, and they moved to Chicago, where she died in 1896, leaving five children, Rose, John, Clement, Kate and Edward. Edward, born in 1845, married Maggie Dixon, of Sandwich township,

and they lived on the old homestead for many years, now living retired at Windsor, their children being, William and Thomas, both of whom were accidentally killed when crossing the tracks of the Michigan Central railroad, Oct. 2, 1895; and Bernard, Loretta and Frank. Rosie, born in 1847, married Thomas Ternan, of Maidstone, and they now live in Detroit, having five children, Vincent, Edward, Mary, Louisa and Kate. Richard is mentioned below.

Richard Mooney remained with his parents until thirty years of age, for a long time being the very capable manager of the home farm. In February, 1872, he married Anna A. McAuliff, born in May, 1855, in Sandwich, daughter of Michael and Honora (Hulihan) McAuliff, this being one of the old and most prominent families of Maidstone. Michael McAuliff was a graduate of Trinity College, and came to Canada in 1848. For many years he taught school in this county, and died at his home in Maidstone in June, 1902. His wife had preceded him to the grave in July, 1898. Mrs. Mooney is a lady of culture, having been carefully educated. Three of her sisters are teachers.

After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Mooney settled on the present farm, which he purchased in 1872, when it was still a tract of wild bush land. He has cleared up 100 acres here, having had much experience in this kind of work, having assisted in the clearing of the old homestead. The first home of Mr. and Mrs. Mooney on the present farm was destroyed by fire in 1893, a total loss of house and all it contained. Immediately after this disaster, Mr. Mooney erected his present commodious and comfortable brick residence, which is conceded to be one of the very finest of the many fine homes of Maidstone.

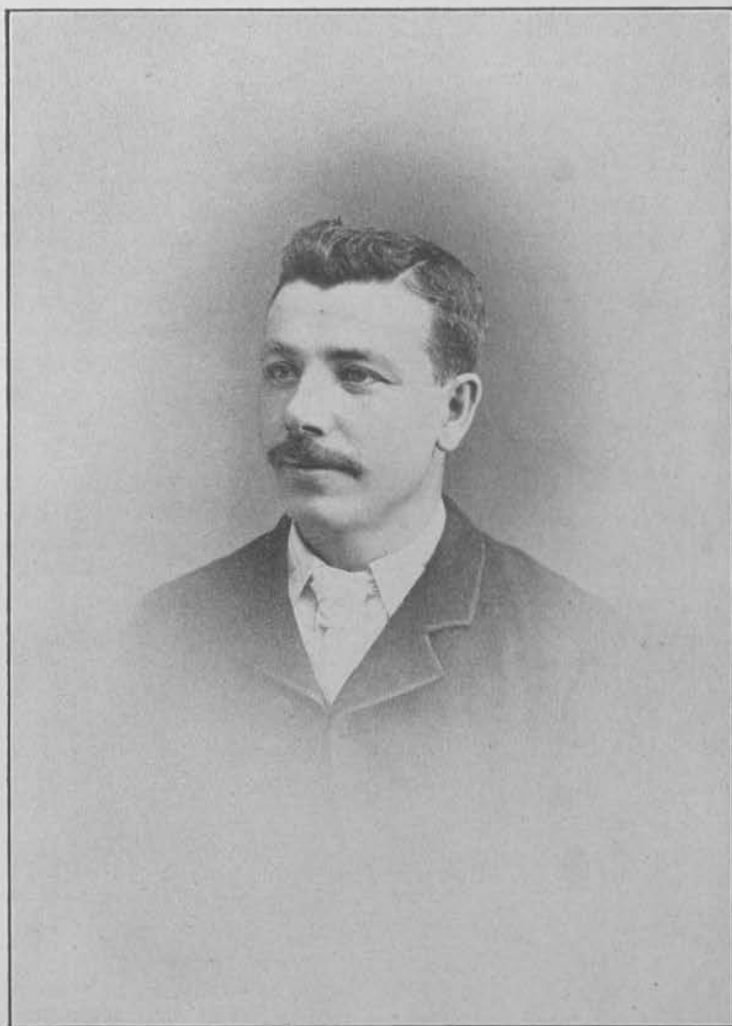
A family of nine children has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Mooney, namely: (1) Laura, born in January, 1873, was educated at the Chatham convent, graduating in 1898; she is the wife of John Coskigan, a farmer in Maidstone, and they have four children, Maggie, Florence, James and Agnes. (2) Richard, born March 11, 1875, married Jennie Powers, of Maidstone, and they reside at Windsor. (3) Vincent, born in 1877, resides at home. (4) Mary E., born in 1881, after graduating in the Essex high school, took a business college course in Detroit, and is now the wife of Henry O'Connor, of Essex. (5) Agnes, born in 1883, is at home. (6) Gerald, born in 1886, is a student of the Essex high school. (7) Frederick is also a high school stu-

dent. (8) Monica, born in 1890, and (9) Ambrose, born in 1893, are still at their books.

Mr. Mooney and family are all members of the Catholic Church, and Mr. Mooney and four of his children have been members of the choir, of which he has been the efficient leader for forty-seven years. Politically he has been prominently identified with the Reform party, and for eight years he was a valued member of the council of Maidstone, and for four years served as assessor. His interest in educational matters has been very marked, and he has served for a long period as school trustee. He is a man of progress and of enterprise, and has worked for the success of the various movements promising to be of benefit to the community. He has been vice-president of the Agricultural Society of Maidstone, and by advice and financial assistance has pushed many of the township enterprises far toward success. He is generally conceded to be one of the best citizens of this locality.

CHARLES CLARK. *The Independent*, Comber's first newspaper, was issued Aug. 9, 1883, by Mr. Alfred Mellish, now of Detroit, who continued its publication during four years. In the fall of 1887 the newspaper changed hands no less than four times in quick succession, and finally the plant was moved to Tilbury, and Mr. E. J. Lovelace, then foreman of the *Essex Liberal*, brought a new plant to Comber, and commenced the publication of a large and much improved sheet, retaining the old name *Independent*. In February, 1890, Mr. Lovelace sold his plant to James McCollum, who moved it to Windsor, and started the *Twin City Quill*. The books and good-will were sold to Messrs. Johnson & McKay, of the *Leamington Post*, the business being transferred to Mr. Charles Clark at the same time, and the plant formerly used by the defunct *Leamington Tribune* was moved to Comber, and the *Herald* trumpeted forth the same week. During the fourteen years of its existence the people of Comber and vicinity have given its publisher, Mr. Charles Clark, a very liberal support.

Charles Clark, editor and published of *The Comber Herald*, Comber, Ont., was born July 25, 1862, at London, England. He and several brothers and sisters were left orphans at a tender age. He was educated at the West London District School, London, England, coming to this country in 1874, under the supervision of the late Miss M. L. Rye. For five years he was em-



Charles Clark

ployed in a grocery store in Chatham, Ont., and afterwards engaged in farming for a period of four years in the township of Howard, Kent County. In 1883 he commenced learning printing at Ridgetown, remaining there three years. He was then employed on the *Essex Liberal* for two years, resigning this position when his employer, J. E. Johnson, Esq., sold the paper. Mr. Johnson shortly afterward purchased the *Leamington Post*, and Mr. Clarke again became one of his employees. In February, 1890, *The Independent*, Comber's newspaper, became defunct and he was encouraged by his employer to start a paper at this point. Without means, he hesitated about taking this step, but his success proves that his friends were not mistaken in him when they advised the action. Commencing at the bottom of the ladder, Mr. Clark has steadily mounted, owing in part to the many kindnesses of his late employer, who ever displayed for him unbounded confidence. The entire business is now on a good financial basis, and is another instance of what a poor boy can accomplish, provided he be honest and industrious, quick to embrace every opportunity offered.

Mr. Clark is a member of the Masonic and I.O.O.F. fraternities. He also is C. P. R. passenger agent at Comber, and in this capacity is giving entire satisfaction, as well as in his position as editor and publisher.

On Sept. 1, 1885, Mr. Clark was married to Miss Permillia J. Parke, youngest daughter of K. J. Parke, Esq., of Chatham. His family consists of three children, boys: Cecil O., aged eighteen years; Roy Leslie, aged sixteen years; and Harold Elmer, aged fourteen years.

HARRY A. DUNN, photographer of Leamington, Ont., was born March 6, 1876, in London, Ont., son of Richard and Mary (Lawson) Dunn, natives of Devonshire and London, England, respectively. They were married in London, Ont., both having come to Canada when young, and they still reside in London, where he is manager of a wholesale tea house. Mr. Dunn is an active member of the Methodist Church, and was superintendent of Sunday School for many years.

Harry A. Dunn is the third in a family of six children. On Jan. 1, 1900, in St. Thomas, Ont., he married Miss Alice, daughter of George B. Ussher, of St. Thomas, Ont. Mr. Dunn attended the public schools in London, Ont., until sixteen years of age, after which he took up photography in London. He remained with his first employer for five years, at the end of that

time going to Leamington, where he started his present business, which he has ever since continued. As a photographer Mr. Dunn shows the skill and taste which come of experience in a congenial field, his work ranking with the best. Mr. Dunn has taken an interest in everything which would advance the welfare of his adopted community, especially in educational lines. He was on the public library board for two years, and is at present serving on the high school board. In political sentiment he is a Conservative. He and his wife unite with the Methodist Church and endeavor to do their share of church work, Mr. Dunn being at present a trustee.

JOHN B. DELISLE, a retired farmer of Sandwich South, County of Essex, Ont., was born near Montreal, in Lower Canada, June 13, 1829, son of Peter and Catherine (Phillips) Delisle, pioneers of the Dominion.

John B. Delisle received his education near Kingston, where his father lived some years. When a young man he learned the trade of cooper, at which he worked in addition to farming. For sixteen years he followed his trade in Amherstburg. In 1850 he was married to Miss Aurilla Richards, of Montreal, born there in 1829, daughter of Joseph and Angeline Richards, also pioneers of Canada, who settled in Anderton, County of Essex, where they died.

Mr. Delisle settled at Amherstburg, after his marriage, but in 1868 he purchased his present home and cleared it up, his farm now consisting of 100 acres. His wife passed away here in June, 1896, and is tenderly mourned as a good, Christian woman. They were the parents of nineteen children: Peter and Joseph, twins, born, in February, 1852, married sisters, natives of France, but residing in Sandwich. Peter lives at Windsor, and has no family, while Joseph lives at Belle River and has two sons, Edward and Henry. Caroline born in 1853, married John Berrier, a resident of Sandwich East, and has no children. Mary died in childhood. Rose, born in 1856, married Michael Cavanagh, of Sandwich West, and their children are, Charles, Michael, John, Frank, Annie, Maggie, Katie, Willie and Joseph. Oriet died in childhood. John, born in 1858, married a Miss Duprey, of County Essex, and they reside at Dearborn, Wayne County, Michigan; their children are: Maggie, Rosie, Jane, Lillie, George and Fred. Edward, born in 1859, married Miss Mayhew, and settled in Detroit. His children are: Minnie, Louisa, Lewis, Julia, David

and Malina. Agnes, born in May, 1861, married Robert Gilboa, resides in Sandwich and has children, Rosie, Rella, Alice, Noah, Lucy, James, Fred, John, Mary, Leo, and Patrick. Michael, born in 1863, married Julia Dellepeau, resides in Detroit, and has children, Henry, Ida, Clara, Patrick, Robert and Emma. Archangel, born in 1864, married Matthew Major, resides in Sandwich, and has children, Mary, Josephine, Lydia, Aurelia, Nellie, John, Louisa, and Lillie. Mary, born in 1866, deceased, married Thomas Lisperant, and has children, Henry, Katie, Agnes and Albert. Henry died at the age of fifteen years. Josephine, born in 1867, married Albert Field, settled in Sandwich and there died, the mother of Eugene, Frank, Lillie and Annie. Eliza, born in 1868, married Joseph McCarthy, of Sandwich, and has children, Joseph, Dominick, Mary and Anthony. James, born in 1870, grew up on the homestead, of which he has been manager for the past six or eight years, ever since his father's declining health made him retire. In November, 1894, he married Miss Katie McGregan, daughter of Charles and Mary (Watson) McGregan, members of old Michigan families. Mrs. Delisle was born in Alpena, Michigan, in 1876, where she was reared and educated. Three children have been born of this marriage: Annie, 1897; Charles, November, 1899; Fred, April, 1902. Malinda, born in 1871, married Paul Lalone, of Belle River, Ont., and has two children, Joseph and Rella. Robert, born in 1872, died in 1892. Maggie, the youngest of this unusually large family, was born in 1876, and married Eugene Burk, resides in Colchester, and has a son, Frank.

Religiously Mr. Delisle and his family are all members of the Catholic Church. Politically he has always been a Reformer, but has never aspired to office.

Few men stand higher in public opinion than does this able, energetic and successful farmer, whose life has been devoted to living honestly, uprightly and according to the teachings of his creed, and yet to provide for his family and sustain his rights as a loyal subject and do his duty as pertained thereto. Mr. Delisle has never come before his friends and fellow-townsmen for political preferment; his voice has not been heard in public places, nor has he consorted with the great, seeking to gain honors which he felt his own hands had not earned, but nevertheless he is a man of influence, and his opinions are sought and his advice asked. Those who come close to nature and listen to her many

lessons, learn to look dispassionately and with clear judgment upon men and outside affairs, and to weigh them fairly and honestly in the balance. In addition to this, a clean, honorable life exerts a great influence, and gives a man immense power over others, and because of all this John B. Delisle is held in esteem and respect throughout the County of Essex.

ROBERT W. SHANKS, one of the prominent citizens and prosperous farmers of Gosfield, County of Essex, is well and widely known, and comes of a most highly regarded family.

James Shanks, grandfather of Robert W., was born in Morayshire, Scotland, near Gordon Castle, and as a young man just beyond his majority, moved to Leaven, Yorkshire, England, where he married a Miss Dales. Both lived to a good old age and died there, their family being as follows: Robert, who died in Romney township, County of Kent; James, father of Robert W.; Richard, who died in childhood; Maria, who married a Mr. Blanken; Hannah, who married George Gardham, of Yorkshire, England.

James Shanks was born near Leaven, Yorkshire, and was twenty years old when he came to Canada, locating in Romney township, County of Kent, where he received a grant of 200 acres of Government land in the 3rd Concession. This was all uncultivated, and after some improvements, he sold it to Jacob Hyatt, coming then to Gosfield township, County of Essex, where he bought 100 acres on Lot 11, of Theodore Wigle. Twelve acres of this farm had been cleared, but the only building was a log cabin, which he erected himself and occupied for two years, then building a larger log house, in which he resided eighteen years. Mr. Shanks worked hard for many years, and succeeded in clearing his land, upon which he made his home until his death, which occurred when he was aged eighty-three years. In Romney township he married Mary Jackson, who was born in County Durham, England, and who was about twenty years old when her family came to Canada. Their children were: James, of Leamington, Ont.; Miss Hannah, of Leamington; Robert W., of this sketch; and Maria, wife of Frank McCharles, of Ruthven, Ont. Mr. Shanks was a Conservative in his political views. He was reared in the Presbyterian faith, but later connected himself with the Methodist church.

Robert W. Shanks was born Aug. 9, 1841, in Romney township, and was about thirteen years of age when he came to the present farm. From

an early age he was his father's right hand in the clearing of the land, and in the making of improvements. After coming into possession of the homestead, he added 106 acres, in Lot 6, Concession 3, and part of Lot 10, in Concession 1, all of which he has practically cleared. In addition Mr. Shanks owns five improved lots in Leamington, and is justly considered one of the substantial men of this locality.

On Dec. 25, 1863, he married Elizabeth Ann Wigle, daughter of John W. and Salome (Fox) Wigle. The four children born to this marriage are: Mary Salome; Ella Florence, who married Arthur Fox, of Union, and has two children, Marvel and Gerald; Ethel Arabelle; and Parmenas John James.

Mr. Shanks has always been an active farmer, carrying on extensive operations. Politically a Conservative, he has been active in township affairs, serving twelve years as councillor, in 1898 as reeve, and for three years as deputy-reeve. He is prominent in Masonry, joining the order first in 1867, at Kingsville, and later becoming a charter member at Leamington. In 1898 he took the Royal Arch degrees at Windsor, and he is one of the leading members of the fraternity. With his family he attends the Methodist Church.

DUNCAN McALISTER, postmaster of Comber and reeve of Tilbury West township, is owner and manager of Cedar Lawn Stock Farm, and one of the best known citizens of the County of Essex. He was born in Erin township, in the County of Wellington, Ont., April 17, 1844.

Samuel McAlister, father of Duncan, was born on a farm near Glasgow, Scotland, and grew up there, acquiring a practical knowledge of agriculture. He married Margaret McMillen, a native of the same locality, and two children were born to them, before they left Scotland, viz.: Samuel, who died in Orford township, County of Kent; and Christina, now the widow of Alexander Stevenson, and residing in Tilbury East.

Desiring to better his condition, Samuel McAlister, in the early forties, embarked with his family for the New World, and after many weeks on a sailing vessel, they landed at Quebec. Their objective point was farther West, and after many hardships they reached the County of Wellington, and settled in Erin township. Mr. McAlister took up 100 acres of land, and the family courageously entered upon the life of privation to be expected in a new land with but

few and scattered settlers. A log cabin was built and for five years Mr. McAlister struggled to get his farm cleared, and make some headway in the world. Just as he was attaining success he met with an accident while chopping down a tree, and was struck on the head so severely that after lingering for three days in unconsciousness, he passed out of life, and was buried in Erin township. He was a Reformer in politics, and in religious faith a member of the Presbyterian Church. His death occurred in 1849, and his widow was left with five small children to care for, three of whom were born after their parents arrived in Erin township, namely: Duncan; and Mary and Jane, who both died young.

Mrs. McAlister's parents, Duncan McMillen and his wife, lived in the County of Kent, and thither, after selling the farm, she went with her children. Within a few years she married William Barker, and removed to Orford township, that county, where, on her husband's farm, she lived to be over seventy years old, outliving Mr. Barker. She was buried in Botany Cemetery in Howard township. She belonged to the Presbyterian Church, and was a good Christian woman and good mother.

Duncan McAlister was only five years old when his father was killed, and he came with his mother to Kent, where he lived with his grandfather and attended the district and subscription schools of the township. After his mother's second marriage he lived in Orford township, going to school there and working on the farm for his stepfather till he was seventeen. Then he accepted a position as clerk in the general store of Thomas Finily at Morpeth, County of Kent, where he worked a year for his board and \$100. He then took a similar position in a store in Valetta, owned by John Richardson, who later became his father-in-law.

After two years, and while Mr. McAlister was still under age, a partnership was formed under the firm name of Richardson & McAlister, and they opened a general store at Comber, conducting it together for one year. Then Mr. McAlister bought out the senior partner, and for thirty-five years had been engaged there in the general mercantile line, when, in 1898, he lost his store and stock by fire, suffering a loss of more than \$8,000 over his insurance, and he has never opened up the business since.

Mr. McAlister's business interests were not by any means confined to the mercantile line, but have always been varied in character. For a number of years he was engaged in the grain

trade and in milling, and later in farming and stock raising. In 1867 he bought the 100 acres, now known as the Cedar Lawn Stock Farm, in the south half of Lot 7, on the Middle Road South, Tilbury West township, then the property of Alexander Cameron, and he has since made his chief business the raising of fine Short-horn cattle, horses and other blooded stock, in which he takes the greatest pride.

In 1867 Mr. McAlister bought the property of the late Henry Richenback, on which he, in 1878, built a handsome house, one of the finest houses in the township, erected at an expense of over \$4,000. The house and the grounds around it both bespeak the taste and attention of the owner, who is domestic in his tastes and very fond of his home.

Mr. McAlister was married before he was twenty, and his bride, Miss Elizabeth Richardson, daughter of the venerable John Richardson, of Tilbury East township, was even younger. Their marriage took place Feb. 13, 1865. Mrs. McAlister is a woman of culture and refinement, and is devoted to her husband and family. She is the mother of nine children, seven of whom are living: (1) Margaret, educated in Comber and at the St. Thomas Ladies' College, is the wife of William McIntosh, of Comber, and has one child, Vera. (2) Mary Jane, educated in Comber, and at the Detroit Business College and the Conservatory of Music in that city, married Rev. A. W. Campbell, Presbyterian minister at Quaker Hill, and has had five children, Irene, Robert, Agnes, Mary and Grace. (3) Gordon attended the schools in Comber, was graduated from the Essex County high school, and from the Detroit Medical College, and is now practicing at Stanwood, Michigan. He married Miss Nora Van Aucken. (4) Maude married Erin Potticary, an employe of the Michigan Central Railroad, in the Buffalo office. (5) Abner is a student in the College of Pharmacy at Big Rapids, Michigan. (6) Lois, a graduate of the Comber high school, studied telegraphy, and is now operator at Comber and assistant postmaster. (7) Alister is at home. (8) Cyril died, and another child (9) died in infancy.

In public matters Mr. McAlister is as active and as variously interested as in his private business. He is a Liberal in politics, and spares neither time nor strength to secure his party's success, while he has served the public faithfully in many different capacities. For the past forty years he has held continuously the office of postmaster of Comber; he has been in the council of

the township and of the county; has served several terms as reeve, his last election being January, 1903, and in every case he has satisfied his constituents of his honesty and integrity, and of the absolute safety of their interests when in his hands. For many years he has been a justice of the peace, and no case tried before him has been appealed. He is also a notary public, and the issuer of marriage licenses.

With all these demands upon his attention, Mr. McAlister yet finds time to spare for church work to a great extent. He and his wife are both members of the Presbyterian Church, in which he was a deacon for several years, and is now filling the office of elder, while he has been both a teacher in the Sunday School and superintendent. Fraternally he is a member of A.F. & A.M. of Comber, and is Master Mason; he has also been chief ranger of the I.O.F. of Comber, and master workman of the A.O.U.W., No. 34, Comber, and is a member of the Dominion Short-horn Cattle Breeders' Association, of Toronto. No man in the county is busier, or gives more impartial attention to all the multitudinous details of his many and varied interests. With it all he is genial and hospitable, and has hosts of warm friends.

SAMUEL THOMAS ANDERSON is one of the best known men in his section of the County of Essex, where he has been successfully engaged in business for many years, and also prominently identified with the administration of civil affairs. He has been clerk of Tilbury West township since 1891, and in that connection alone has made a wide circle of acquaintances.

Mr. Anderson comes of a family which has long been established in Canada, being one of the third generation on this side of the Atlantic. The family was originally of Scottish origin, but for many generations had its home in Ireland, where Francis Anderson, grandfather of Samuel T., was born, in Belfast, County Antrim. There he grew to manhood, and in 1822, having decided to try his fortune in the New World, embarked with his family on a sailing vessel, which landed them at Quebec after a voyage of sixteen weeks. Going west to the then unsettled region of the Province of Quebec, Mr. Anderson located at Grenville, in the County of Argen-teuil, where he became the possessor of 200 acres of government land, in the woods, and commenced farming. He built a log house and struggled along, clearing his land and putting it under cultivation as fast as the limited resources of the



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day made it possible. There he continued to live until 1846, when, after twenty-two years of hard work and pioneer life in that region, he sold out and moved further west, locating in Stephen township, County of Huron, Ontario, on a tract of land on Lot 5, Concession 3, owned by his son James. He put up a small log house, and again took up the work of clearing the land and putting it under cultivation, continuing thus until his death—a period of twenty-six years. He spent the remainder of his life upon that place, living to the ripe old age of eighty-eight years, his death occurring in March, 1872. He is buried in Exeter, Ontario.

Mr. Anderson was married in his native place to Margaret McCrainer, and seven children were born to this union, most of them before the emigration of the family to Canada: Jane married George Johnson, and died in London; Mary married David Kimball, and both died in Michigan; James; Joseph; Alvina married Robert Anderson, and both died in the County of Huron; Francis; and Jemima married Chester Prouty, clerk of Stephen township, County of Huron, where she died. Mrs. Anderson proved a devoted helpmeet through all the long years of hard work in a new country. She lived to the extraordinary age of ninety-six years, surviving until 1885, and was laid to rest beside her husband. Both were members of the Church of England. He was a staunch Conservative in political faith, but never sought nor accepted office.

James Anderson, son of Francis and father of Samuel T., was born in Ireland, May 1, 1817, in the parish of Belfast, County Antrim, and was but five years old when he crossed the Atlantic with his parents. He grew up in a pioneer region, with no advantages for education, having few opportunities for attending school. But what he lacked in literary training was amply made up by experience in the practical work of life, for he began to give valuable assistance to his father in the work of the farm at an early age. When a youth he was apprenticed to learn the trade of millwright, at which he served seven years, and after becoming a journeyman he followed that calling for some time in the Province of Quebec. In 1844 he set out for the west, coming to the new section of Ontario and locating in the County of Huron, where he worked at his trade erecting watermills. He finally bought 200 acres of uncleared land in Stephen township, of the Canadian Land Company, but only retained fifty acres for himself, giving the adjoining fifty to his father, and selling the other hun-

dred. On his own lot he first erected a small log cabin, and setting bravely to work cleared up his land and made many improvements thereon, and also erected a much larger house, also of logs. He continued to reside in the County of Huron for twenty-nine years, at the end of that time (1873) selling out and bringing his family to the County of Essex, where he located in Mersea township. He bought a 100-acre tract on Lot 11, Concession 11, built a frame house, and with the help of his sons took up the work of clearing. He passed the remainder of his life upon that place, carrying on general farming, and died there Feb. 20, 1894, at the age of seventy-six years. His remains were interred in Hilliard's burying ground, in Mersea township. Like his father, Mr. Anderson was a member of the Church of England, and in politics a staunch Conservative. He took no part in public affairs, preferring a quiet life.

Mr. Anderson was married in Longueuil, in the electoral district of Chambly, Quebec, to Elizabeth Howes, a native of that place and she survives him, still living at the homestead. She is now about seventy years of age. Mrs. Anderson is a good, Christian woman, a faithful member of the Methodist Church at Maple Grove, and shared with her husband the trials and hardships of many years of pioneer life. This couple had fifteen children born to them, namely: Robert, born Sept. 9, 1854, a veterinary surgeon, residing at Comber, in the County of Essex, married Jane Waite; Samuel Thomas, born Aug. 22, 1856, is mentioned farther on; Charles N., born Jan. 14, 1858, is a physician at Leamington; Alexander, born May 25, 1859, is a traveling salesman with residence at London, Ont., married Ada Wigle, and has two children, Ethel and Ada; James, born June 23, 1861, a carpenter, lives with his mother on the old homestead; Arthur Russell, born March 27, 1863, is a bridge foreman with the Grand Trunk railroad, at Durand, Michigan; Francis Leopold, born Aug. 28, 1865, is a machinist foreman with Sherwin & Williams, paint manufacturers of Cleveland, Ohio; D. William, born Feb. 26, 1867, is agent for the Lake Erie & Detroit Railway Company, at Leamington, Ont.; Laura Ann, born Jan. 25, 1869, is the wife of Allen J. Washburn, a farmer of Tilbury West township; Margaret Emma, born Jan. 26, 1871, married Alfred Pendergast, has one child Burrett, and resides in Tilbury; Henry Huston, born May 10, 1873, died in 1894; John Hooker, born March 31, 1875, married Ida Washburn, has three children, Mildred, Gerald

Grant and James Clifford, and lives on the homestead; Frederick, born May 31, 1877, is operator and station agent for the Northern Pacific Railway Company, at Poplar, Montana; and Bruce, born March, 1879, and Elizabeth, born in October, 1881, died in infancy.

Samuel Thomas Anderson, whose name introduces this history, was born Aug. 22, 1856, in Exeter, Stephen township, County of Huron, Ont., on his father's farm. Up to the age of thirteen years he divided his time between attendance at the log school of the vicinity and work on the home place. Then, leaving home, he began his independent career as clerk at Lucan, County of Middlesex, where he remained three years, the first year receiving \$25, the second \$35, and the third \$50, besides a suit of clothes. Being ambitious, and desiring a better education than the schools of his native place afforded, he had in the meantime availed himself of the privilege of a night school at Lucan, which he attended during the three years of his stay there, paying for tuition out of his meager wages. At the end of that period he returned home, thence going to Carsonville, Michigan, where he became bookkeeper and accountant for the firm of Carson & Co., merchants and lumbermen, with whom he remained three years. The year following he spent on the farm with his father in Mersea township, and next went to Leamington, in the County of Essex, where he was clerk in a general store for four and one-half years. Leaving there he located in the township of Tilbury West, where he bought a fifty-acre tract on Lot 8, Concession 11, built a frame house, cleared up the land, and made many improvements on the place, engaging in general farming there for six years.

Mr. Anderson then gave up farming and returned to clerking, being engaged in a general store at Comber for a year, until he embarked on his own account in the grain and produce business, as a wholesale buyer and shipper, buying grain, etc., and shipping to all points in Canada. Mr. Anderson made a distinct success in this line, in which he continued until January, 1903. However, he did not devote all his time and attention to this line of work, having engaged also as an auctioneer, etc. As a prosperous and progressive business man he has become well known all over the county, and in other sections of the Province, and his integrity and honest methods have won him respect and popularity wherever he has gone. Mr. Anderson has made his own success in life. He early

showed his ability to overcome adverse circumstances, by his earnest efforts in boyhood to gain a thorough education, and the same characteristic has marked him in all his undertakings. In spite of his many business cares he has found time to give to the welfare and advancement of his community, and that his fellow-citizens have appreciated his efforts is shown in his repeated re-elections to the office of township clerk, which, as has been stated, he has held since 1891. Before the township was divided he served one term in the same capacity in Tilbury West township. Mr. Anderson was one of the incorporators of the village of Comber, and has served as village clerk for seven years. That he has displayed the same traits in his discharge of his official duties that brought him success in the conduct of his own affairs is attested by his long retention in office. He has the confidence of all classes. In political sentiment he is a staunch Conservative, and he is an active worker in the ranks of his party.

Mr. Anderson was married, Sept. 18, 1881, in Tilbury West township, to Miss Margaret R. Wight, who was born at Ayr, in the County of Waterloo, daughter of Andrew and Mary (Buchanan) Wight, the former of whom is deceased; the mother is still living at Ayr. Three children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, namely: Beatrice attended the Comber high school and the high school at Leamington, and is now a student in the Model school at Windsor; Roy C. attended the high school at Comber, and is now studying at the Detroit Dental College; Mary is at home. The family unite with the Presbyterian Church at Comber, and fraternally Mr. Anderson is a member of the A.O.U.W., Lodge No. 34, at Comber. Despite his busy life he is a man of quiet tastes, and happiest in his domestic circle.

HOWES. The Howes family, to which Mr. Anderson belongs in maternal lines, came from Devonshire, England. Samuel and Ann (Mizie) Howes, his great-grandparents, were natives of that shire, where he followed his trade of stonemason. Looking for wider opportunities for bettering his financial condition, he embarked with his wife and children, in a sailing vessel, bound for the New World. Locating in Grenville, County of Argenteuil, Quebec, he followed his trade, later removing to Winchester, where he passed the remainder of his life, and died at the age of ninety-two years. His wife attained the age of ninety years, and, as did her husband, passed away in the faith of the Methodist

Church. In politics he was a Conservative. Their children were: Elizabeth; Nathaniel; Aaron, who died in North Dakota; William, who died in young manhood; Jemima; and Mary Ann.

Nathaniel Howes, son of Samuel, and grandfather of Samuel Thomas Anderson, grew up in his native Devonshire, and there with his father learned the trade of stonemason. Accompanying his parents to Quebec, he continued to work at his trade, in connection, however, with brick-laying and plaster-making. He made his home chiefly at Longueuil, County of Dundas, Ont., and later at Winchester, where he died at the age of seventy-six. He was a member of the Methodist Church. In politics he was a Conservative. In Longueuil he married Mary Ann Milner, daughter of Thomas Milner, of England; she died in Winchester at the age of seventy-five years. Children as follows blessed this marriage: Elizabeth Ann, born Aug. 4, 1834, married James Anderson, and resides in Mersea township, County of Essex; Melissa married a Crawford; Adelia married Thomas Holmes, of Winchester; Samuel Thomas lives in Winchester; Devota married John Sproule, and resides at Brandon; Mary Ann married David Christie, of Winchester; Jemima married Thomas Christie.

THOMAS BARNES, a prosperous farmer of Maidstone, Lot 19, Concession 8, County of Essex, was born in Portage County, Ohio, Jan. 5, 1843, son of Joseph and Mary (Notman) Barnes, natives of England and Scotland, respectively. They were married in Ohio, where they lived for some years, coming to Canada in 1865, and locating at Maidstone on a farm known as the Robert Taylor farm. There the father died in 1889, and his wife in 1896. Religiously they were Methodists, and active workers in the Church. They had six children: Joseph, born in Ohio in 1840, is unmarried, and lives in Maidstone; Thomas; Margaret, born in Ohio in 1846, married Joseph Jones, now of Nile, Ont., formerly of Maidstone, and they have a family: Mary J., born in Ohio in 1849, married William Wylie, of Minnesota, late of Montana, and died leaving a family: Walter, born in Ohio in 1852, died in Maidstone at the old home in 1889; Sarah, born in Ohio in 1855, married Hamilton Lawson of Maidstone, and has two daughters, Violet and Mabel.

Thomas Barnes was educated in Ohio, and after he came with his parents to Canada, he worked at the carpenter trade for some eight or ten years. Later he engaged in farming. In

June, 1877, he married Miss Martha Wylie, born at Windsor, a daughter of John and Margaret Wylie, who came from England and were among the early settlers of Windsor, where both died. Mrs. Barnes was reared and educated at Windsor, where her father became quite prominent as a shipbuilder. She was one of a family of three children, the other two being: Margaret married Alexander McDowell, of Maidstone; William married Mary J. Barnes, sister of our subject, and moved to Colorado, where he died in 1900, leaving his wife with the following family: Lottie (of the State of Washington); Maggie (married and living in Minnesota); Mattie (of the State of Washington); Ida and Jessie (of Minnesota); and Ellen (of the State of Washington).

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Barnes settled on their present farm, which he cleared from brush, erecting a home and making all the necessary improvements. He now owns 150 acres of his home farm, as well as his father's homestead and another farm, so that his total acreage amounts to 400 acres in the County of Essex, and he also owns a farm in Ohio. Mrs. Barnes died in 1878, leaving one son, Thomas E., born in August, 1877, still a resident of the homestead. In 1888 Mr. Barnes married Miss Priscilla Hagley, of Ohio, daughter of William Hagley, of that State. She died at the homestead in 1895, leaving one daughter, Ida Rena, born in 1889, now a student of the schools of Maidstone. Religiously Mr. Barnes, like both of his wives, early became connected with the Methodist Church, in which he has taken an active part, and he was a popular Sunday School teacher for many years. In politics he is one of the independent voters of the township.

Mr. Barnes is a self-made man, and is proud of the fact that he owes his present prosperity to his own unaided efforts. When he came to this section of the country, the land was wild, and every inch of the way had to be contested with nature. By steady, untiring effort, good management and thrifty habits, he has worked his way forward, until now he stands among the leading agriculturists of this portion of the county.

OSCAR TEETER, M.B., one of the prominent residents of Amherstburg, Ont., is a native of Lincoln County, where his family was founded about 1808. The Teeters are of German extraction, and the Doctor's great-grandfather was the first to come to Ontario. He was born in

New Jersey, where his ancestors had settled prior to the Revolutionary War, and married in his native country; his wife lived to the advanced age of one hundred and three years. On the journey from New Jersey to Ontario one of the family walked nearly all the way in order to make room for the old wooden family clock, which is now owned by the Doctor's uncle. After settling in County Lincoln, Mr. Teeter engaged in farming, and resided there until his death. Among his children was John, the Doctor's grandfather.

John Teeter was born in Ontario, and followed farming in County Lincoln. His wife, Azubeth Terreberry, was also born in Ontario. They died firm in the faith of the Methodist Church, and in politics Mr. Teeter was a Conservative. To John Teeter and his wife were born these children: William, Solomon and John, all of whom died young; Isaac, deceased; James; Allen; Alfred; Walter and Robert.

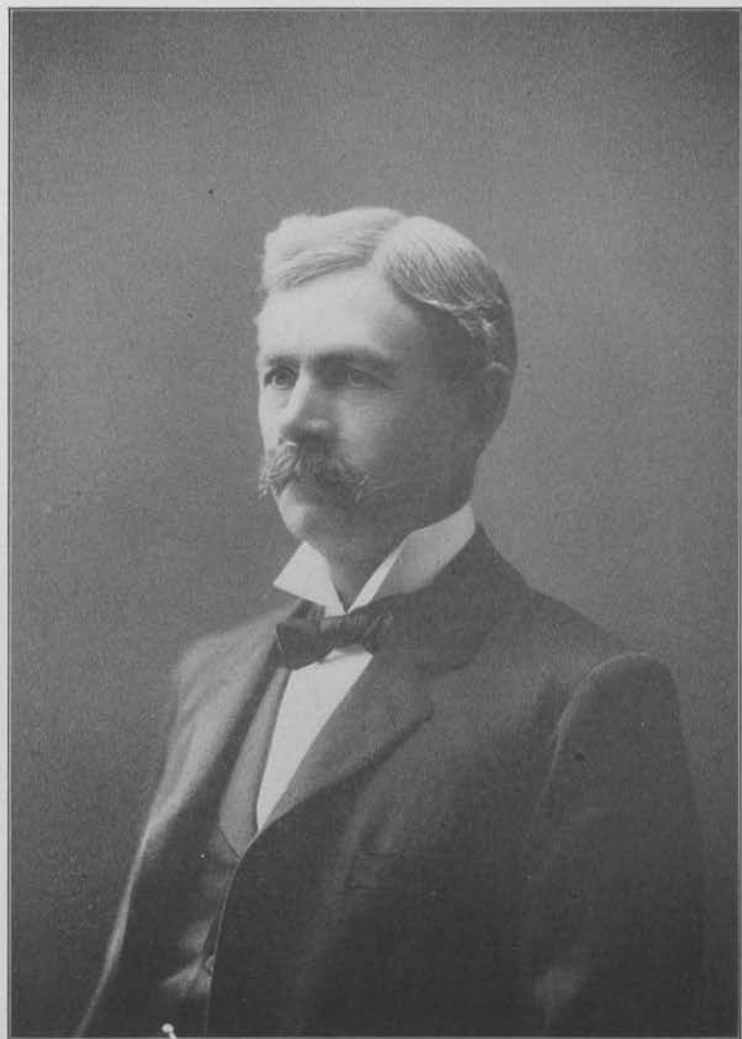
Robert Teeter, the Doctor's father, was born in County Lincoln in 1837, and for thirty-five years was in the employ of John H. Grant, but is now living retired, enjoying the fruits of a life of hard labor. Both he and his wife were consistent members of the Methodist Church, and he was a Reformer in politics. In 1865 he married Victoria Alexandrine Kemp, who was born in Ontario, daughter of Robert and Margaret (Vrooman) Kemp, the latter a granddaughter of Col. Vrooman, of Butler's Rangers; the Vroomans were early settlers of Queenston, Ont. Robert Kemp, the Doctor's maternal grandfather, was a son of a soldier in the English army, and the family has inherited the martial spirit which has come down to them on both sides.

Dr. Oscar Teeter is the only child of his parents, and he was born at Grimsby, Ont., March 23, 1867. His literary education was obtained in the public and high schools of his native town, and he subsequently entered the medical department of the Toronto University, from which institution he was graduated in 1891 with the degree of M.B. In the spring of 1893 Dr. Teeter located in Walkerville, where he resided for a short time, and in July of the same year he formed a partnership with Dr. F. F. Bell, of Amherstburg, which continued until 1897, when he purchased the interest of the other member of the firm, as well as his town residence. He has since practiced alone. Since locating in Amherstburg Dr. Teeter has been very successful, not only in his professional, but also political

life, he having been elected to the council, and he was honored with the office of mayor of the city in 1901, and he has proven himself a very efficient public official.

In 1897 Dr. Teeter married Miss Hilda J. Caldwell, daughter of Capt. William Caldwell, of Amherstburg, and one daughter has been born to them, Margaret Victoria Ann Yvonne. Fraternally Dr. Teeter is a member of the A.O. U.W. and the Chosen Friends. The Doctor has made many friends since selecting Amherstburg as his home.

DUNCAN McLACHLAN. The Canada Business College, of Chatham, of which Mr. McLachlan is the president, is one of the many leading factors contributing to the best interests of that city. An institution, the prime object of which is to prepare young men and women for successful business positions, brings a large revenue into the city, and is an enterprise whose good work will live after its noble founder has passed away. This educational institution was founded in 1876, by Duncan McLachlan, and was opened for business Nov. 30, of that year, with the enrolment of one pupil, Alexander McLachlan, a brother of the president. This first pupil is now the president of the International College, at Smyrna, Turkey. From that humble beginning, over a quarter of a century ago, the number of pupils has increased to over 300, according to the statement for the year ending 1900. The faculty has grown from one member, in 1876, to eleven, six of whom are regular teachers, three assistants and two lecturers. This is the only business college in Canada which has continued for twenty-seven years under the same management, and it is a matter of note that pupils of Mr. McLachlan are at the head of great colleges all over Canada and the United States. Among those in Canada may be mentioned: James Westervelt, principal of the Forest City Business College, at London, Ont.; R. E. Gallagher, at the head of the Canada Business College, at Hamilton, Ont.; W. H. Shaw, of the Central Business College, of Toronto; W. J. Elliott, of the Central Business College, at Stratford; and H. T. Gough, of St. Thomas Business College. For the year ending in June prior to the receiving of this information, the institution had enrolled pupils from 138 cities, towns and hamlets; from six States in the United States; from Newfoundland; from thirty counties and districts of Ontario; and its graduates are to be found all over the world.



J. M. Lachlan

The life history of the man through whose efforts this college has reached its present high degree of usefulness is both interesting and instructive. Mr. McLachlan is a native of the County of Wellington, Ont., of Scottish ancestry, a son of Malcolm and Christine (McDonald) McLachlan, and a grandson of Daniel and Mary (McDonald) McLachlan. Daniel McLachlan was born in Scotland about 1783, and married Mary McDonald, also a native of Scotland. They were among the very early settlers in the County of Peel, Ont., where they engaged in farming, and reared the following children: Charles, Malcolm, John, Daniel, Lachlan and Alexander, all deceased; Clemina, the wife of Alexander McLachlan, the Canadian poet; Mary, deceased, the wife of Daniel McMillan, and Nancy, the widow of Neil Brown.

Of this family, Malcolm McLachlan, the father of Duncan, was born in Johnstone in 1814, and was five years of age when his parents brought him to Ontario. His first marriage was to Jane Kirkwood, and the following children were born to this union: Daniel, of Victoria, B. C.; William, of Seattle, Washington; Robert, of Orcas Island; Margaret, deceased; and Mary, deceased. The second marriage of Mr. McLachlan was to Christine McDonald, daughter of Duncan and Catherine McDonald, and the children born to this union were: Duncan; John, who is a deputy sheriff at Ottawa; Alexander, who is principal of the International College at Smyrna, Turkey; Charles, a physician in New Rockford, North Dakota, vice-president of the bank of New Rockford, and ex-member of the State Legislature; Malcolm, who is president of the McLachlan Business University at Grand Rapids, Michigan; and James, who is manager of an elevator at New Rockford, North Dakota.

President McLachlan was born Sept. 19, 1852, in the township of Erin, County of Wellington, Ont., where he was reared and where he attended the public schools and later took a course in the Rockwood Academy. His educational work began early, for he was still a young man when made principal of the public school at Glen Williams, where he remained one year. At the conclusion of this service President McLachlan entered upon his career as a student in the British American Business College at Toronto, where he graduated in 1872, thoroughly qualified in every detail of this line of educational work. In September, 1872, he accepted the position of instructor in penmanship in the Canada Business

College, Hamilton, and in 1873 became a partner in the institution, this partnership continuing until 1879. In the meantime, in 1876, he had founded the Canada Business College, at Chatham, which he has personally conducted ever since.

In 1891 Mr. McLachlan was united in marriage with Emma Hall, the one daughter of this union being Jean Christine. Mrs. McLachlan died in 1894, and in 1897 he married Miss Jennie Elder, by whom he had two children, Louise A. and Kenneth Duncan. Religiously he is a Presbyterian. Politically he is a Reformer, and socially a member of Barton Lodge, No. 6, A.F. & A.M., of Hamilton, Ontario.

HILLIER. The Hillier family, now represented in Mersea township, County of Essex, by James Hillier and his son, Thomas Hillier, has been located in this section for over sixty years, and has taken a high place among the substantial residents of this now prosperous region. By industry and good management they have succeeded in their farming operations and become large landowners, and in point of means and intelligence they rank with the best people of the county.

The Hilliers are of English descent, and the home of the family for many years was in Somersetshire, England, where James Hillier, the grandfather of James, just mentioned, was born, and where he lived and died. Teaming was his principal occupation throughout life. He was a member of the Church of England. His son, also named James, was also born in Somersetshire, grew to manhood at his birthplace, and there married Susanna Ryall, a native of the same county. She was a daughter of Jonathan Ryall, and a sister of Charles Ryall, who came to Canada and settled in Gosfield township, County of Essex. In England Mr. Hillier was engaged in trading, dealing in cheese and other commodities, and made trips by wagon to London and other cities to dispose of his product. Feeling that he could better his circumstances in the New World, he came with his family to America in 1835, making the ocean voyage in a full-rigged West Indian merchantman, the "Cosmore," which sailed from Bristol. They landed in New York after a voyage of forty-five days, and their destination being Ohio they continued their journey up the Hudson River to Albany, and thence by canal to Buffalo. There they embarked on a sailing vessel for Sandusky, Ohio, where they located, Mr. Hillier soon finding employment.

After two years' residence in Ohio, Mr. Hillier decided to follow his brother-in-law, Charles Ryall, to Canada, where prospects seemed bright for settlers, and the family removed in the spring of 1837. They lived for a short time with Mr. Ryall, and then Mr. Hillier purchased a tract of 100 acres in Mersea township, on Lot 3, Concession 10, which was in its primitive condition, like all the surrounding country, wild beasts roaming through the forests. There were neither roads nor bridges to aid the travellers through this wilderness, and it was difficult for the settlers to get flour and other provisions, which had to be brought some distance. Mr. Hillier put up a little log cabin, into which the family moved, miles from the nearest neighbors, and these pioneers suffered many other deprivations besides those of society during the early days. There were no schools and no churches; there were no improved farming implements to aid the farmer in clearing his land for cultivation, or in making the work of cultivation itself any easier; there were none of the many advantages within reach in a civilized community. But these early settlers struggled on bravely, and in time saw the dawn of prosperity, for such hard work was bound to bring its reward. Acre after acre was cleared, and year by year the soil yielded better, until the farm was quite valuable, and Mr. Hillier could feel that he had indeed succeeded in carving out a comfortable home for his family. He was also able to purchase other land, at the time of his death owning 400 acres in Mersea township, which he divided among his children. But he did not live long to enjoy the benefits he had reaped, his death occurring in 1851, when he was sixty years old.

Mr. Hillier was always a staunch Conservative, and he aided the Government in the Rebellion of 1837-38, being one of the volunteers stationed at the old Sandwich jail, which was used as a fort at that time. He served under Capt. Fox, of Gosfield. In religion he clung to the faith of his forefathers, being a member of the Church of England. His devoted wife followed him to the grave in 1861, at the age of sixty-one years, and both rest in the cemetery at Albuna, which is located in the 9th Concession, Mersea township. They were the parents of eight children, as follows: Susanna, who died young, in Somersetshire, England; Charles, who died young; James; George, who was postmaster at Albuna for twenty years, and died April 19, 1903, in Mersea township; Jonathan, a farmer of Mersea township, where he died, May 7, 1904;

Susanna, who is the wife of William Reid, and lives in the State of Arkansas; Mary, who married Eugene McCarthy, and resides in Massachusetts; and Jane, who married Thomas Armstrong, and resides in Leamington, Ontario.

JAMES HILLIER, third in the family of James and Susanna (Ryall) Hillier, was born in Somersetshire, England, Oct. 15, 1827, and while he was in his native land attended school. As he was only in his eighth year when the family left England, and as there were no schools in the new country in which they settled, his schooling was limited, and his real education has been obtained in the broad school of experience, by observation and contact with practical things. He was reared to manhood on the pioneer farm, and remained at home until after the death of his father, when he received fifty acres of land as his portion of the estate, the place on which he is now residing. He cleared this tract and put it under excellent cultivation, in time making many improvements, erecting a brick house and good farm buildings, and otherwise adding greatly to its value. In addition to general farming he engaged in stock raising and peach growing, having 2,000 peach trees and 200 apple trees, and did very well in every line, acquiring other property until now he and his son own 274 acres, 100 of which they rent to other parties for cultivation. Mr. Hillier has always been regarded as one of the most intelligent and up-to-date agriculturists of his locality, and he has done much to advance farming interests in this section by his advocacy of improved methods and systematic work.

Mr. Hillier cared for his widowed mother until her death, and after that event he married, on Nov. 26, 1862, Miss Lydia Ann Squires, who was born in Long Island, New York, daughter of Thomas Squires; Mr. Squires hauled the iron for the first railroad built in that section. Four children blessed this union, namely: Thomas; Susanna, wife of John S. Cowan, a farmer of the township of Tilbury East, in the County of Kent; Charles, who died young; and Elizabeth, who died when seven years old. The mother passed away in 1877, and was laid to rest in the cemetery at Albuna. She was an earnest Christian woman, devoted to her family and home interests, and a devout member of the Methodist Church. Mr. Hillier belongs to no church, but he believes in the principles of Christianity and takes the Golden Rule for his guide in his relations with his fellowmen. His life has been one of exemplary industry and integrity, and

he is now enjoying the fruits of his labors, having retired from arduous work, though he is quite active for a man long past threescore and ten. His entire attention was given to his business affairs, and he never mixed in public matters in any way; though he has always been a staunch supporter of the Conservative party. He makes his home with his son, and surrounded as he is by a contented family and all the comforts of life, he is passing the evening of his days in serene enjoyment of the many blessings his industry has won. He has witnessed a wondrous change in the locality which has been his home from boyhood, and has the satisfaction of knowing that he did his share in effecting the transformation.

THOMAS HILLIER, son of James, was born April 1, 1861, on the old homestead, and received such advantages as the schools of the locality afforded, part of the time attending a subscription school, which later became a common school. He grew to manhood at his birthplace, and has always made farming his occupation, assisting his father from early boyhood. In addition to general crops he has branched out into fruit growing, in 1895 planting fifteen acres in peach trees, and he now has 2,000 peach trees bearing, besides other fruit. During the great frost of 1898 he only lost 160 trees. Mr. Hillier is a man of enterprise and progressive ideas, which he backs with well-directed industry, and the result is that he is one of the most successful farmers in his section. He is man of temperate habits, one who does his full duty in every relation of life and is consequently held in the highest esteem by all who know him. He is interested in everything connected with his work, and is an active member of the Mersea Township Agricultural Society and the Leamington Fruit Growers' Association. Like his father he is a Conservative in politics and his religion is the Golden Rule.

In 1892 Mr. Hillier was married, in Leamington, to Miss Alwilda Meston, who was born in Mersea township in August, 1866, daughter of Robert and Mary (McDonald) Meston, the former of whom died in July, 1903, in Mersea township, where the mother is still living on the home farm. Mr. and Mrs. Hillier have had five children: Florence and Earl, twins, the latter dying when nine months old; Alwilda; Mary Elizabeth, and Maude.

ZACHARIUS WIGLE, an enterprising fruit farmer of the fourth generation to occupy the

farm he now owns, is one of the leading men of this locality, and a member of an old and long-established family.

Cyrus Wigle, the father of Zacharius, was born on the present farm, July 28, 1844. At the age of twenty-one years he began farming the homestead property, Lot 10, Concession 3, he having received as his portion the west 100 acres, of which about seventy-five acres were cleared. He completed the work of clearing, and for years carried on the home farm. Some twelve years ago he invested in a fruit farm on the eastern coast of Florida, and since then has spent his winters in that genial clime. Politically he is a Conservative, and as a member of the Ruthven Methodist Church has been active, serving as an official and on various important committees.

On Sept. 7, 1864, Cyrus Wigle married Louisa J., daughter of Matthew McCormick, of Colchester, and she died March 7, 1893, aged forty-six years. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Wigle were: Arizona, who married Thomas Preston, science master of the Perth high school, and has one son, Thomas Frederick; Zacharius; and Alberta May died in 1868, aged nine months.

Zacharius Wigle, the second child and only son, was born in the log house that so long stood on the place, Aug. 31, 1866. He now owns the farm on which he and his father were born, and which was in turn owned by his grandfather John Wigle, and great-grandfather Wendel Wigle. He is an enterprising young farmer, engaging in stock raising and general farming, and he has some twenty-five acres devoted to a peach orchard. His ventures have all prospered. In politics he is a Conservative. He is a member and trustee of the Ruthven Methodist Church. Fraternally he is a member of the I.O.O.F., Encampment and Rebekah of Ruthven, and of the Royal Templars.

Mr. Wigle has been twice married. On May 18, 1892, he was married to Ella May Wigle, who died in 1900, leaving the following children: Arnold G., born June 11, 1893; Gerald B., born March 31, 1895; Helena May, born July 10, 1898; Cecil Leonard, born Feb. 10, 1900, died Aug. 20, 1900. On Feb. 19, 1902, Mr. Wigle was married to Miss Sarah Louisa Hughson, a member of one of the pioneer families of Raleigh township, County of Kent, and a most charming young lady. On March 17, 1903, Frances Grace was born of this marriage.

Mr. Wigle is one of the prosperous young farmers of this locality, and he and his delightful wife are very prominent socially. They take an active part in church affairs, and lend their influence to all matters looking toward a betterment of the community at large.

MONTREUIL. In the *Evening Record*, Feb. 22, 1902, there appeared the following:

"Fifty years ago to-morrow at the old Assumption Church at Sandwich Luc Montreuil, of Walkerville, led blushing Theresa Marie Roberge to the altar, and on Monday the golden wedding will be celebrated at the spacious Montreuil home on Sandwich Street, Walkerville.

"There are but few persons living in this section of the country who do not know the happy

"Mr. Montreuil always took a prominent part in all matters pertaining to the public welfare of his country. In 1861 he was elected deputy reeve of the township of Sandwich East, which at that time comprised the now township of Sandwich South, the town of Walkerville and the present township of Sandwich East. In 1862 he was elected reeve of his township, and remained as its chief magistrate until 1875, with the exception of 1867. In 1887 he was again elected reeve for another year, but as his business demanded all of his attention, he then decided to retire. In 1898 the many petitions from his numerous political admirers were so very urging that he gave way to their requests, and was again elected, and also in the following year.

"In his 69th year of age, and, feeling that he



old couple, whose lives have been passed in this vicinity, and whose kindly acts have lightened the burdens of many suffering people.

"The history of the Montreuil family is a long one and dates back to the landing of the French upon the northern hemisphere. Luc Montreuil is a descendant of the Descomptes Labadie family, a family whose numerous descendants to-day are scattered throughout Canada and every part of the United States. Many of them to this day proudly reserve their rank and prominence. Mr. Montreuil's mother was Isabella Labadie, of this prominent family, his father was St. Luc Montreuil. He who now celebrates his golden wedding was born on March 20, 1830, in the township of Sandwich East, upon the same farm where he now resides.

had fulfilled his obligations in every sense of the word to his country, he asked his fellow-men as a favor to allow him to retire from public life.

"Mr. Montreuil did not only hold office as stated above, but was a member of the county council for twelve years and was elected warden in 1875. In politics he was always a stanch Reformer, and once contested the north riding of Essex. He was honored with the presidentship of the Reform Association for the period of twenty years.

"Mrs. Montreuil (Marie Roberge) is known as the 'Sister of Mercy' of Walkerville, on account of her unselfish devotion and charitable deeds. She was born in Windsor on Aug. 1, 1831. Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs.

Montreuil, eight of whom are living. They are: Alex., Charles, Albert T. (customs officer), Victor D., and William (deceased), Elizabeth, Matilda (Mrs. Sellick, Detroit), Felice (Mrs. Jos. Girardot, Detroit), and Cecil.

"Mr. and Mrs. Montreuil will attend Our Lady of the Lake St. Clair Church Monday morning at 8.30 o'clock, where there will be a musical mass and repetition of marital vows. On Sunday the old couple will be tendered a reception at the Walkerville convent. On Monday a reception will be given at the family residence from 4 until 10 o'clock p.m."

On Feb. 25, 1902, the *Evening Record* says:

"As mentioned in our columns yesterday, the celebration of the Montreuil golden wedding commenced on Monday morning with a high mass at the church of Our Lady of Lake St. Clair, at which several fine musical selections were rendered.

"The attendance was large, many relatives and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Luc Montreuil from Detroit and elsewhere attending.

"At the reception, held at their residence from 7 to 10 o'clock, there was a happy re-union. The venerable couple were surrounded by their children and grandchildren, and many relatives from Detroit, Chatham and neighboring places. Their old friends from Walkerville and Sandwich gathered in large numbers to offer their congratulations. The house was beautifully decorated for the occasion and Ruthven's orchestra discoursed sweet music.

"Notwithstanding the injunction on the cards of invitation to the reception that 'presents were not acceptable,' there were many handsome 'reminders' from the immediate relatives of the happy couple and a few from outside friends.

"Mr. W. L. Perkins, of Windsor, read an address of congratulation and good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Montreuil, which had been signed during the evening by those present. Mr. Francis Cleary followed with an interesting account of Mr. Montreuil's ancestors. From the will of Antoine Descompte Labadie, of which Mr. Cleary had a copy, many interesting items were obtained. The will, which is dated 26th May, 1806, describes the testator as 'being infirm and far advanced in years, but, thank God, being sound in memory, and understanding and fearing to be surprised by death before I had settled my temporal affairs, will ordain,' etc.

"From other sources of information Mr. Cleary stated that Antoine Descompte Labadie's father was Pierre Labadie, born at La Rochelle,

France, in 1702, who married Angelique De Laclelle in 1727. From this marriage was born Mr. Montreuil's grandfather, the aforesaid Antoine Descompte Labadie, in 1744, who married Angelique Campeau, by whom he had seven children. His second wife was a daughter of a chief of the Sioux tribe and his third wife Charlotte Barthe, whom he married in 1784, and who died in 1849 at Detroit, aged eighty-six years. By this marriage he had issue nine children, one of whom, Elizabeth, was the mother of Mr. Montreuil.

"The testator aforesaid was a wealthy man, owning several farms, upon which the town of Walkerville now stands, and also a large amount of chattel property. One clause in the will goes to show that slavery existed in this part of the British possessions some years after it had been abolished by the first Parliament of Canada. The clause is: 'I give and bequeath to Charlotte, my wife, the use or service of two slaves that she may select, as long as she continues to be a widow.'

"In another part of the will he directs certain personal property as well as his slaves, with the exception of the two before mentioned, to be sold and the proceeds to be equally divided between his wife and nine children born of their marriage. It would be interesting to know what became of these slaves. No doubt they obtained their freedom."

BRUNER. The name of Bruner, long known in the County of Essex, is worthily borne in the present generation by Amon and Wellington Bruner, sons of Thomas Bruner, two of the most enterprising farmers of the township of Gosfield South.

Henry Bruner, their grandfather, was born Oct. 30, 1785, in Pennsylvania, where he married, Jan. 3, 1809, Elizabeth Uleh, born Oct. 10, 1791. They had children as follows: Mary, born Oct. 30, 1809, married Frederick Lebeau, and lived in Mersea township; Barbara, born Sept. 3, 1811, married Samuel Fox, and died aged eighty-three years; Judy, born Aug. 20, 1813, married John Duhurst, and died in Illinois; Adam, born Sept. 7, 1815, married M. Lebeau, and died in 1900, she still surviving with sons in Mersea; Jacob, born March 22, 1817, married Eliza Howe, and removed to Illinois; Peter, born Aug. 2, 1819, married Jane Upcott; Ruth, born Oct. 30, 1821, married John Battersall, of Mersea township; Peggy, born Jan. 26, 1824, married Henry Ramsey, lived first in Illinois,

but died in Anderdon, County of Essex; Susanna, born July 24, 1826, married Gabriel Bussey, of Anderdon, and is the only one of that generation living; and Thomas, born Oct. 18, 1829.

Thomas Bruner, the youngest of the family, was born in the log house on the present J. S. Bruner farm, where he grew to manhood. At the age of twenty-three his father gave him the north half of Lot 8, and later he purchased the north half of Lot 7, thus acquiring 200 acres in one block. He immediately settled on his holdings, clearing enough space on which to erect a frame house, and so substantially was this built that it stands to-day still in a good state of preservation, although it has not, for years, been used as a place of residence. In 1863 he built the fine stone house that it would seem time could not affect, and close by each other now stand the houses of the past and of the present, typifying the great progress made as the years passed. The father lived to be gratified with seeing all his land cleared up, and for years he was actively engaged in cultivating it, meeting with great success. He owned other farms, one of eighty and one of sixty acres, and also considerable property in Kingsville. For thirteen years prior to his death he resided at Kingsville, passing away March 6, 1900, and he was laid to rest at Olinda. In politics he was a Reformer. For many years he was a constant attendant and a consistent member of the Methodist Church. He married Naomi Tofflemire, born Dec. 18, 1833, daughter of Henry and Catherine (Quick) Tofflemire, and they had children as follows: Philomen, died at the age of twenty-one months; Wilhelmina died aged three years; Heman married Caroline Bennett, has four children, and lives in Kingsville; Heenan married Alice Duhurst, and lives in Gosfield North; Amon; Adelia married Joseph Wright, of Gosfield North, had nine children, and died aged thirty-eight years; Cecelia died aged ten years; Ella died aged nine months; and Wellington.

AMON BRUNER was born Sept. 24, 1858, in the frame house first erected by his father on his farm of wild land, and was still small when the family moved into the stone house which he now occupies. At the time of his marriage he located on the north side of the farm, built a dwelling and barns, and lived there five years, returning then to the homestead which he has occupied ever since.

On Nov. 16, 1880, Mr. Bruner married (first) Jane Peterson, daughter of John Peterson, who

died aged twenty-seven years, leaving these children: Bertha, born Feb. 19, 1882, married Russell Rodgers, and has two children, Pearl and Amon Glen; Wilhelmina, born May 19, 1884, married Frederick Duhurst; Frederick Earl, born Sept. 7, 1887. Mr. Bruner was married (second) to Phebe Ann Reed, of Mersea, and they have four children, as follows: Howard A., born April 16, 1896; Hazel May, born May 7, 1898; Jessie Gladys, born Sept. 27, 1899; and Garnet Reed, born Nov. 2, 1902.

Mr. Bruner is an extensive farmer, and everything about his place gives evidence of thrift and care. He follows general farming and also pays considerable attention to the growing of fruit and tobacco. The old stone house is something of a landmark here, as it is of such substantial construction, its walls two feet in thickness making it almost a fortress should such a building ever be needed in these peaceful vales. In politics he is a Reformer. He belongs to the Methodist Church, where he is liberal in his support.

WELLINGTON BRUNER, the youngest of the Thomas Bruner family, was born Feb. 14, 1867, in the stone house mentioned, and there grew to manhood, receiving the best educational advantages afforded by the local schools. His first independent employment was as a clerk at Ruthven, but he soon began farming, and later came into possession of the western part of the home farm located on Lot 7, and there he has carried on mixed husbandry ever since.

In Gosfield township Mr. Bruner married Beatrice Harrington, daughter of Jason Harrington, who was a native of Boston, Massachusetts, and to this union have been born: Melville D., born Oct. 25, 1893; Lillian Dorene, born April 25, 1897; Mahlon K., born May 4, 1899; and Golden W., born March 9, 1903. In politics, Mr. Bruner, like his brother, is identified with the Reform party. In religious belief he is a Methodist. Both are men of sterling worth and integrity of character, esteemed through the township and regarded as representative citizens.

HARRINGTON. Jason Harrington was born in New England of old Colonial stock, and came to Canada in young manhood. Settling in Gosfield township, County of Essex, he married into the Wigle family, one of the most prominent ones of this section, choosing for his bride Louisa Wigle, daughter of Wendle and Margaret (Commerford) Wigle, and granddaughter of Joseph and Euphemia (Miller) Wigle, very old pioneer

settlers. To Jason Harrington and wife were born the following children: Arthur; Elmer; Lilly, who died aged seven years; and Beatrice, wife of Wellington Bruner. This family through marriage is connected with many of the leading families of this part of the County of Essex, all being of that fine grade of citizenship which contributes to the intellectual and financial supremacy of a community.

WILLIAM WALLACE, one of the leading pioneer farmers of the township of Maidstone, Lot 1, Lake Shore Front, was born on Christmas Day, 1836, in Windsor, Ont., son of Alexander and Jane (Dickson) Wallace, early settlers of Maidstone, the former born in Fifeshire, Scotland, in 1800, and his wife in 1806.

Alexander Wallace came to Quebec in young manhood, and in that city met his future wife, whose people had come to Toronto as early as 1831. Mr. Wallace followed his trade of carpenter and joiner until 1834, when he came to Windsor, continuing at his trade several years longer, and then purchased the present home, situated on Lake St. Clair, in the township of Maidstone. There he settled as a pioneer farmer, in 1838, immediately beginning his work of clearing up a farm from the wild bush land. With the assistance of his sons, he cleared 100 acres, later erecting a fine home, barns and out-buildings, making it one of the best country homes in the vicinity. His wife died in 1841, leaving three children, whom he reared to maturity, and in return received filial care. He died at the old home in 1876. Both he and his wife were good Christian people, and were among the founders of the Presbyterian Church in this locality. In politics a Reformer, he never aspired to office, but on account of the reliability of his character he was considered a man whose opinion was always worth consulting, and whose judgment would be just and sensible. He served as school trustee for many years.

The eldest of the children was Alexander, who was born at Toronto, in 1833. In young manhood he moved to Michigan, and at Grand Haven he married and resided until the outbreak of the American war in 1861, when he enlisted in a Michigan regiment, and died from a wound received at Spottsylvania, leaving his widow with two children, Charles and William, of Grand Rapids, Michigan. Elizabeth, the third child, was born at the present home in 1839, and is now the wife of George Harvey, who

resides at Grand Haven, Michigan, and is engaged in lumbering; they have a large family.

William Wallace, our subject, was the second son of the family. He grew up on the farm, and bore his part in clearing up the land and putting it into cultivation. Later he went to Detroit, and there was engaged in a sawmill for a number of years, but in 1872 he returned to Maidstone, and purchased the homestead from his father, in preparation for his marriage, which took place in the same year to Miss Elizabeth Thompson, born March 24, 1848, at Glasgow, Scotland, daughter of John and Sarah (Kirkwood) Thompson, both of whom died in Scotland, the father in 1883, the mother when Mrs. Wallace was a girl. They had three children, John, Agnes and Elizabeth, the two former of whom went to Australia, and both died there some years ago. Mrs. Wallace was educated in Scotland, and was sixteen years old when she came to Canada.

A family of five children has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Wallace, namely: (1) Malcolm W., born in 1873, received his early education in the Windsor schools, and later entered Toronto University, where he was graduated in 1896, and received a fellowship from the Chicago University, where he was graduated in 1899. In the same year he was proffered a professorship at Beloit College, Wisconsin, which he accepted, and is considered one of the most brilliant young educators in that State. In 1902 he married Miss May Pitkin, a member of a very prominent family of Chicago. (2) Albert Wallace, born in 1875, is a graduate of the Chatham Business College, and is a bookkeeper with a Windsor firm. (3) William J., born Oct. 24, 1881, is at home. (4) Margaret, born Oct. 24, 1886, is a student of the Windsor schools, in the collegiate course. (5) Stanley was born Nov. 24, 1889.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace have resided on the old homestead ever since their marriage, and they have developed it into one of the ideal country homes of the county. Mr. Wallace has taken pleasure and pride in making substantial improvements, and on every side may be noted the good taste and liberal use of large means in attaining desired ends. In addition to this admirable old home, Mr. Wallace owns 140 acres of land in Maidstone, which is constantly increasing in value. The great tide of emigration which has set in toward Canada in the past few years has made old residents value still more highly the valuable tracts secured by the early pioneers.

Mr. Wallace, wife and family all belong to the Presbyterian Church, where he has long been a member of the board of managers. He has always been identified with the Reform party, but has never accepted public office, with the exception of the position of school trustee, being a member of the Maidstone board for the past thirty years. He is a man of the highest type of character, and has reared a family which justifies the pride the locality feels in it, and which has always taken a prominent social position.

FOX. The records of the Fox family form an important part of the early history of this neighborhood, and begin with the founder, a sturdy, upright German, who brought with him the thrifty habits and sterling character which have ever characterized natives of the Fatherland.

In 1772 Philip Fox came to America from his birthplace, Baden, Germany, where he had married Catherine Lamer. They settled in the same year at Baltimore, Maryland, remaining for several years, and then moved to Pennsylvania, during their residence in which State several children were born. A number of neighbors then banded together to locate farther north, and in the company were John Wendel Wigle and Philip Fox, with their families. Their first objective point was Detroit, and they moved in a leisurely manner, carrying their belongings on pack horses, and driving their cattle before them. At one time they all lived on Grosse Ile. In 1791 Philip Fox removed to a farm six miles below Windsor, near Petite Cote, but in 1794 he was fortunate enough to draw Lot 10, on the lake shore in Gosfield, and removed thither. There both he and his wife passed the remainder of their lives, and their remains rest on the Wesley Wigle farm, in a private burying-ground. They had eight sons and two daughters born to them, as follows: Jonas, who settled on Lot 9; Philip, who settled on Lot 2, 5th Concession, Mersea, and married Miss Snyder; Margaret; Judith; Michael, who settled on Lot 250, Talbot Road West; George, who settled on Lot 22, Concession 4; Henry, father of Adam Fox, who settled on Lot 21, Concession 4; Adam, who settled on Lot 22, Concession 5; Jacob, father of William C. Fox, and grandfather of our subject (he settled on Lot 22, Concession 6); and John, who settled on Lot 20, Concession 5.

George Fox, the ancestor of many of the name, was born April 18, 1781, in Pennsylvania,

and came with his parents to Gosfield, Oct. 16, 1804. He was drowned Nov. 1, 1838. He married Julianna Wigle, and had the following family: Michael G. was born Jan. 1, 1806; Elizabeth, born Sept. 20, 1807, married (first) A. Fisher, and (second) Charles Watson; Mary, born Aug. 15, 1809, died at the age of seventy-seven years (she was stricken blind); Catherine, born Oct. 10, 1811, died July 12, 1826; John, born Feb. 4, 1814, married into the Scratch family, and died in the County of Kent; Theodore, born Feb. 5, 1816, married Matilda Fox; Joseph, born July 20, 1818, died at Port Stanley; Henry, born March 15, 1821, married Margaret Scott; Jane, born May 15, 1823, married Reuben Bruner; Caroline, born May 10, 1827, married William La Marsh; Robert, born Nov. 28, 1830, lives on Pelee Island; Harriet, born May 8, 1833, died May 28, 1853. This family is scattered all over the county, and many of its members may be found in the States. It has contributed many members to various legislative bodies, and has, on many occasions, performed deeds reflecting honor. It is a particularly representative family of Gosfield township.

Jacob Fox, the grandfather of Gordon P. Fox of Gosfield, was born Jan. 22, 1788, in Pennsylvania, and was but a lad when the family became permanently settled in Gosfield. He began farming for himself on Concession 6, where he did the first clearing, but later removed to Lot 24, on the lake, building about 1826 a log house near the shore. This house is still in use, and is the oldest in the county to be occupied. He continued to add to his land here until he had several hundred acres, and, for his day, was regarded as a man with large capital. He took part in the Rebellion, and was present at Amherstburg and Pelee Island. His death took place at his home, July 19, 1868, at the age of eighty years, five months, twenty-seven days.

Jacob Fox was twice married, first to Madeline Wigle, and they had children: Julianna, born Oct. 30, 1812, married John Snider, of Colchester; John I., born March 22, 1814, married Elizabeth Godwin; Jacob, born March 11, 1816, married Elizabeth Lypps; Susannah, born March 16, 1818, is the widow of George McLean, of Colchester; Sarah, born Nov. 14, 1820, married John Arner; Anna, born Sept. 11, 1824, married George Noble, of Ruthven; William C. was born July 24, 1827. Jacob Fox married (second) Elizabeth McLean, born May 13, 1788, and three children were born to this union, George J., Peter

and Abigail. Of these (1) George J. Fox, born July 4, 1829, married Sarah Jane Thompson, and settled on a part of the homestead farm. They have reared eight children, namely: Ida Louisa, born May 17, 1853, married Jason D. Malott, a butcher at Ruthven, and they have eleven children; Margaret Emma, born Aug. 10, 1855, married (first) Cebue Beaman, and (second) Jonas Wigle, of Kingsville; Mary Elizabeth, born July 12, 1857, married Albert Malott, and they have two daughters; Martha Jane, born Aug. 15, 1859, died April 29, 1892; Julia Amanda, born June 1, 1862, married William Stockford, and they have two daughters and one son; Edwin J., born April 6, 1865, lives at Windsor; Stanley Thompson, born Sept. 2, 1867, died Dec. 10, 1888; George Eli, born Dec. 8, 1875, married Ethel Baltzer, and they have one child, Oscar, born April 3, 1902. (2) Peter Fox, born March 23, 1833, married Jane Stockwell, and lives at Leamington. (3) Abigail Fox, born Sept. 7, 1845, married Timothy Ackles, and they removed to North Star, Michigan.

William C. Fox, father of Gordon P. Fox, was born on the lake front farm mentioned, and there grew up a strong and capable farmer, beginning for himself on Lot 21, a gift from his father. This property he began to clear and accomplished a great deal prior to turning it over to his son Prideaux. Some eleven years ago the property came to our subject, and the father now lives retired at Kingsville. On Oct. 17, 1853, he married Sarah Young, who was born in Malden township, and to this union were born: Prideaux, of Kingsville, married Isabella McCain, and had four children, Minnie, Fred, Maggie (deceased) and Morley; Wilhelmina married David Conklin, of Kingsville, and had one son, William T.; Gordon P. is mentioned below; Jennie married Eli Taylor, of Windsor, and has had three children, Mina (deceased), Ella and Lucile.

GORDON P. FOX was born April 28, 1863, in the house which is his home at present. He enjoyed the educational advantages afforded by the public schools, and in 1886 started out for himself. For some five years he resided on Lot 22, but later traded farms with his brother, coming to the homestead eleven years ago. He has given close attention to farming all his life, with the exception of a short time when he sailed on the lakes. Politically Mr. Fox is a Conservative. He has always shown a good citizen's interest in educational matters, and served three years as school trustee.

On Dec. 30, 1885, Mr. Fox was united in marriage with Nellie, daughter of Hiram E. and Persis (Abbott) Clifford, natives of the Province of Quebec, the former of whom died in 1900, the latter in 1903. To this union have been born six children: David Clifford, Oct. 30, 1886; Flossie May, Sept. 24, 1888; Jennie Eliza, Aug. 20, 1890; Edna Bertha, Aug. 15, 1892; Mary Mina, Dec. 30, 1894; and Maggie, June 28, 1897.

Mr. Fox and family belong to the Methodist Church. Fraternally he is an Odd Fellow. Like others of his family, he is held in high esteem in his locality, and is looked upon as one of the township's most thrifty young farmers.

JOHN B. DOUGLASS, one of the prominent and progressive farmers and stockmen of Mersea township, County of Essex, and a citizen who for upward of a quarter of a century has been devoted to agricultural pursuits in his locality, was born June 3, 1831, in Godmanches-ter, County Huntingdon, Quebec.

The Douglass family in Mersea originated in Scotland, where the name is associated with the early glorious history of that country. Prior to coming to Canada, this branch of the family had been settled in Ireland, and in County Derry, John Douglass, the grandfather of John B., was born. His early life was spent on the water, and he owned a coasting boat in the Irish waters, but later he turned his attention to farming. After his family had become well settled in Canada, he also came, locating at Godmanches-ter, County Huntingdon, Quebec, where he died in 1836. He married in Ireland Mary Snodgrass, who accompanied him to Canada, where she again met some members of her family who had settled as pioneers in Quebec. Both John Douglass and wife were worthy members of the Presbyterian Church. They were the parents of six children, namely: Benjamin; John, who lived and died in New York City; Robert; Martha; Margaret; and Ellen.

Benjamin Douglass, the eldest of the family, was born in County Derry. His educational opportunities were limited, but a natural quickness of intellect enabled him to overcome many early disadvantages, in fact, he became proficient in both the English and French languages. His earlier days were spent with his father on the water, but by the time he was seventeen years old he grew ambitious to better his condition. Friends and acquaintances had sailed away across the Atlantic to a wonderful new country, filled with chances for those who were ready to

take advantage of them, and after longing to follow their example, his opportunity at last arrived. Leaving his home and parents, he came to Quebec, and soon after landing there was fortunate enough to enter the service of an English gentleman, who was able to appreciate the faithful service that the young Irish boy rendered. Mr. Douglass found with him a happy home for fourteen years. By that time he wished to start out on his own behalf, and he bought a tract of 200 acres of land in the vicinity of Godmanchester, where he was joined at a later date by his brother Robert. Those were pioneer days, and the young men had much toil and privation to endure, but they had been reared with frugal habits, had been taught the necessity of industry, and with both these qualities in mind, they both achieved success. Benjamin cleared his land and made many fine improvements, building a stone dwelling, substantial barns and outbuildings, planting orchards, and otherwise converting what was once but a wilderness into one of the locality's fine estates. Later he disposed of fifty acres, but retained 150 until the time of his death, at the age of eighty years. He was laid to rest in the Godmanchester cemetery. All his life he zealously supported the principles of the Reform party. Mr. Douglass was a man who was missed, one who supported all good measures in his locality, advanced reforms of all kinds, and reared a family which reflected credit upon their home training.

Mr. Douglass was married (first) to Ellen Moore, in Montreal, a native of Ireland, daughter of Arthur Moore. She died in Ormstown, Quebec, where she was buried. There were five children born to this union, namely: John B.; Arthur, an agriculturist of Elma township, County of Perth; Benjamin, who died in Westminster, British Columbia; Elizabeth, who died young; and Mary, who married George Monteith and died at Niagara, New York. The second marriage of Mr. Douglass was to Elizabeth Dowler, daughter of Thomas Dowler, and she died in 1903. Mr. and Mrs. Douglass were both members of the Methodist Church. The six children of this marriage were: Sarah, wife of George McMullen, of Mersea township; Margaret, wife of John Douglass, of Mersea township; Louise, wife of David B. Reid, of Leamington; Ellen, wife of John McMullen, of Mersea township; Eliza, wife of William Armstrong, of Malone, New York; and Robert, of Mersea township.

John B. Douglass was educated in the local

schools, which, at the date of his attendance, were not the great educators of the present day. They were usually subscription schools, and, as we read of them in the present-day romances, we can but regard with admiration the achievements of those who were given no better opportunities. From these little intellectual centers have arisen men of mark, who have swayed the destinies of many lands, proving that natural ability and love of learning must be a very potent factor in real education. In spite of disadvantages, Mr. Douglass is one of the most intellectual men of this section, well posted on all subjects of any moment, travel and intelligent observation doing much to bring this about.

When he was eighteen years of age he started out to make his own way in the world, working for a year as a farm laborer, earning \$8 per month. He then went to the State of Vermont, settling at Belle's Falls, where he was employed at \$15 per month and remained there for a year and a half. Then came the dazzling tales of the Australian gold fields, and, with five other young men ripe for adventure, he started for that far-away continent. His companions were: George and Francis Beattie, John and Peter Sellers, and his own brother, Arthur. In 1851 the six young men went to New York, and engaged passage on the four-masted ship "Scargo," paying their individual passage money of \$115. The voyage covered ninety-eight days in strange waters, around the dreaded Cape of Good Hope, and at last they reached their destination. For five years they remained in Australia, prospecting a part of the time, and engaging in general labor during the rest of the period, meeting with some success, but not enough to induce Mr. Douglass to remain longer. He returned by way of Liverpool, England, taking advantage of this opportunity while in the British Isles, to visit friends in Scotland and the North of England, finally embarking on the steamship "Manchester" for New York, where he landed in 1856. After spending a season of visiting with his family, he went through the northwestern part of the United States, seeking a desirable place to locate, but at length returned to the Dominion, convinced that no country offers more advantages for a permanent home than does Canada.

Mr. Douglass settled first in Elma township, County of Perth, where he bought a tract of 100 acres. The country was then but a wilderness, and he was one of the pioneer settlers. It is but one of his interesting tales, of how a blazed trail was the only road through the forest to civiliza-

tion, and of the other conditions that confronted him and his bride as they began housekeeping in the little log cabin he erected. Supported and cheered by the presence of this good woman, he labored hard, cleared up his land, and put it under a fine state of cultivation. For twenty-three years he remained on this farm, farming and raising stock. His wife had died in the meantime, and in 1881 he sold this home and came to the County of Essex, where he bought a tract of fifty acres on Lot 18, Concession 10, and again he faced pioneer conditions, but now had the help of his strong and willing sons. This farm was also cleared and put under cultivation, and Mr. Douglass has not spared money in its improvement. He built a fine brick dwelling, at a cost of \$2,500, which is fitted with all modern improvements, while other features make his estate one of the most attractive, and valuable in this locality. He has added another fifty acres and is now operating 100 acres. Not only is Mr. Douglass noted for his successful farming, but also for his magnificent showing of stock, and the pride he takes in his fine specimens is perfectly justifiable. He is fortunate in having the assistance of sons who also take an interest in his aims and employments.

Mr. Douglass is a strong and intelligent supporter of the Liberal cause, but he is no seeker for political office. When his appreciative fellow-citizens tendered him the office of justice of the peace, he declined the honor, although eminently fitted for the position. With his family he worships in the Presbyterian Church at Goldsmith, to which he is a liberal contributor in support of its various lines of charitable work.

In 1860 Mr. Douglass was united in marriage with Sarah Bryden, at Ormstown, Quebec. She was born there, daughter of John and Isabella (Turnbull) Bryden, both of whom were born in Scotland and came as pioneers to Ormstown. She was a woman of admirable character and cheerfully shared the hardships to which the pioneer life condemned the family for a number of years. She died on the farm, in 1872, of scarlet fever, at the age of thirty-five years, and, with sorrow from her family of husband and little children, was laid to rest in Elma Center cemetery. She was a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church. The five children of Mr. and Mrs. Douglass were: John B., who was educated in the Deaf and Dumb School, at Belleville, Ont., is a very intelligent and prepossessing young man, and is at home with his father; Ellen, a reproduction of her estimable mother, has guided

the affairs of the household since competent; Isabella Turnbull died aged six years; Benjamin, a most promising young man, lost his life by falling in front of a train at Salt Lake City, and was buried in the Wheatley cemetery, Mersea township; Arthur, one of the fine specimens of Canadian young manhood, is also at home.

Mr. Douglass, as may be gathered from the above too brief records, is a self-made man. His life has been one of activity, both mentally and physically, and he has made a success of it, and attributes much of this success to a strict observance of the cardinal virtues. He believes that a young man is mainly the arbiter of his own fortunes, and that by the exercise of industry, sobriety and perseverance, combined with business integrity, he cannot fail.

WALTER ATKIN, a successful young farmer of Colchester South, County of Essex, represents a family which has been identified with Malden township of County Essex for the past seventy-six years. He was born in the Atkin settlement, Malden township, March 27, 1852, son of Gore and Hannah (Lypps) Atkin.

Gore Atkin was born in Brockville, Ont., Oct. 14, 1821, and for many years he was a local minister in the Methodist Church. He became a successful farmer, and is now living retired in Amherstburg, a quiet, honorable Christian gentleman. His wife, Hannah Lypps, was born in Colchester township, March 22, 1826. Their children were: Melvina, a trained nurse in Detroit; George, an engineer in Detroit; Adeline, wife of Frank Beach, of London, Ont.; Anna, wife of Alex. McGee, of Malden township; Walter; Emma, wife of Lawrence Shipley, of Essex; Wellington, a farmer on the homestead; Gore E., on the home farm; Isabel and John, who both died in infancy; Robert, a farmer in Malden; and Miss Lucy, with her parents.

Walter Atkin enjoyed the advantages of the home school. When he grew to maturity he engaged in lumbering, working in heavy timber. About the time of his marriage he bought a fifty-acre farm in the 4th Concession of Malden, and there resided for some five years, when he sold the property and bought of William Woodbridge clergy reserve land consisting of eighty-three and three-fifths acres in Lots 68, 69 and 70, Colchester South. At the time of the purchase there were but fifteen or twenty acres fit for proper cultivation; twenty-five acres were in bush. He now has the entire farm in a high state of cultivation, and it is all thoroughly drained, he hav-

ing spent \$1,183.71 for tiles alone. Mr. Atkin carries on mixed farming, and in six years has cleared several thousand dollars on tobacco alone. In politics he is a Liberal, and in past years has taken considerable interest in party affairs. He is a member of the Workmen at Harrow, being a charter member of the lodge there, also of the Woodmen at Colchester. Both he and his family belong to the Harrow Methodist Church, and are very active in that body.

On Dec. 8, 1877, Mr. Atkin was united in marriage with Sarah Ann McCormick, and to this union have been born: Mabel, born Dec. 13, 1878, married Leonard Eede, of this township, and has two children, Byron and Ruby; Grove, born April 17, 1879, has a farm of 100 acres in Malden; Grace, born Aug. 5, 1880, is at home; and Ellis, born Feb. 16, 1882, is at home.

CAPT. JOHN DUNCANSON, one of the old lake captains now living retired at Amherstburg, is descended from Highland Scotch ancestry. John Duncanson, his grandfather, was born in the southern part of the Highlands of Scotland, where he died, leaving a son Dugald.

Dugald Duncanson was born in the Highlands about 1774. He was a farmer all his life and died in 1834. His wife, Elizabeth McMillan, a native of the same place, came about 1837 to Ontario, and there died about 1840. To herself and husband the following children were born: Donald, who was educated for the ministry, but after coming to Ontario taught school for about two years, when he died; John; Jane, who married Amos Lang, and died in Ontario; Mary, deceased; Barbara, who married Louis Reford, of Toronto; and Andrew, deceased.

Captain John Duncanson was born in the Highlands of Scotland, Nov. 18, 1822, and came to Ontario when fourteen years of age. The family located first at Darlington, remaining there about two years. In 1839 young John began sailing on the lakes, and finding the work congenial, made it his life work. In 1852 he made a trip to San Francisco, California, in the brig "Henry," going around the Horn, six months being consumed in making the trip. In 1860 he went to Liverpool with a lake vessel "The Thomas Park," built in Amherstburg. The remainder of his active career, however, was spent upon the lakes, and his last trip was taken on the propeller "Lincoln," which he sailed for thirteen years, and in which he had an interest. It went to pieces on the rocks in Lake Huron in

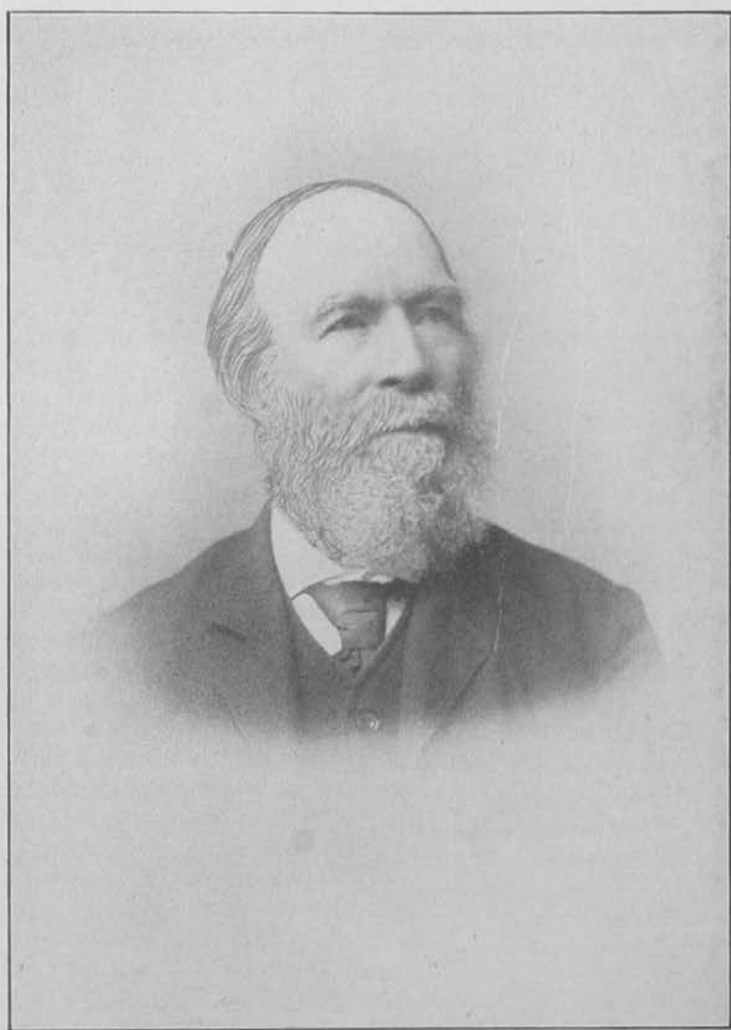
a heavy wind and sea, in November, 1888, and since then he has been living retired.

On March 9, 1854, Capt. Duncanson married Miss Sarah Ward, born at Buffalo, New York, July 16, 1831, a daughter of Joseph Ward, who came from English parents; she died Feb. 18, 1895, in Amherstburg. To the captain and wife were born the following children: Elizabeth, wife of F. P. Scratch; Joseph, who married Fanny Smith, of Amherstburg, and has one son, Orval; Capt. D. J., of Detroit, who married Edith Morrison; Mary, who married Dr. W. C. Lambert, of Wyandotte, Michigan; and Capt. John, unmarried, at Detroit. Politically Capt. Duncanson is a Conservative, and always takes an active part in local affairs. In religious faith he is a Presbyterian, and is a highly esteemed man, and one who has met with success in his voyage of life.

ARTHUR WRIGHT, a well-known citizen of Colchester South, is a worthy representative of one of the pioneer families of the township, and is of pure English extraction.

Henry Wright, his great-grandfather, was born and reared in England, and in young manhood emigrated to America, settling at Rutland, Pennsylvania. There he married Mary Klingensmith. Being a United Empire Loyalist, he left Pennsylvania and removed to Canada when trouble arose between the colonies and the mother country. He had a brother, however, who remained in the States. Henry Wright lived for a short time at Grosse Ile, but left there as soon as he discovered that it was not English soil, and then settled at Malden, on the Big Creek, later moving to the lake shore, where he took up land. Here his death occurred and here he was buried. His children, all born before his removal to Canada, were as follows: William married Betsy Lipps (he became the grandfather of Ellis L. Wright); Philip married (first) Miss Dowler, and (second) Delilah Malott, and became the grandfather of our subject; Henry married (first) Miss Hitchcock, by whom he had one daughter, Deborah, who married Matthew McCormick, and (second) Hannah Lipps; Thomas married (first) Jennie Little, (second) Mary Leighton, and (third) Abbie Larabie; Betsy married John Brush; Mary married Asa Wilcox; Mattie married Samuel Watson; Katie married Henry Lipps.

Philip Wright, the grandfather of Arthur Wright, was born Jan. 5, 1775, at Rutland,



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Pennsylvania, and came with his parents to Grosse Ile, and later to Malden, where he was first married. The daughter of this first union was Anna, born March 30, 1796, who married Capt. John McCormick. His second marriage was to Delilah Malott, who was born June 30, 1786, on Grosse Ile, and they had the following children: Lucy, born Nov. 28, 1802, married Isaac Ferriss; Catherine was born Nov. 18, 1804; Peter, born Sept. 30, 1806, married Betty Snider; William, born Nov. 14, 1808, was twice married, first to a Miss Buchanan, and died in the States; Sarah, born Nov. 12, 1811, is the widow of Charles Larrabee, and at the age of ninety-three is still in the possession of unimpaired faculties; Philip S., born Dec. 4, 1813, married Mary Quick; Theodore, born Nov. 10, 1816, married Arabella Leighton, and they reside at Ludington, Michigan; Ebenezer, born Sept. 20, 1818, is mentioned below; Mary Christine, born Oct. 16, 1820, married Thomas Leighton, and died at Wyandotte, Michigan; Susannah, born Dec. 9, 1824, married Peter Larrabee and died in the States. The father of this family died Sept. 30, 1849.

Being of age when he came to Colchester South township, Philip Wright received a 200-acre grant of land adjoining that of his father, but for a time all lived under one roof. When he started independently he took the rear half of Lots 75 and 76, and upon Lot 75 chose a most desirable site for his home. This spot is now marked by a pear tree, and a few rods south of the spot is located a fine spring, which is stoned to a depth of twelve feet and flows sixty-five barrels every twenty-four hours. In the log house here erected, many, if not all, of the numerous family were born. The place is further marked by a stately elm, measuring seventeen feet in circumference, which towers over and shades the spring, and it is stated on good authority that this tree was planted by the daughter Lucy. At that time it was but a small shoot, which was guarded with care; its roots were nourished by the spring which it was designed to shade, and it stands a living memento of a generation almost faded away.

Ebenezer Wright, of the above family, father of Arthur Wright, was born Sept. 20, 1818, in the old house near the spring, and spent his life on that farm, where he died Feb. 28, 1900. He married Eliza Stockwell, born Aug. 22, 1818, who died May 18, 1881. He occupied the old French frame house that was built nearly seventy years ago, which he later moved nearer to the

Pot-leg road, and which is still standing, although not now occupied as a residence. Some two years ago our subject built a fine modern home. Ebenezer Wright received the west half of Lot 76, and gave his whole attention to farming, reaping much success. In his political views he was a Reformer. Religiously he belonged to the Methodist Church.

To Ebenezer Wright and his wife were born the following-named children: Salathiel, who lives in Gosfield South, married (first) Lucinda Bertrand, by whom he had five children, and (second) Barbara Shaw, by whom he had two children. Annie is the widow of Sidney Patton, of Harrow, and has five children. Wesley, a farmer of Dresden, County of Kent, married three times, and had three children. Arthur is the subject of this sketch. Burwell, a barber of Harrow, married Minnie Bingham. Erie died at the age of three years.

Arthur Wright was born May 25, 1855, on the old home farm, where he was reared through a healthy boyhood, spent much in the open air, to a sturdy manhood. He attended the local schools up to the age of sixteen and then began to assume charge of a great part of the agricultural development of the farm. He now owns the homestead, and there are few farms in the township more valuable as to location or productiveness. Mr. Wright devotes himself to a general line of farming, and successfully raises the grains, vegetables and fruits of the climate.

Politically Mr. Wright, like his father, is a member of the Reform party. Fraternally he belongs to the Order of Workmen and is a valued and useful member of the local agricultural society. He is a practical, well-informed, up-to-date farmer, whose methods are founded on knowledge of climate and soil, and whose success demonstrates their value.

On Dec. 29, 1879, Mr. Wright married Ma-linda McCormick, daughter of Matthew McCormick, and to this union have been born children as follows: Ella, Oct. 2, 1880; Florence, Jan. 1, 1884; Bertha, March 21, 1887; Belle, July 12, 1890; and Edna, March 12, 1892. The family belongs to the Methodist Church.

WILLIAM KER, a substantial retired farmer and mason of Lot 13, Concession 8, Maidstone township, County of Essex, Ont., was born in the town of Peebles, twenty-two miles south of Edinburgh, Scotland, Sept. 20, 1830, a son of John, Sr., and Margaret (Whitson) Ker, both

members of old and prominent families in that ancient Scotch capital.

John Ker, Sr., was born in 1801, son of William and Isabella (Wier) Ker, who lived and died in Scotland, the former of whom was a gardener on the King's Meadows. Margaret (Whitson) Ker was born in 1803, and was a daughter of James and Margaret Whitson, who died in Scotland. John Ker, Sr., was one of three sons, Peter, William and John, the latter being the only one who came to Canada.

John Ker was a mason and foreman for George Wilalke, of Scotland, for many years before he came to Canada, and when he was thirteen years of age, William Ker, our subject, who was the eldest son, was apprenticed for five years to the same employer to learn the trade of a mason. After serving for five years, the young fellow worked at his trade until he came to Canada in 1852, via New York, on the sailing vessel "Conrad," the voyage consuming eight weeks and four days. From New York he made his way direct to Canada, and stopped with his uncle Alexander Whitson, who had come to Maidstone, and was one of its original settlers. Here he worked at his trade, and also in Michigan for the Michigan Central railroad for two years. He has worked for the Illinois Central railroad, along their line from Kankakee to Chicago, and afterward worked as foreman at the Grand Union Depot of Chicago, continuing with that road until 1855. He then purchased land at Maidstone, and sent to Scotland for his parents, who settled upon his property, and he and his father worked at the trade of mason together. These parents made their home upon a farm on Lot 17, Concession 8, and there died, the father in 1867, and the mother in 1872. They were the parents of nine children who came to Canada: (1) William is mentioned below. (2) Margaret, born in 1832, married Hugh Ker, a retired merchant of Chatham, and their children are: John, an attorney of Chatham; Dr. William, of Bay City, Michigan; Hugh, of Chatham; Margaret, who married Joseph Phillips, of Maidstone; Mary, deceased wife of Joseph Totten; Miss Elizabeth; and ———, now Mrs. Thomas Scullard. (3) Isabella married John Garner, late proprietor of the Garner House of Chatham; they had no family and are both deceased. (4) Elizabeth married George Hunt, deceased, of Dorchester Station, near London, Ont., and their children were, George, Emma, Phoebe, Mary, Elizabeth, Arthur and John. (5) Agnes married Henry Arnold, a retired far-

mer of Kingsville, and has five children, Henry, John, James, George and Florence. (6) James married Sarah Dent, of Chatham, settled on a farm in Maidstone, and died in 1890; he was a soldier during the Civil War in the States, enlisting from Michigan, and he received a pension. (7) John married Jane Wood, of Maidstone, where he settled on a farm, and there remained until some months ago, when he moved to Windsor, and lives retired; he has five children, John, Margaret, Jessie, Lizzetta and Gordon. (8) Robert married Priscilla Totten of Maidstone, now resides in North Dakota, and among his children are Reginald, Grace, Pearl, Ernest (deceased), Fanny and George. (9) Mary married John Barnes, of Windsor, a retired farmer of Maidstone, and they have children as follows, John, Albert, Maggie, Gertrude, Christina, Henry. (10) Peter married a native of the County of Essex, and resides in Wayne County, Michigan, where he is one of the wealthy retired farmers; he has two sons, John and Albert.

William Ker, the subject proper of this sketch, after the death of his father sold the home in Maidstone and purchased a farm near Windsor, in Sandwich East, where he followed farming nine years. He then sold that property, and bought his present farm, which was then wild land. This he cleared, and put up good buildings and a comfortable house.

In 1862 Mr. Ker enlisted in the 6th Michigan Volunteer Infantry, from Michigan, for service in the Civil War in the States, and served under the famous General Butler at New Orleans, where Mr. Ker was detailed for three years. He participated in the siege of Port Hudson, the battle of Baton Rouge, his regiment losing heavily in the last engagement. At the expiration of the three years he was honorably discharged.

In 1867 Mr. Ker married Miss Sarah Hunter, born in the County of Middlesex in 1850, daughter of Paul and Susan Hunter, who came to Canada from Lincolnshire, England, and died in the County of Middlesex. Mrs. Ker died in August, 1885, of typhoid fever, leaving nine children: (1) John, the eldest, born in Maidstone, was reared at home, and married Miss Frances Cock, of Windsor, and they have three children, William J., Avis I. and George E.; they reside in Maidstone, where he is manager of the Chatham Elevator Company. (2) Susan, born in Maidstone, died in 1890. (3) Margaret, born in Maidstone, married Andrew Wood, of Maidstone, and

has three children, Douglas, Elsie and Donald.

(4) Paul H., born in Maidstone, is unmarried and a resident of British Columbia, where he is in business. (5) William W., born in Maidstone, was reared and educated at the home schools and Chatham Business College, from which he was graduated in 1891, and he is now engaged in the cultivation of his farm in Concession 8. He married Miss Florence McGregor, of Gesto, County of Essex, and they have one daughter, Agnes E. (6) Isabella F., born in Sandwich East, was educated in the public schools, and since the death of her mother has been her father's housekeeper and manager of affairs at the homestead. She is a most capable lady and one deeply beloved by her family. (7) Stephen R., born in Sandwich East, and educated in Maidstone, is unmarried, and in 1901 he and his brother John purchased what is known as the Ker Bros.' cheese factory, of Sandwich South. They have made their venture a successful one, and are bright young business men, who stand well in the community. (8) Henry, born in Sandwich East, was reared in Maidstone; he is still unmarried, and with Stephen, manages the home farm. (9) Agnes, born in Sandwich East, is unmarried, and a capable stenographer at Chatham. Four of the sons are members of the Order of Foresters.

Politically, Mr. Ker has always been identified with the Reform party, but has never aspired to office. He is one of the founders of No. 10 school of Maidstone, and has been treasurer and trustee of the school for twelve years, always taking a great deal of interest in educational matters. In his religious opinions, Mr. Ker is a Presbyterian by birth, but after coming to Canada, and marrying, he connected himself with the Methodist denomination, and has been one of the trustees and stewards for many years. He is one of the most active and earnest workers in that church, giving liberally toward its support.

Mr. Ker started his life struggle a poor man, but he now stands high with his neighbors, and is recognized as one of the leading men of Maidstone. He is charitable, liberal, and a good, Christian man, of unswerving integrity and uprightness of purpose and life. He has lived to see his children develop into noble men and women, and to gather his grandchildren about him. While he has retired from active life, Mr. Ker takes an interest in the business life of the community. His service of three years' duration to the cause of the Union in the States is spe-

cially worthy of commendation. Although he gladly offered his life in its defence, he has never received any recognition of his services in the form of a pension, and this oversight is an injustice to his bravery and gallantry. However, fortunately for him, he has acquired a sufficient portion of this world's goods to place him beyond any need of emolument from the United States' government, although he would appreciate that much recognition, for he was fearless in aiding a country other than his own, in maintaining its stability, and defending its liberties. In his declining years Mr. Ker is surrounded by the loving care and devotion of his children, and can rest upon the laurels he has won as a soldier and private citizen, realizing that he has met every call upon him like a gentleman and a brave and honorable man.

THOMAS BUCHANAN, a retired agriculturist and well-known citizen of Mersea township, County of Essex, located in Lot 14, Concession 10, where he has lived for more than thirty years, was born May 10, 1823, in Stirlingshire, Scotland, son of Andrew and Nancy (Fitzgerald) Buchanan.

Andrew Buchanan, father of Thomas Buchanan, was born in Stirlingshire, Scotland, and started into business life as a shoemaker's apprentice. Later he joined the local militia, and served seven years in the British service, taking part in the great events of military glory which will be historical as long as the name of Sir John Moore, his commander, and the great Napoleon, will be recalled. After the closing of the eleven years of strife, Mr. Buchanan returned to Stirlingshire, and settled down to his trade, passing his last years in as much quietness as his earlier years had been filled with activity, and dying at the age of eighty-six. Reared in the Presbyterian Church, his earlier life was given to that faith, but during his long army service in various lands, he became attached to the Church of England. His marriage to Nancy Fitzgerald, also of Stirlingshire, resulted in the birth of these children: Elizabeth; Andrew; Thomas; Robert, a soldier in the Crimean War, who resided in Scotland; John, a resident of Manchester, England; Gavin, of Scotland; and Agnes, wife of a Mr. McGlocklin, of Scotland.

Thomas Buchanan attended the schools in the vicinity of his home and when old enough, learned the trade of tanner and currier, and followed the same in Stirlingshire. He began domestic life in Banffshire, marrying Margaret

Mackie, of that shire, Scotland, and had three children, when, in 1856, he decided to emigrate to Canada, and seek better opportunities than could be found in his own country. After a long voyage on a sailing vessel, the family landed at Quebec in April of that year, and came to Ontario, locating first at Hamilton, and later at Guelph. Here Mr. Buchanan found demand for his services as currier, and remained in that place for three years, and then removed to Fergus, County of Wellington, where he worked another year, and the following year at Berlin, County of Waterloo. His next move was to Fullerton Corners, County of Perth, where he remained for nine years, working all the time at his trade, which was a good one for the time and locality. In 1870 he came to Mersea township with the intention of farming, and bought a tract of 100 acres on the north part of Concession 10, Lot 14, where he was one of the earliest settlers. Here he built a comfortable log house, 26 x 28, and started in to clear up the land, assisted by his sturdy sons. They were able to complete the work, while he worked again at his trade at Mitchell, County of Perth. He continued working at his trade off and on, for three years, thus being able to provide for the family until the farm was partially productive, and guard them against the hardships which many of the pioneer settlers had to endure. With his sons' assistance this large body of land was finally cleared, and later put under an excellent state of cultivation. At a later date Mr. Buchanan added 100 more acres, then fifty acres, and later still another tract of 150 acres, all of which is now under cultivation and under the capable management of his sons. Like other settlers, much of the native timber was converted into potash, which was sold at a good price in Montreal. The timber of sufficient size was sold to lumber dealers, and all of the native growth was thus put to use.

After a long life of industry Mr. Buchanan is now able to rest, satisfied to see his plans carried out by his worthy sons. The farm has been a notable one for the production of fine crops and the raising of excellent stock, much of the success in both lines of agriculture being due to the intelligent methods employed by Mr. Buchanan.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan were: Andrew, a farmer of Tilbury West township, married Sarah Ann Gaines; Elizabeth married Charles Hugill of Staples, and had nine children, one now deceased; Alexander, a well-

known farmer of Mersea township, near the homestead, married Sarah Armstrong, daughter of William Armstrong, and has two sons; Thomas is a farmer of Tilbury West township; Gavin and George operate the homestead; James died in infancy. Another member of the family is Fannie Morris, an adopted daughter, to whom Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan have given parental care. Both Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan, with their children, are members of the Presbyterian Church. In politics he is a staunch Liberal, but is no seeker after political preferment. With the exception of a stomach trouble of long standing, Mr. Buchanan bears his years well, and that he may long be spared is the wish of not only a most devoted family, but of a wide circle of fellow-citizens who regard him with respect and esteem for his sterling traits of character.

WILLIAM PRICE, county councillor, a successful dealer in farm implements and vehicles, and a prosperous farmer of Essex, residing on Lot 13, Concession 7, township of Maidstone, was born in Kings County, New Brunswick, Jan. 27, 1846, son of William and Margaret (Ferris) Price, both natives of that Province, the former born June 23, 1818, and the latter Aug. 14, 1819.

The earliest known ancestors of our subject were his great-grandparents, William and Sally (Mason) Price. William Price was born in Wales, and early came to the New World, locating in New York State, where he met and married his wife, Sally Mason, a native of England. By trade he was a weaver, and he followed that calling after locating in America. Being a United Empire Loyalist, during the war of the American Revolution he took his wife and family to New Brunswick, and there he died at the age of ninety years, his wife attaining a like advanced age. They were members of the English Church. Their three sons and one daughter were: Tyler, William, Edward and Maggie (who married John Coates).

Tyler Price, son of William, was born in New York State, and he became a carpenter and farmer. He accompanied his parents to New Brunswick, and there married Mary Roach, who was born in that Province. After his marriage he moved to the County of Elgin, Ont., where he took up land, and where he died in 1869, aged seventy-four. His widow, who came to the County of Essex in 1881, to live with her son, William, died there in 1883, aged eighty-four. They were members of the Close Communion Baptist



William Price

Church. Their eleven children were: Edward, who married Mary Fryers, had six children, and died in New Brunswick; William, mentioned below; Margaret, who married Joseph Nickerson, had eleven children and died in the County of Oxford; Tyler, who married Sarah Gallagher, had five children, and died in Michigan; Jane, of the County of Oxford, widow of John Roach, was the mother of eight children; James, of Saginaw, Michigan, who married (first) Abigail Bagley, had two children, and married (second) Mary Merritt, and had three children; Mary Ann, who married Daniel Stewart, and died in the County of Oxford; John, who married Mahala Dunning, had five children, and died in the County of Elgin; Sarah, of Windsor, the widow of James McCloud, and the mother of two children; Arthur, who wedded Almira Kent, had five children, and died in Saginaw, Michigan; and Eliza, who died in the County of Oxford, at the age of twenty years.

William Price, son of Tyler, grew to manhood in New Brunswick, and there learned the trade of carpenter. Some years after his marriage, he, in 1850, removed to the County of Elgin, and settled in Bayham township, still continuing to work at his trade. In 1871 he removed to Maidstone, County of Essex, locating on a farm, and there he died Nov. 4, 1890, aged seventy-three years. His wife died in the County of Elgin, Jan. 17, 1860, aged forty. They were members of the Baptist Church. Politically he was a Tory, as were all of his family. The children born to himself and wife were: (1) Sarah, born in February, 1829, died when fourteen years old. (2) Tyler, born in 1831, died when 30 years old; he married Lovina Woodard, and had one daughter, Mary, now married and living in Port Huron, Michigan. (3) Arthur, born Jan. 16, 1844, in New Brunswick, married Ann Fitch, of Kingsville, and they now reside in Maidstone, where he is a prominent stock farmer; they have had seven children, Samuel (deceased), Arthur, Bertha, Edward, William, Samuel (2), and Emily, those living all married. (4) William. (5) Edward, born June 11, 1849, in New Brunswick, married Christiana Wiley, of the County of Oxford, and they now reside in Maidstone, where he is a farmer; they have four children, John, Christine, William and James. (6) Jane, born in the County of Oxford, Aug. 1, 1852, married Joseph Lisparence, of Sandwich East, had one son, James, and died in 1871. (7) John, born in the County of Elgin, Jan. 5, 1854, married Mary Langcraft, of Maid-

stone, where he is a farmer; they have four children, William, Sophia, Margaret and Tena. (8) Sarah, born in the County of Elgin, May 4, 1860, married Alfred Lankin, of Alberta, Northwest Canada, and their children are, Maggie, Christina, Edward, Rosie, Alfred, Sarah and Lawrence. (9) Mariah A., born in the County of Elgin, May 28, 1862, died in Dakota, in young womanhood.

William Price, the subject proper of this biography, received his education in the County of Elgin. When he was old enough he began working among the farmers. After his marriage he first settled in Sandwich East, where he engaged in lumbering for some seven years, and then moved to Maidstone, where he bought his present farm, then wild land, from which he lumbered. He was also general agent for the Cameron estate, and he carried on lumbering for them as well as for himself. In 1891 he erected his present handsome brick residence. In addition to his homestead, he owns 600 acres of land, being one of the largest land owners in Maidstone township, and he is a man universally respected. In 1899, in connection with farming he began dealing in agricultural implements, vehicles, etc., at Elmstead, although he continues to reside on the farm, and he has been very successful.

On Nov. 27, 1868, he married Miss Emily Fitch, who was born in Gosfield South, Jan. 2, 1852, daughter of Cornelius and Bridget (Moore) Fitch, old pioneers of Kingsville, who later removed to Maidstone, where they now reside. To Mr. and Mrs. Price the following family have been born: (1) John, born in Sandwich East, Nov. 14, 1869, resides with our subject; he married Miss Mary Vokes, of the County of Essex, and has five children, John, Elizabeth, Emily, William and Caddie. (2) James, born May 11, 1873, resides on a portion of the homestead; he married Miss Bessie Westlake, of Maidstone, and has two children, Sarah and Thomas. (3) William, born in 1874, settled on the present home, where he died Aug. 10, 1900; he married Lizzie Westlake, of Maidstone, who with one daughter, Adda, survives. (4) Moses, born in September, 1876, received a fair education, and is now manager of the homestead. (5) Sylvester, born in 1879, died when three years of age. (6) Sylvester (2), born in 1881, resides on a portion of the homestead; he married Miss Inez Cline, of Maidstone, and has one son, Clarence.

Politically Mr. Price is one of the independ-

ent voters of the township. In 1892 he was elected a member of the council of Maidstone, and held that office until 1896, when he was made deputy reeve, an office he retained three years, when he was elected to his present position of county councillor, under the new system. In 1902 he was further honored by election to the office of warden of the county, serving one year. Religiously he and his wife are connected with the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Price is a member of the Masonic Lodge, at Windsor. He is one of the leading men of the County of Essex, enterprising, progressive, keen and far-sighted in his operations, and faithful in his discharge of public trusts. Self-made, he has reason to be proud of his success. His personal popularity is very great, and his frequent election to positions of responsibility and honor, demonstrate the confidence his people feel in his fidelity and ability.

For many years Mr. Price has been very active in all measures tending toward the advancement and progress of Maidstone and the county, and his political future is a bright one, for those in authority will not allow so brainy a man as Mr. Price to remain in one township, but will call upon him to administer in wider fields. In every relation of life Mr. and Mrs. Price have so conducted their actions as to win not only confidence, but warm friendship from every side, and their beautiful home is the favorite gathering-place, their guests appreciating in highest degree the gracious and generous hospitality lavished on all alike. Although unostentatious in manner, they are very charitable, giving largely of their means, not only to established institutions, but privately to those in need. Sympathy is another gift they always freely bestow, and many hearts have been gladdened by Mr. Price and his charming wife, who shares with him the gratitude and friendship of the entire community.

ABNER L. FERRISS, vice-president of the South Essex Agricultural Society, is a member of one of the first families to settle in the township of Colchester, County Essex.

Joseph Ferriss, his grandfather, was a resident of Kentucky, and there married Christina Hahn, a German girl who had been taken prisoner by the Indians from her home in Pennsylvania. Mr. Ferriss came with his bride to Canada, and they settled on the lake front in Colchester South township, but after a few years re-

turned to Kentucky. A short time later they once more came to Colchester township and settled in the 2d Concession, on Lot 12, where he died at the age of sixty years, and was buried on his farm. After a number of years his widow, who had bravely passed through many hardships, followed him to the tomb, and her remains also lie on the old farm. To Joseph and Christina (Hahn) Ferriss were born children as follows: John, who resided in Colchester South township, where his descendants now live; Isaac, father of Abner L.; Margaret, who married Gordon Buchanan, of the township of Colchester South; Mary, who never married, and died in Pennsylvania; and Esther, who married Abner Lidwell and moved to Pennsylvania.

Isaac Ferriss was born Nov. 15, 1795, on the lake shore, in this township, and on Jan. 18, 1818, married Lucy Wright, who was born Nov. 23, 1802, a daughter of Philip and Delilah (Malott) Wright. Mr. Ferriss died July 29, 1881, and his widow died Jan. 22, 1890. He began farming on the present Thomas Brown place, on land which his father owned, and later removed to several farms, for many years prior to his death living on a farm of sixty acres in Colchester South township, now the home place of his son Abner L. During his life he owned a number of fine properties and was considered a successful man. During the War of 1812 he served in the militia, enlisting before he was eighteen years old. Mr. Ferriss took part in the taking of Detroit, and for his services rendered on this occasion received a silver medal which is preserved and highly prized by his son, our subject. In the Rebellion of 1837-38 he again came forward and tendered his loyal services, and assisted in the building of the blockhouse on Bois Blanc Island. In politics he was a Conservative. In religious faith he was a Methodist.

The children born to Isaac Ferriss and his wife were: Ann Christine, born April 8, 1822, married Benjamin Knapp; Philip, of Colchester South township, was born June 4, 1824; Hulda Catherine, born May 30, 1826, is the widow of Joseph Snider, of Harrow; Esther Caroline, born Feb. 25, 1828, married William Buchanan; Sarah Janet, born June 9, 1830, married John Munger, and they reside at Washington, Michigan; Lucy Delilah, born Oct. 16, 1832, is the wife of Joseph Drummond; Joseph Robert, born May 4, 1835, married Alma Baldwin, and died in Amherstburg at the age of sixty-five years; Ebenezer W., born Jan. 8, 1837, lives in Harrow; Abner Lidwell, was born Nov. 8, 1841; Thomas

Herman, born Aug. 26, 1843, married Margaret Fisher, and is postmaster at Harrow; Isaac, born Nov. 5, 1847, now living in Anderdon, married (first) F. Fulmer, and (second) Mary Lonsbury.

Abner Lidwell Ferriss was an infant when the family came to the farm where he now lives, and his schooling was obtained in a log building that stood near the road on the Leonard Eede farm. At that time only the elementary branches were taught and his reading books were the English Reader and the New Testament. Although the schools possessed none of the latter day accommodations they laid the foundations upon which could be built later substantial structures, as was the case with Mr. Ferriss, who is now one of the best informed men of the county. In the course of time the home farm came into his possession, and he has always been interested in its improvement. The old log house which was on the place when the family first came here is still standing, in perfect repair, although no longer used as a dwelling. Some years ago Mr. Ferriss erected a handsome modern frame house which is the pleasant family home. In the agricultural affairs and interests of the township he has taken a very active part and for many years has been a member and one of the directors of the South Essex Agricultural Society, now serving his fourth year as vice-president of that organization.

In 1871 Mr. Ferriss was united in marriage with Georgiana Thrasher, a native of Colchester South township, daughter of William and Emma (Taylor) Thrasher, and granddaughter of Charles Thrasher, who came from Quebec and settled in Gosfield township in 1829. To Mr. Ferriss and his wife have been born the following children: E. Judson, born Jan. 16, 1873, resides in Windsor, and is bookkeeper for a Detroit firm; he married Belle Misner, and they have two children, Anna Gertrude and Muriel. Jennie, born Dec. 5, 1874, died Jan. 13, 1902. Roland, born April 8, 1876, who resides in Harrow, married Nellie Patorius. Harold, born Oct. 26, 1877, married Lina Sinasac, lives at Harrow, and has one daughter, Beulah May. Lorain, born July 23, 1879, is at home. Della Grace, born April 12, 1881, is assistant postmaster at Harrow. Emma was born Aug. 2, 1884. Wilhelmina was born May 14, 1886. Mildred and Nellie, twins, were born May 8, 1892.

Mr. Ferriss and his family belong to the Methodist Church, in which he is a steward and one of the trustees, being also one of the leading

contributors to its support. In politics he is a member of the Reform party and has served with the greatest credit and ability in a number of the township offices. He has been a member of the council and for five years supervisor, for four years was assessor, and four years also was collector. His deep interest in educational matters does not end with the providing of opportunities for his own intelligent family, but he has willingly and efficiently served as trustee, secretary and treasurer of Section No. 5, having served in the two last-named offices for the past forty years. He is a charter member of the lodge of the Order of Workmen at Harrow, and assisted in its organization. Mr. Ferriss is a representative man of this section, and is held in very high esteem. His judgment is consulted on many public matters, and his known integrity makes his word of vast influence.

JAMES CUMMINS (deceased) was born in County Wexford, Ireland, in October, 1815. When a young man he obtained a position on a sailing vessel, and for a number of years followed the sea, touching at a number of the important ports of the world. After some years thus spent he located in Toronto, Ont., where he married Miss Johanna O'Connor, and until 1850 he sailed on the lakes. That year he came to Pelee Island to accept the position of lighthouse keeper on the Island, which he held, with the exception of four years when he was stationed at Presque Isle, until his retirement on a pension, in 1888. For many years he was also fishery warden, and became one of the most prominent men of the Island. His wife died in 1873, and in 1880 Mr. Cummins married Miss Adaline A. Wires, an intelligent woman, daughter of George W. Wires, a successful business man of North Bass Island, now deceased. Mrs. Cummins survives, residing upon the home farm, which Mr. Cummins purchased after his retirement from the Government service.

Mr. Cummins was a man of strong character, possessing a pleasing personality, and made many friends by whom his memory is tenderly cherished. In religious belief he was a staunch and conscientious Catholic. His office prevented his taking an active part in politics, but he always favored public improvements and took a deep interest in the development and advancement of the Island.

He passed away March 9, 1891, aged seventy-six years, after a long and useful life, and his remains were tenderly interred in the

Catholic cemetery on Pelee Island, where a beautiful monument marks his last resting place. Mr. Cummins left a large estate, now possessed by Mrs. Cummins, and, better than all, an untarnished name and a spotless record.

WILLIAM T. WIRES was born on North Bass Island, Nov. 30, 1852, a son of George W. and Susan (Fox) Wires, and grandson of William Wires, who came from Wales, his native land, when a young man, and settled in the town of Orange, New York.

George W. Wires, the father of William T., was born in Orange, New York, Oct. 8, 1808, but later his parents removed to Ohio, settling near the town of Painesville. George W. Wires was reared to a farm life, and like the majority of the children in those days he received but scanty educational advantages, but from extensive reading and association with men of affairs, he became a very well informed man. As a boy he was apprenticed to the carpenter's trade, but the man with whom he was placed proved to be a hard taskmaster, and upon one occasion, when he was sent to the woods to select a sap trough in which to rock the baby, he ran away and went to Painesville, where for four or five years he was employed by a prominent merchant, Charles C. Paine, with whom he found a congenial home. After this he drifted around the country for some years, and for several years followed the lakes as a sailor. For five years he was on the Mississippi River. Upon his marriage he located on Kelley's Island, where he was employed at farming for four years, when he bought 130 acres of bush land on North Bass Island, being its first actual settler. There he remained for a number of years, clearing his property and improving it. About the close of the war he sold this land in small tracts for vineyard purposes, some of it bringing him \$300 per acre, although he had only paid \$7 an acre for it. He then purchased another tract of twenty-eight acres, on the north side of the Island, and engaged in the vineyard and fruit culture. Here he resided until his death, which event occurred in May, 1900, when he was ninety-one years and seven months old. In 1872 he bought 300 acres on Pelee Island, but later disposed of same.

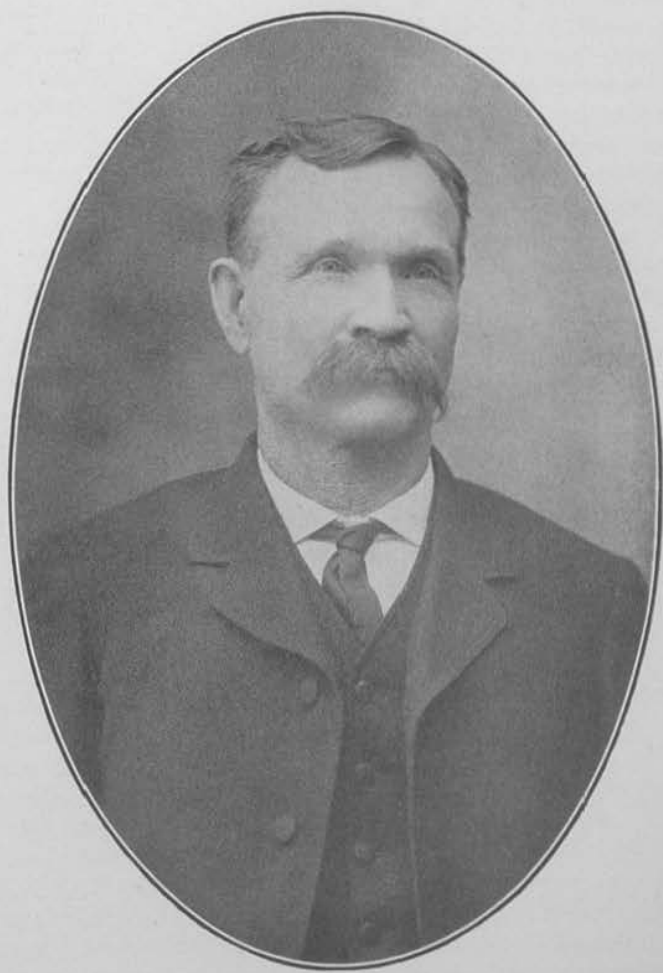
Mr. Wires married Susan Fox, who was born in Gosfield township, County Essex, Ont., in 1821, daughter of John and Rachel (Stewart) Fox, of Pennsylvania Dutch and Scotch ancestry, respectively. Mrs. Wires is still living, aged eighty-three years, and resides on the old

home place. They had a family of ten children, of whom eight survive: Adaline A., widow of James Cummins, of Pelee Island; Lavina H., wife of George Hallock, of North Bass Island; William T.; Simon P., of Duluth, Minnesota; George W., of North Bass Island; Andrew J., of North Bass Island; Olive L., at home; and Elsa R., who married Nelson Stockwell, of Huron, Ohio.

William T. Wires was reared at home, and acquired his education in the common schools, working with his father in the vineyard in the intervals. After reaching manhood's estate he engaged in fishing and sailing on the lakes. In 1874 he came to Pelee Island, and has spent the intervening years, with the exception of several short visits to North Bass Island, in this locality. In 1892 he married Miss Ida B. Baker, of Pelee Island, daughter of Peter and Sarah (Ricketts) Baker, of Terre Haute, Indiana, where Mrs. Wires was born, and where both her parents died while she was a child. She was reared by an aunt, Mrs. Maggie Scott. There are no children by this marriage.

Soon after his marriage Mr. Wires took charge of Mrs. Cummins' fruit farm, and has been its efficient manager ever since, keeping her property in a high state of cultivation. In politics he is a staunch Liberal. Fraternally he is a member of the Knights of the Red Cross, and is exceedingly popular in that organization. Enterprising, energetic, a hard worker and excellent manager, Mr. Wires has made a success of his work, and is very highly esteemed in his neighborhood. The family is well and widely known throughout this section, as both father and grandfather were prominent and set a high standard of excellence as moral men and excellent business managers, and Mr. Wires is proving himself a worthy descendant of these two most worthy men. Not only, however, is he esteemed on their account, but he has already proven himself a staunch friend, a good neighbor, a progressive business man, and a sober, law-abiding citizen, and one deeply interested in the progress and development of his town and county.

HUGH M. JOHNSTON, a prosperous manufacturer of doors, sash, blinds and building material, of Essex, County of Essex, was born at Goderich, County of Huron, May 31, 1853, son of James and Elizabeth (McMath) Johnston, pioneers of Goderich, both natives of Ireland. Mrs. Johnston was the daughter of Hugh Mc-



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Math, who came to Canada when she was a child of nine years.

William Johnston, the grandfather of Hugh M., died in Ireland. His children who came to Canada were: Robert, William and John, who all three died in Huron; Thomas, deceased; James, deceased; Nancy, deceased, who married Samuel McIlvane, of Ireland, and died in Huron, Ont.; Jane, deceased, who married James McKnight, of the County of Huron.

James Johnston was a young man when he emigrated to Canada, and he married at Kingston, Ont., after coming to the County of Huron, in 1850, and then settled on bush land in Goderich township, County of Huron, where he made a permanent home, and where he and his wife died, he in 1887, and she in 1884. They were Presbyterians in religious faith. In politics Mr. Johnston was a Conservative, but never aspired to office, although he was a member of the school board. He and his wife were the parents of twelve children, of whom only six are living. We have the following record of this family: (1) William J., born in 1851, grew up on the old farm, and came with our subject to Essex, and engaged in sawmill work until 1897, when he and several others from Essex went to the Klondyke fields, and he is now there as a prospector; he married Jennette Colenutt, and had ten children, Sidney, Lottie, Hugh, Russell, Delbert, Ivan, Garnet, Etta (deceased), Cecil and Alta. The wife and children are in Essex. (2) Hugh M. is mentioned below. (3) Elizabeth A., born in 1855, married John McMath, of Goderich, and has three children, James J., Annie and Joseph. (4) Martha, born in 1857, married John Dodd, of Goderich, and died leaving three children, Lillie, and Thomas and Jane (twins), who have been reared by their uncle, Hugh M. (5) Ellen, born in 1859, married William Andrews, of Goderich, and has five children, Martha, James, Hugh, Annie and Samuel. (6) Sarah, born in 1861, married John Graham, of Goderich, and has three children: Lettie, Annie and Carrie. (7) Samuel M., born in 1863, is unmarried, and lives in Manitoba. (8) David, born in 1866, is a contractor and builder at Sault Ste. Marie, on the Canadian side; he has six children. (9) Robert is deceased. (10) James died in young manhood.

Hugh M. Johnston grew to manhood on the old home in the County of Huron, and was educated in the little log schoolhouse, located on land given by his father for that purpose in

Goderich township. When nineteen years of age he began the battle of life without means, but with plenty of ability and energy. He and his brother William rented a large farm in Goderich township, where they farmed, and became extensive stock dealers, selling their stock to the Americans after the close of the Civil war in the States, when cattle commanded very high prices. In this way they gained their first start as business men. Later, after years of success, they erected one of the first salt works at Goderich, and were equally prosperous in that undertaking. In 1875 they sold their salt works and farm, and located in Essex, which was then a small village. Just at this time the Michigan Central road was in process of construction, and these two young men engaged in the manufacture of sawed lumber, owning one of the first mills in this section. They continued in the manufacture of lumber until 1880, when they erected a planing-mill in connection with their sawmill, the firm being then known as Johnston Bros. In 1888 our subject purchased his brother's interest in the planing-mill, and has continued to operate it to the present time. He is also interested in real estate, owning 100 acres of fine farm land near the town.

Mr. Johnston is one of the leading business men of this city, having been one of its residents since its incorporation as a town. He was elected councilman at the incorporation, and still retains that honorable position. Since 1898 he has been deputy reeve, and in 1898 he held the office of mayor of Essex with dignity and honor. His brother Charles has been a member of the school board for twelve years. Politically Mr. Johnston has always been a Conservative, as have been his father and brothers. Religiously he has been a member, as well as supporter, of the Presbyterian Church for many years. Fraternally he is a Mason, and is very active in the order.

On Dec. 30, 1903, in Hamilton, Ont., Mr. Johnston married Miss Ida Lewis, who was born at Welland, Ont., daughter of William and Mercy (Tilby) Lewis, natives, respectively, of Syracuse, New York, and Ontario, who now reside in Welland, Ont. Mr. Johnston is one of Essex county's most prosperous and highly esteemed citizens.

FREDERICK C. BARTON, a general merchant and leading business man of Staples, Mersea township, County of Essex, Ont., was born

in London, England, Nov. 2, 1863, son of David Milton Barton. The latter was born in the same metropolis, and was a carriage painter by trade, but during the latter years of his life he devoted himself to the mixing of colors and butchering business, which work caused the failure of his health, and he died in the prime of life, aged forty-seven years. He was a firm adherent of the Church of England. David M. Barton married Mariah Oden, and nine children were born to them. After the death of her husband Mrs. Barton came to Canada with some of her children, spending her declining years at Staples, where she died in May, 1898; her remains were interred in the Alliance cemetery.

Frederick C. Barton was but nine years of age when his father died, but he was given the advantage of attending the schools of his native city, and was brought by his mother to Canada in 1873. He found employment in the saw and stave mills during the winters and on the farms in and about Belleville during the summer, and for fifteen years he continued along these lines. From there he came to Chatham, and worked in the stave mills for five years. From that city he went to Detroit, and spent two years in various cities in Michigan, working in mills. The next change he made was to Merlin, Ont., where he embarked in a livery business. At the same time he worked in a stave mill as jointer for seven years. Selling out his livery business, he came to Fargo, and once more conducted a livery business for two years, when, in 1891, he located at Staples, and started a livery business, the first in the village. He also worked as a jointer, later becoming foreman, in the Buchanan Stave Company, continuing with this company for two years, when he embarked in his general merchandise store, establishing it in a handsome brick building he had purchased. Until 1901 he continued to conduct his livery business, but the increasing demands of his mercantile concern being too great, he sold the livery business. From time to time Mr. Barton has bought and sold real estate, and has become quite an expert along that line, his advice being sought whenever a purchase or sale is made. In politics he is independent, and has never sought for office. Fraternally he is a member of the Order of Foresters, and is very popular in that organization. His religious affiliations are with the Church of England.

Mr. Barton was married, in Merlin, Sept. 17, 1886, to Elizabeth Stevenson, born in Belle River, March 14, 1867, daughter of Andrew and

Clarissa (Brown) Stevenson, of Scotch extraction, both deceased, while Mrs. Barton was still a child. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Barton are: Ethel Beatrice, Stillman David, Clarence Ida, Beulah Maria, Nellie Mae, Eva Pearl, Lily Viola, Everett Clarence, all living. Both Mr. and Mrs. Barton are fond of flowers and birds, and their beautiful home is surrounded by flowers, carefully cultivated, while Mr. Barton has many rare birds, of which he is justly proud. The really remarkable success which has attended Mr. Barton is, after all, but the natural result of native ability, intelligently applied. He has never shirked hard, unrelenting work, and has known how to invest his savings, so that to-day the once penniless boy is one of the leading men of his village, and one of the most highly respected.

ALEXANDER DAWSON, an enterprising farmer of Gosfield South, County of Essex, comes of an old and honored family of that locality.

Thomas Dawson, the father of Alexander, and a half-brother of William Dawson, of Romney township, was born in Durham, Devonshire, England, Jan. 16, 1815, and was a little child when the family came to America. In time his parents settled on Government land in Romney township, County of Kent, where young Thomas grew to manhood, enduring privations and conquering difficulties which can scarcely be imagined at this day. When twenty-one, in company with his brother Joseph, he walked to the home of Col. Talbot in the County of Elgin, and asked him for a grant of land in Romney township. This they secured, and upon their return to this township, settled upon their property, and resided together until 1849, when Thomas sold his interest to Joseph, and removed to Gosfield township, County of Essex, buying from Christopher Wigle 100 acres on Lot 9, Concession 3. The farm was wild, only five acres of it having been cultivated, but a log house had been built upon it, and into this the family moved, and made it their home until 1852, when Thomas erected his stone cottage. He cleared up the land, devoting his attention to farming. He was a man of more than ordinary intelligence, was a great reader, and for many years was a subscriber to the *Globe*—good evidence that he was a Grit. For nearly fifty years he served as justice of the peace. As a member of the Methodist Church, he took an active part in the affairs of the church from the time of his conversion at

the age of sixteen until his death, serving for many years as a church officer. During the Rebellion of 1837, he served as captain of a company which for one winter was stationed at Belle River and Amherstburg.

While living in Romney township, County of Kent, Thomas Dawson married Mary Jane, who was born Aug. 8, 1818, daughter of Michael G. Wigle; she died Sept. 30, 1897, and he passed away July 24, 1903. The children born of this marriage were: Michael, born April 2, 1839, lived at Detroit, and died June 2, 1901; he married Annie Cow, and they had children, Oliver, Delbert, Sidney, Bert, Cinderella and Edna. John, born Aug. 16, 1841, died Sept. 23, 1842. Dencey, born July 12, 1845, died Jan. 30, 1899; she married John Bruner, and their children were, Elizabeth, Ida, Irene, Watson and William. James, born Aug. 7, 1846, died the same day. Solomon, born June 29, 1848, lives in Michigan; he married Mary Quick, and their children are: John, Edith, Lawrence and Orley. Mary Ann, born June 6, 1849, married Joseph Knight, of Detroit, and their children are, Lilly, Edward, Mary, Frank and Jessie. Alexander, born March 4, 1851, married, Jan. 20, 1874, Mary A. Thompson. Sarah A., born July 22, 1852, married Theodore Bruner, and their children are, Clarence, Mary E., Kenneth, Maud, May and Dencie. Judith E., born Dec. 25, 1854, married Michael Fulmer, of Mersea township, and has nine children, Beulah, Pearl, James G., Charles, Norah, Flossie, Mary, Earl and Howard. Maranda, born March 5, 1857, married Alfred Jeffrey, of Lenox, Michigan, and their children are, Mary, Colon and George. Colon F., born Sept. 25, 1859, resides at Vancouver, B.C., in the hotel business; he married Edith Broadwell, and their children are, Beulah and Thelma. Kenneth, born Jan. 21, 1864, occupies the homestead; he married Deruther Brooker, and had children, Ethel (deceased), Irene, Ada (deceased) and Glen.

Alexander Dawson was born in Gosfield South, County of Essex, March 4, 1851, and grew to manhood on the home place. While the greater portion of the property was cleared when he was old enough to take part in the work, he broke up the last field. Until 1879 he remained at home, but at that time, he purchased fifty acres, Lot 6, Concession 3, and began farming for himself on a tract that was wild land. Some fifteen acres had been chopped, but he had to grub out the trees to make a site for his house of brick, that is still occupied. Later he bought

another fifty acres, and has the greater part of his 100 acres cleared. He had great difficulty in placing his land under cultivation, for stones were plenty, and much of the land was a marsh, but handwork and tiles finally conquered and his farm is now one of the best in the neighborhood. When he took charge of his property, his taxes were three dollars a year, while last year he paid \$136 on the same land. However, it was easier to raise the larger amount. In addition to farming Mr. Dawson operated a threshing machine for twelve years. Politically he is a Grit, and for nine years he served as school trustee. He and his family are consistent members of the Methodist Church at Ruthven.

On Jan. 20, 1874, Mr. Dawson was united in marriage with Mary Ann Thompson, born in Houghton county, Michigan, a daughter of John and Mary Ann (Dent) Thompson. Mrs. Dawson's parents came to Michigan from England in 1850, and she was but four years of age when her mother died, and her father passed away in Mersea township, aged seventy-nine years. To Mr. and Mrs. Dawson the following family has been born: Thomas T., born March 11, 1875, is now a merchant of Ruthven. George Dent, born Aug. 15, 1877, married Flossie Wigle, and is at home. Mary Elizabeth, born in June, 1880, died at the age of nine days. Cora Jane was born Aug. 25, 1881. Frederica was born Feb. 25, 1884. Stanley was born June 22, 1886, while Mary Ann was born June 10, 1891.

Although his private affairs have so occupied his time that he has never taken an active part in political affairs, Mr. Dawson is very firm in his opinions, and supports his candidates loyally and faithfully. He is an earnest, hard-working, honorable gentleman, an excellent farmer, and a man who enjoys the confidence and approval of his friends and business associates. His family occupy a prominent position socially, and the pleasant home of the Dawsons is a favorite gathering place, all appreciating the genial, generous hospitality shown all alike.

JAMES H. BROWN, formerly a well-known public school teacher and now a successful farmer in Colchester South, County of Essex, was born in the County of Oxford, Feb. 13, 1833, son of Jesse and Isabella (Hossack) Brown.

James Brown, grandfather of James H., was a native of Scotland, who grew to manhood in his native land, and there married Janet Marshall. They emigrated to Canada, and settled

in the County of Oxford, Ont., where he died at an advanced age.

Jesse Brown was born in the Lowlands of Scotland and came with his parents to the County of Oxford, Ont., where he became successful and prominent. He held many local offices, among them that of license inspector. He died in 1884, aged seventy-four, and his wife, Isabella Hossack, a native of the Scotch Highlands, in 1860, aged sixty. They were members of the Presbyterian Church. Their children were: James H.; Thomas, a farmer in the County of Oxford; John, of Portland, Oregon; and Mary, deceased wife of Hector McKenzie.

James H. Brown attended the common schools in Ingersoll, after which he took a second-class certificate when only eighteen, and began teaching in his native county, continuing in this calling for three years. In 1857 he went to Toronto and attended the Normal School, being one of the members of its eighteenth session, and completed his course with honor. He then taught school for thirteen years, under a permanent certificate, teaching in the Counties of Middlesex and Oxford. In 1871 Mr. Brown took a school in Colchester South, County of Essex, teaching two years in Section 2, and two years in Section 6, after which he purchased a farm on Lot 19, in the Gore of Colchester South township, consisting of fifty acres, a portion of which was improved. As soon as he gained possession of it, he worked upon the property, making many improvements, erecting buildings and in every way adding to its value. There he farmed from 1874 until 1900, at which time he moved to Harrow village, where he now lives retired.

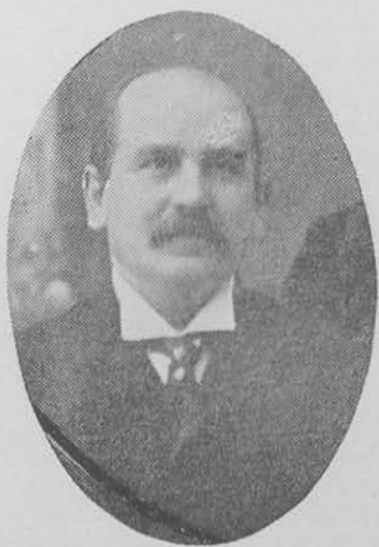
In 1874 Mr. Brown was married to Louisa Sophia, youngest daughter of the late Lenox and Margaret (Lochart) Thompson, the former of whom served as county and township treasurer for many years. To this marriage has been born one daughter, Jessie, who married Robert Martin, of Colchester South, and they have one son, James Walter. Mr. Brown is a Reformer in politics, and a very widely-read man. For the past forty years he has taken the *Globe*, and takes pride in keeping well posted on current events. He has served as a member of the township council, and is now serving his ninth year as treasurer of the township. In 1884 he was appointed justice of the peace, and has continued in that office to the present time. In religious matters he is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and is a constant attendant upon the services of that body. Few men are more highly

esteemed than Mr. Brown. From his sturdy Scotch ancestry he inherits many of the qualities which characterize him to-day, and have contributed so largely toward his material success.

FRANK HUTTON. A leading business citizen of Windsor, who has long been identified with commercial enterprises in the County of Essex, is Frank Hutton, manager of the Windsor Table Supply Company, of Windsor, which, since January, 1900, has enabled the housewives to supply their tables not only with the necessities, but with the dainties and delicacies of every clime.

Mr. Hutton is descended from one of the early families of the County of Essex, his father, John Hutton, having been born in 1803, in Yorkshire, England. In 1832 he came to the County of Essex, and established a grocery business in the vicinity of Walkerville, removing the same later to Detroit, but returning to this county in 1836. Locating at Windsor, he took charge of a hotel named the "British Lion," which was located upon the present site of the "Crawford House." The building was subsequently moved across the adjacent street, enlarged and renovated, and rechristened the "Windsor Castle." Mr. Hutton continued in the hotel business until his death, in 1872, caused by a lamentable accident. While taking a stroll across the street, in the dark, he inadvertently stepped into a sewer, which the negligence of employes had left open and unprotected, and he did not recover from the injuries he had received. To the first marriage of John Hutton was born one daughter. His second marriage was to Mrs. (Mason) Billinger, and to this union were born the following children: Albert, William, Robert, Phoebe, John, Elizabeth, Frank, Nellie and Fanny. The estimable mother of this family was born in 1817, daughter of Robert Mason, and died in 1862. The third marriage of Mr. Hutton was to Mrs. (Hirons) Billyards, and three children were born to this union, namely: Hannah, Thomas and Charles.

Frank Hutton was born Aug. 20, 1853, in Windsor, where he obtained his education. His first business engagement was as a clerk with the firm of Cameron & Thornburn, later Thornburn & Gibson, with whom he remained for four years. In 1875 he embarked in a grocery business for himself, on Sandwich Street West, Windsor, soon removing to a better location on



Frank Hutton

Sandwich Street East, near the City Hall, where he continued for two years, at this time entering into the employ of the well-known firm of Smith & Duck, and remaining with them for twelve years. Mr. Hutton then went into business on his own account at 38-40 Ouellette avenue, where he was located for five years, selling out then to J. A. Dougall, and a short time later went to Detroit, but returned to County Essex two and one-half years later, forming a partnership of short duration with Mr. Duck, in Windsor. In January, 1900, Mr. Hutton established what is aptly known as the Windsor Table Supply Company, which has filled a long-felt want, and which Mr. Hutton's business experience and fortunate connections and facilities, enable him to successfully carry on. It promises to be one of the leading lines in the city, and furnishes a congenial avenue for Mr. Hutton's well-known energy and good judgment.

The first marriage of Frank Hutton took place in 1875, to Miss Ella Watson, daughter of Lewis Watson, of Denton, Michigan, and to this union were born three children, namely: Walter, Frank and R. J. The mother died in 1877. In 1879 Mr. Hutton was united in marriage with Miss A. A. Coleman, daughter of Lincoln Coleman, and one son, Lincoln G., has been born to this marriage. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hutton belong to the Methodist Church, and are among its most liberal supporters. Politically, Mr. Hutton is a Reformer. The family is very well and favorably known in Ontario, all, with the exception of John, still surviving, although Frank is the only member who is a resident of the County of Essex.

JAMES HOWIE, serving his township of Colchester South, County of Essex, for the seventh year as reeve, is a native of Scotland.

Robert Howie, his father, was born in Ayrshire, Scotland, where he grew to manhood and married. He engaged in farming and passed his life among his native hills, dying in December, 1900, aged seventy-four. His wife, Marian Stenson, who was also born in Ayrshire, died in October, 1902, aged sixty-eight. They were members of the Presbyterian Church. They had children as follows: Robert, of Ayrshire, a conductor on the railroad, is married and has a family; James is mentioned below; Marian, of Ayrshire, married John Gray, a large stock and dairy farmer, and has eight children; Mary married Alexander Campbell, of Ayrshire, and has three children; and Andrew (married) is a farmer in

Oregon. Of this family James, our subject, was the only one to emigrate.

James Howie, a brother of Robert, came to Canada nearly sixty years ago, he being the first of the name to locate in Colchester South.

James Howie was born in Ayrshire, Scotland, Sept. 15, 1851, and until he was sixteen years of age resided in his native country. There he went to the common schools. In 1867 he came to Canada, making his home with his Uncle James in Colchester South. He did not attend school after coming to Ontario, but worked upon the farm. At the age of twenty-two years he went to Gordon McCanon's farm, and conducted it for five years, and at the end of that time his nephew—David Howie—and wife having died, leaving three small daughters, he took up his residence on that farm, and reared the orphans with his own family, giving them the tender care of a father. In 1898 he moved from the David Howie farm to the place once owned by his wife's father, a property of seventy-five acres, to which he has added until the tract now comprises 130 acres, and he now owns in addition 100 acres in the 3rd Concession. He is one of the extensive farmers of the township, making a specialty of stock raising and tobacco growing—having at least five acres of the latter each year. Through enterprise and application, he has become one of the most prosperous residents of the township.

Mr. Howie is a stanch member of the Reform party, but prior to his election as reeve he did not seek office. From the fact that he has been continuously in office since his first election it is evident that he is the right man in the right place. Religiously he is a Presbyterian; and fraternally he is an Odd Fellow.

In March, 1883, Mr. Howie was married to Miss Lydia Howie, daughter of James Howie, and to this union the following family has been born: Eliza, Roy, Mina, Agnes, Allen, Beatrice, Olive and Jean, and one that died unnamed. Those living are all at home, very bright young people. The three orphans reared by Mr. Howie are: Winnie, wife of William Craig, who resides on the David Howie farm; Ada, a teacher of music; and Maggie, who married Oscar Lonsbury, and lives on an adjoining farm.

JOHN JOUPP, a prosperous farmer of Pelee Island, County Essex, was born in County Perth, Ont., March 20, 1856, a son of John and Mary (Westgate) Joupp, and is one of their six surviving children: Charles, of Kansas; Mary, wife

of John McNearin, of County Perth, Ont.; John; Rosa A., a widow, residing in New York; Harriet, widow of Henry Feltz, of Pelee Island; and Louise, who married Frank Elliott, of Mitchell, County Perth.

John Joupp, the father, was born in Sussex, England, of wealthy parents, and for years was connected with the army, during the early years of Queen Victoria's reign being a member of her bodyguard. After his marriage he came to Canada, settling in County Perth, where he engaged in farming. He died while his son John, our subject, was still a child, and his wife followed him some six months later.

At the death of his parents John Joupp, our subject, was taken by a neighbor, John Barley, who undertook to raise the lad. For four years young John remained with Mr. Barley, and then he went to the town of Listowel, and secured employment in a saw and grist mill, continuing thus some eighteen months. He then went to Ohio, where he found more remunerative employment at machine work and railroad bridge-building. For eleven years he thus worked, his territory extending over twenty-four States. About 1877 Mr. Joupp came to Pelee Island and engaged in timbering, cutting and shipping the timber. He also ran a threshing machine during the summer months, and finally he engaged in farming, which he has followed successfully ever since. He owns two farms, his home place of forty-one acres and another of forty-eight acres, and he is one of the best known and most reliable men of the Island. In politics he is a staunch Conservative, but he has never sought or desired office. His wife and children are consistent members of the Church of England. Fraternally Mr. Joupp is a member of the K.O.T.M. lodge, and he is one of the most popular members of that organization.

In 1887 Mr. Joupp married Miss Maggie Wilson, of Pelee Island, who was born at Peterboro, Ont. Seven children have come to Mr. and Mrs. Joupp; Elva L., Mary B., Myrtle I., Lilly M., Grace M., and Eva B. and Lloyd B. (twins), the first twins born on the Island.

HUBERT W. WIGLE, an extensive farmer of Gosfield South, has served as mayor of the village of Kingsville, and is one of the leading men of the township. His grandfather was John Wigle, who married Susanna Scratch, and among their children was Adam R. Wigle.

Adam R. Wigle was born June 14, 1824, on Lot 2, South-eastern Division of Gosfield town-

ship, where he began for himself upon 200 acres, comprising Lot 2, of his father's estate, and he worked steadily, clearing off his land. First, he occupied a log house, as did the majority of the settlers, and lived in it for ten years, when in April, 1857, he completed the solid stone house now occupied by our subject. Upon this large property Adam R. Wigle carried on general farming, and he lived to see all his land cleared and placed in a good state of cultivation. His death occurred at the home place, Oct. 16, 1888. Politically he was a sturdy Grit, and he served his township as treasurer for four years. In religious belief he was a Methodist, and took a prominent part in the affairs of that Church, serving for years as class leader, trustee and steward.

On Dec. 1, 1846, Mr. Wigle was united in marriage with Lucinda L. Buchanan, who survives him and makes her home with Hubert Wigle. She was born in Colchester township, Jan. 18, 1829, daughter of John Buchanan, a pioneer resident of that township. To them were born the following children: (1) Almeron, who died aged thirty-three years, married (first) Laura Van Orman, by whom he had two children, Florence and Percival; he married (second) Linda Harris, who also bore him two children, Leland and Louie. (2) Adeline married Rev. Thomas Gee, of Illinois, and has two sons, Roy and Forest. (3) Caroline, whose death occurred in 1874, married (first) Harry Hillis, of St. Thomas, Ont.; and (second) George Robbin, of Rednersville, Ont. (4) Margaret, who died aged forty years, married James Doane, a druggist of Kingsville, and had three children, Gertrude, Nina, and Harry. (5) Hubert W.

Hubert W. Wigle, the youngest of the family, was born in the stone house he now occupies, June 24, 1857, and grew up on the home place, enjoying the advantages of the village school. At his father's death he came into possession of the farm, on which he carries on general farming. He is one of the most progressive and ambitious farmers of the township. Like his father before him he is a Grit in political views. In 1893 and 1894, he served as a member of the township council, and in 1895, 1896 and 1897, he was reeve of Kingsville. For eight years he served as a member of the school board. He, his wife and children are all members of the Methodist Church, and Mrs. Wigle is leader of the choir, while his daughter is the organist.

In 1880 Mr. Wigle was married to Almeda

Baslaugh, of the County of Oxford, Ont., who was born Dec. 28, 1861, daughter of Charles and Sarah (Durkey) Baslaugh. One daughter, Flossie B., a most charming and accomplished young lady, has been born of this marriage. Fraternally Mr. Wigle is a Mason, a member of the Modern Workmen and Foresters, all of Kingsville, and he is very highly respected by a wide circle of friends.

JAMES WHITE, formerly a well known farmer of Mersea township, now living retired, is one of the oldest citizens of that township, where he was born and has passed his entire life. He was a pioneer among pioneers, and is a worthy descendant of his sturdy Scotch forbears, being noted for his unswerving honesty and uprightness of character.

James White, father of James, was the first of the family to leave Scotland, coming to Canada when a young man and locating in Mersea township. He obtained Lot No. 236, of the Talbot Grant, on what is now Talbot Street, a tract of 200 acres, on which he erected a log house and began his pioneer life. By unremitting industry and hard labor he cleared a portion of the homestead, and passed the rest of his life there, engaged in farming. He died in 1853, at the age of sixty-five, and was buried in the family lot on the farm, an old willow tree marking his last resting place. He and his wife were members of St. John's English Church, of which he was one of the founders. He married, in Mersea township, Phoebe Walton, who died when nearly eighty-seven years of age, and is buried beside her husband. She was a devoted wife and mother, a true Christian woman, and shared uncomplainingly all the hardships and privations of pioneer life. The children of this union were as follows: Betsey (deceased), who married John Robinson; Mary (deceased), who married Thomas Hodgson; Jane (deceased), who married Russell Fox, of Mersea township; Nancy (deceased), who married Absalom Jones; Phoebe, who married Major Thomas M. Fox, of Wheatley; James, who is mentioned below; John, also mentioned below, who lives on the home farm; and George, a retired farmer, who lives in Leamington.

James White was born in the old log house at the homestead, on Talbot Street South, Sept. 1, 1833. As a boy he attended school from three to six months out of the year, in the school house made of hewn logs, which was the educational centre of the township. Many of his school com-

panions are still living—venerable and respected men. Mr. White assisted his father on the home farm until the death of the latter, after which he and his brothers continued to carry on the place and care for their widowed mother. Later the farm was divided between the three brothers, James taking the east seventy-five acres, where he continues to live. There he began farming on his own account, making extensive improvements, including the erection of a brick dwelling house and good frame barns. His farm is carefully managed and is kept in a high state of cultivation, reflecting great credit upon the skill and sagacity of its owner. Mr. White is a man of domestic tastes and temperate habits, a true Christian and a devoted father. He is a member of Wesley Church, on Talbot Street, which he helped to organize, and of which he has served as steward. He married, Jan. 8, 1855, Mary Alice Setterington, who was born in Mersea township, daughter of John Setterington. She died Jan. 14, 1888, at the age of fifty-six, and is buried in Lake View Cemetery. She also was a member of Wesley Church. To Mr and Mrs. White ten children were born as follows: (1) Clarinda married Isaac Jeffery, of Leamington, and they have two children, McDonald and Percival H. (2) John J., who is a contractor and builder, of Wheatley, married Lucy Lamarsh, and they have had six children, Ruby, Marvin, Arthur, Everett (deceased), Gordon and Lena. (3) Jane married Arthur Lamarsh and lives in Wheatley; they have two children, Mabel and Clayton. (4) Colon, who is a ranchman in the North-West Territory, married Mary Delaurier. (5) Mary E. married Herbert Campbell, of Mersea township, and has had two children, Verne and Vera, both now deceased. (6) Ralph, who lives in Mersea township, married Mary Craig, and they have had five children, Charles, Harry, Grace, Jennie and Oscar. (7) Sarah, who married Daniel Kenyon, has one child, Ray, and lives with her father. (8) Prince Albert, who lives on the homestead, married Lavinia Wickwire, and they have two children, Inia and Ethel. (9) Laura married Jefferson Stockwell, of Leamington and has two children, Arville C. and Glenn. (10) Cora, married Thomas McCray, a ranchman in the North-West Territory, and has one son, Hugh W.

JOHN WHITE, brother of James, was born on the homestead Sept. 12, 1837, and like his brother attended school in the log schoolhouse. He was only sixteen when his father died, and remained on the home farm until the property was

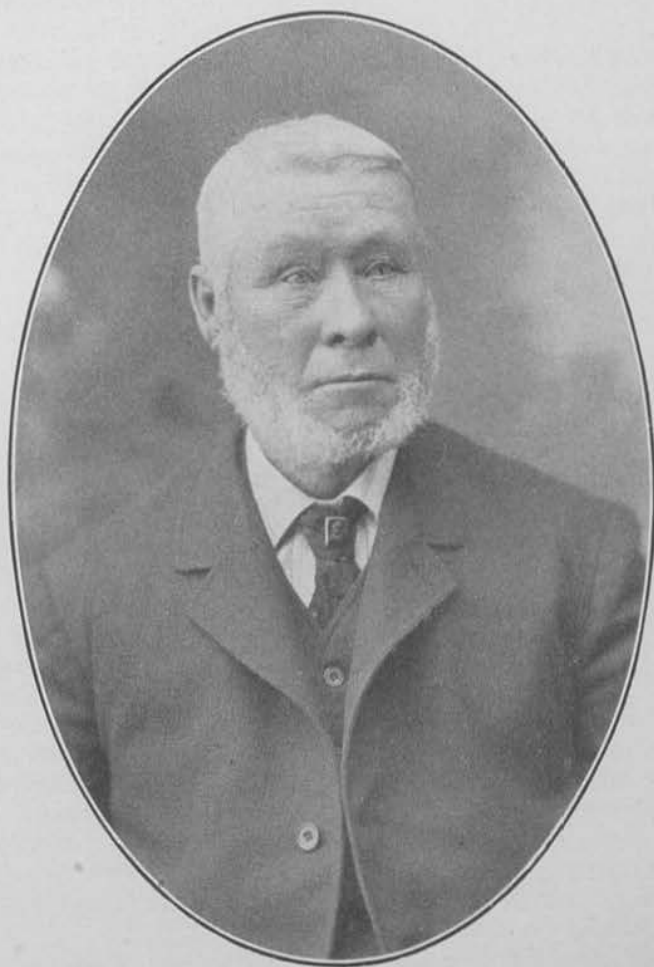
divided, and he received the seventy-five acres in the southwestern part of the original tract. There he has lived ever since, engaged in tobacco growing and in general farming. He has erected a fine brick dwelling house, and made other extensive improvements, and is prosperous and successful in his chosen occupation. Like his brother he is widely known and respected for his business capacity and his honorable dealings with all men, and is one of the highly respected citizens of his locality. He is a man of domestic tastes and temperate habits. In politics he is a Conservative. He is a member of Wesley Church, which he helped to organize, and which owes much to his interest in its work and welfare. He has served as steward and trustee of the church, has been a teacher in the Sunday School, and acted as assistant superintendent. He is a member of the Agricultural Society, and belongs to the Ancient Order of United Workmen. He married (first) in 1861, Susan Malott, daughter of Joseph Malott, and they had the following children: Emily, who married Wellington Franklin, of Romney township, Kent County; Frederick, who is a farmer in Mersea township, Concession 5; Culbert, who is also a farmer in Mersea township; Ward, who is a ranchman in North-West Territory; and Susan, who died young. Mrs. Susan (Malott) White, who was a member of the Methodist Church, died in 1873, and is buried in Lake View Cemetery. Mr. White subsequently married (second) Harriet Malott, daughter of Jonas Malott, and they reside on the homestead. They have one son, Edmund James, who married Ethel Campbell, and lives at home with his parents. All the family are highly respected for their many excellent qualities, and they have a wide circle of friends.

GEORGE PATILLO, a prominent and successful farmer and cheese manufacturer of Maidstone, County of Essex, residing in the Concession of the Lake, Lot 4, was born at Detroit, Michigan, Aug. 12, 1836, son of Andrew and Elizabeth (Scrimgeaur) Patillo, both of whom were born in Perthshire, Scotland, he in 1801, and she in 1790. They were reared and married in Scotland, and came to New York on a sailing-vessel, the voyage consuming three months, the vessel being driven back three different times by the storms. From New York the parents came over the Erie canal to Detroit, and the father did his first work in the new country in a sawmill. He was the first wood saw-

yer to do work in Detroit, where he remained for a few years, and then came to Maidstone, purchasing 100 acres on the lake front. He cleared up his property, and was also engaged in whipsawing work all over this section of the country. As time went on, he became the owner of lake scows and boated wood to Detroit, carrying on this business for some thirty years. His home was made on his original property, and there he died in 1875, his wife surviving him until 1878. Both were consistent members of the Presbyterian Church, and Mr. Patillo was among the most prominent men of this section in the church of that denomination. Politically he was a strong Grit, and for thirteen years served very acceptably as reeve of Maidstone, and for many years occupied a seat in the district council. He became very prominent in local affairs, and was a substantial and highly respected business man of this locality. Three children were born to himself and wife: (1) James, the eldest, was born in Scotland in 1825, and received his early education in his native land, and later attended the schools of Detroit. He married Miss Mary Struthers, of Maidstone, daughter of James Struthers, a native of Glasgow, who came to Canada at an early day, and settled at Maidstone, near the lake front, where he engaged in farming and sailing on the lakes during the summer seasons. James Patillo died in 1876, and he left a widow and two children,—Mary E. and Annie, the former of whom married Peter Corbet, a farmer of Maidstone, and they have a family; while Annie married William Angus, of Maidstone, and has two children, Walter and May. (2) Catherine, born in New York on the way to Canada, never married, and died at Windsor in 1903. Very benevolent, she reared three children, giving them a high school education. She was a very highly esteemed lady, who took an active part in church and charitable work. (3) George was the third and youngest.

George Patillo was reared in Maidstone, where he received a district school education, and from the time he was old enough to take charge of the farm, he was its manager. In 1856, he bought his present home on the lake front, the land being then in a wild condition, but he immediately began clearing it off, and now has one of the finest farms in the County of Essex. Upon it, in 1864, he erected a fine brick residence, comfortably fitted with modern conveniences.

In January, 1867, Mr. George Patillo married Miss Victoria Grant, born in Maidstone, in Feb-



George Patillo

ruary, 1843, daughter of Capt. Duncan and Janet (Reside) Grant, who came from Scotland and were among the early and prominent families of Maidstone. Mr. and Mrs. Grant were reared and married in Scotland, coming to Canada at an early day, and first settling at Toronto, but later they came to the County of Essex, Mr. Grant acting as agent for the Lairds of Scotland, who had large tracts of land in Canada. Mr. Grant made a permanent home at Maidstone, where he was killed by a vicious bull in 1885. His wife passed away in April, 1900. They were the parents of eight children: Mary married Adam Martindale, deceased, of Maidstone; Jane, born in Canada, married Charles Harris, deceased, of Saginaw, Michigan, and had four children; Arthur, born in Maidstone, is a lumberman of Saginaw, Michigan, and has five children; Charles, deceased, married a Miss Orpha Gill, of Michigan, settled in Maidstone, where he died in 1893, leaving a wife and four children; Victoria, Mrs. Patillo, was reared in Maidstone; Ellen married Donald McPherson, of Chatham, and has three children; Duncan, deceased, married Miss Alice Bridges, of England, settled on the lake shore homestead, where he died in 1899, leaving one son, Donald Grant; William was born in Maidstone, is unmarried, and is a transfer agent of Saginaw, Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Patillo settled on their present home, in the comfortable residence he had built, and by hard work and great thrift, they have become wealthy and highly respected. Three children have been born to them: George D., born at the present home, Nov. 7, 1867, received a fair education, and is still unmarried, and his father's right hand in the management of affairs; Emma, born in August, 1869, married Henry Arnald, who resides on the town line of Maidstone and Sandwich; Charles A., born in September, 1873, married Lotta Martin and has a daughter, Pearl V.

In addition to his homestead, Mr. Patillo owns 150 acres in Maidstone, and is quite extensively engaged in the manufacture of cheese, his product finding a ready sale in the local markets. Politically, Mr. Patillo is a member of the Reform party, and for several years has been a trustee of schools. Religiously he and his wife and family are members of the Presbyterian Church, which stands on a portion of his farm, he donating the land for this purpose on the lake front. Mr. Patillo is one of the very prominent farmers and manufacturers of Maidstone, is a man of substance and reliability, whose

word is as good as another's bond. Although a man advanced in years, he is very active, and superintends the details of his work, and is well informed upon current matters. In chatting with friends, Mr. Patillo often relates many entertaining incidents of pioneer life, which are worthy of record. During a long and useful life he has been honorable in his dealings with his fellow-men, and has won the confidence and respect of all who have come into contact with him.

ROBERT GARLICK, a prominent and successful farmer of Colchester North, County Essex, situated on Lot 21, town line, was born Feb. 15, 1843, in Derbyshire, England, a son of Thomas and Hannah (Robinson) Garlick, both of whom were born in Derbyshire.

Thomas Garlick was reared and married in his native shire, and became an operator in the cotton mills prior to coming to the Dominion, being foreman in a large mill in Cheshire. In 1863 he emigrated with his family to Canada, coming by way of Quebec, and their first location was at Westminster, in County Elgin, Mr. Garlick joining a brother, Robert Garlick, who had settled in that county some years previously. These brothers, Thomas and Robert Garlick, were both sons of Thomas Garlick, who spent his days in England, where the rest of his children remained also. Robert settled near Aldborough, County Elgin, and became a successful farmer, living there until his death, a few years ago.

Thomas Garlick, father of our subject, remained in the neighborhood of Westminster until his death, in 1876. His wife did not long survive her change of home and different conditions of living, dying in 1865, leaving five children, namely: Charles, born in 1840, married Miss Eliza Wigley, of County Elgin, and settled near Aldborough, where he still resides; he has a family of seven children, Thomas E., Robert A., Charles W., Naomi, Zilla, Clara and Charlotte. Robert is the second member of the family. William E., born in 1846, married and settled near his brother in the vicinity of Aldborough, and still resides there on his farm; he has had three children, John W., Minnie (deceased) and Mary A. Mary A., born in 1848, in the old home in England, married William Grainger, of Aldborough, and both are deceased; they are survived by three daughters, Hannah, Mary A. and Lillie. Thomas, born in 1852, married (first) a Miss Gram, of County Elgin, and they

had one son, Ray; he married for his second wife a Miss Auskins, and they left Canada and sought a new home in North Dakota, but later made a wagon journey to Missouri, where he is engaged in hotelkeeping.

Robert Garlick was educated in England and there learned the trade of cotton spinner, which he followed until he accompanied his parents to Canada. He also had a short experience in railroading. After locating in County Elgin he learned to be a farmer and, liking the business, determined to continue in it and to become possessed of one of the fertile tracts of the Dominion. He settled on a farm in County Elgin and remained there until 1877, when he moved to County Essex, where he purchased a tract of wild land on the town line of Colchester North. Here he has cleared up a large farm and has made a good home.

On Feb. 10, 1869, Mr. Garlick married, in County Elgin, Annie M. Stinson, who was born Sept. 11, 1849, at Oakville, Canada, a daughter of William and Eliza Stinson, pioneers near Aldborough. Mrs. Garlick was well educated in the schools of the locality and was a most admirable woman and capable housekeeper. The manner of her death was quite shocking, being caused by a runaway team, Sept. 23, 1895. She left a family of seven children: Samuel W., born in October, 1870, is now an engineer in the Art Stove Works of Detroit; he married Miss Minnie Rouse, of Detroit, and they have four children, May, Henrietta, Russell and Earl. Edmund was born at Aldborough, in July, 1872, is unmarried and is a resident farmer at Sebeka, Minnesota. Thomas C., born Feb. 27, 1875, married Miss Retta Blair, of Gosfield North, and they reside on his farm in Colchester South. Minnie May, born in May, 1878, is the wife of Lewis Gillett, an engineer at Detroit, and they have two sons, William Everett and Robert C. Hannah M., born in 1880, is the wife of Edwin Quick, who is a farmer in Gosfield North, and has one son, Wilbur. Anna J. A., born April 24, 1882, is the wife of George Grangier, who is a resident farmer of Colchester South, and they have one daughter, Anna M. Robert J., born Sept. 8, 1886, is at home, and is his father's right-hand assistant on the farm. George O. died in childhood.

The death of Mrs. Garlick was a loss to the Methodist Church in this locality, in which she and her husband had been so active and were so highly valued. She was one of the original promoters of the Ladies' Aid Society of Bethel

Church and was never too busy or over-burdened with family cares to attend to its work or advise in its management. She was also a beloved teacher in the Sunday School and her kind presence is missed yet. Mr. Garlick has also been very active in the work of the Sabbath School and belongs also to the official body of the church. Politically he has always been identified with the Conservative party, although he has never aspired to office, and is much interested in the momentous questions of the day. He is a very highly respected citizen of his township, one whose influence has ever been cast in the direction of temperance, education and morality, and he commands the esteem of a wide circle of friends.

JOSEPH L. REAUME. Essex is essentially an agricultural country and is covered with well-improved farms which have been handed down from father to son for several generations, and which have made their successive owners men of means and influence. Among these prosperous farmers is Joseph L. Reaume, of the River Front, in Sandwich East, Lot 110. He was born July 10, 1865, son of Laurent and Caroline (Goyeau) Reaume.

The first of the Reaume family to come to Canada were his great-grandparents, who were natives of France. Their son, Antoine, was the original owner of the present homestead, and except for the period during which he served in the War of 1812, spent his entire life there. He married Miss Charlotte St. Louis, also a native of Canada, and had a family of seven sons and one daughter: Norbert, Thomas, Antoine, Frank, Laurent, Robert, Claude, and Sophie, the wife of Gregory Boismier, who settled and died at Windsor, and had four children, Josephine, Charlotte, Celimo and Noah. The sons all settled in the County of Essex, where they died leaving families.

Laurent Reaume, the father of Joseph L., was born in 1815, was well educated, and became one of the leading men of the county. For twenty years he held the office of reeve of the county, was a member of the county council for a long period, and was one of the school trustees for a great many years. He had inherited the old homestead from his father, and erected good buildings on it prior to his death, which occurred in 1883. He was a devout member of the Catholic Church, to which he was a liberal giver. Laurent Reaume was a man of exemplary conduct in his private life, and in his public capa-

city, was sincerely devoted to the welfare of the community, and did everything in his power to promote it, thereby winning the general esteem and confidence of his fellow-citizens. He married Caroline Goyeau, who is still living, and is now the wife of Frank Janisse, who resides in the town of Sandwich. She had no family by her second husband.

Laurent Reaume and his wife were the parents of ten children, six of whom are living. We have record of the following: Locadie, the eldest, died after graduating from the convent schools; Noah, born in 1856, unmarried, is at the homestead; Serine, born in 1860, is the wife of Fred Mitchell, a lawyer of Detroit, Michigan, but has no family; Phalomene, born in 1862, is the wife of Joseph Dumouchell, a hotel man of Windsor, and has one son, Harvey; Joseph L. is mentioned below; Anastesie graduated from the Convent, and died when twenty-one years old; Emma is the wife of P. H. Aber, a grocer of Wyandotte, Michigan, and has one son, Leo Aber; Rosie, unmarried, is at home.

Joseph L. Reaume was educated in the home schools and in Windsor College. When a young man, by the death of his father, he became possessor of the farm where he has lived up to the present time, and he has made general improvements in the way of buildings, and being a natural mechanic has done considerable of that work himself. In 1887 he took the contract for erecting the Queen's Dock at Sandwich.

In October, 1891, Mr. Reaume was married to Miss Olive Russett, who was born in Rochester township, in the County of Essex, in 1873, daughter of Lewis and Kitty Russett, one of the old county families. Mr. Reaume and his wife have had three children: Lawrence, born in 1892; Robert, who died in infancy; and Norman, born in 1894.

Mr. Reaume belongs to the Liberals in his political views, and has been one of the active workers of that party; in 1887 he was elected trustee of the schools where he served six years; for twelve years he was the assessor of Sandwich East, and was also secretary and treasurer of the schools in Sandwich East. He is a member of the Order of Foresters, and has been the financial secretary. Religiously the whole family are members of the Catholic Church, where Mr. Reaume and his wife are very prominent. Mr. Reaume is universally respected and liked by all who know him, and occupies an honorable and influential place in the community.

FRANK McHUGH, a prosperous farmer of Maidstone township, on the North Middle Road, Lot 11, County of Essex, was born in Maidstone Jan. 26, 1857, the youngest son of Patrick and Catherine (Curneyn) McHugh. The parents were natives of County Cavan, Ireland, where they grew up and were married. In 1840 they left Ireland on a sailing vessel, and after seven weeks reached Quebec. They settled at the McHugh homestead of to-day, when all the land was wild, and for many miles the Middle Road was the only one which was cut through the wilderness in Maidstone township. Upon the farm he had secured the father erected a small log cabin, and there the family found a happy home. There the father died April 21, 1872, aged sixty-six years. In his native land he had married Catherine Curneyn, a woman of courage and most estimable traits of character, who survived him a number of years, dying Feb. 9, 1898, aged eighty-three. They were devout members of the Catholic Church, and among the founders of that church at Maidstone. The first structure was made of logs, and very primitive, but the devoted members worshipped there for some time before sufficient funds were collected to replace it with a more pretentious structure. In politics Patrick McHugh was a Conservative, but never aspired to public office, although he always took an interest in educational matters, and was one of the school trustees for a number of years. He and his excellent wife left a family of seven sons and four daughters: (1) Bridget, born in Ireland in 1835, married James Ward, long deceased, of Maidstone, had a large family, and now resides at Detroit. (2) James, born in County Cavan, Ireland, in 1837, assisted his father in farm work, and helped to build the log cabin in which the father died. He remained with his parents until they died. His education was a fair one for the time, and when he received a portion of the old homestead he erected a fine brick home, in 1900. Being the eldest son, many of the burdens of the family fell upon his young shoulders, but he worked early and late, and was a great comfort to his parents. His father never being very strong, the sons had to do their work and much of his. James McHugh has never married, but has always taken an interest in the families of his brothers and sisters, and is deeply beloved by them all. He is a man of keen intelligence, unassuming in manner, and kindly in disposition, whose genial, pleasing ways make him a general favorite throughout the neighborhood. (3) John, born in Ireland in

1839, was reared in Maidstone, where he married his first wife, Margaret Riley, of Maidstone. They settled on the 6th Concession, and there she died, leaving four children: Katie, Mary, Thomas and Peter. For his second wife he married Jane McPharlin, who was born at Maidstone. John McHugh died in 1895, but his wife survives, and makes her home at Detroit. They had three children, Maggie, Agnes and Edward. (4) Patrick, born in Maidstone in 1841, was reared at home, and received a fair education, later becoming one of the County Essex public school teachers. After some years spent in teaching he moved to Chicago, where he fitted himself for the Bar, and is now a lawyer in active practice in that city, being one of the leading attorneys of Chicago, and a man universally respected. Like his brother James, he has never married. (5) Peter, born in 1843, upon the home farm, was well educated, fitting himself for the profession of school teaching. For some time he taught school in the County of Essex, when he and his brother, Thomas, who was also a teacher, went to California, in 1869, and there followed their calling in San Francisco. Later he entered journalism, and is now one of the noted writers of the coast. He has never married. (6) Thomas, after a number of years spent in California, returned to his old home, in failing health, and died, unmarried, in 1874. (7) Michael Andrew is mentioned elsewhere in this volume. (8) Anna, born in 1850, married Thomas Ferry, and now resides in Oklahoma, where he is engaged in agricultural pursuits; they have a large family. (9) Catherine, born in 1852, married Stephen Fallon, and they reside at Detroit, where he is engaged in business. They have five children, Irene, Ellen, Frank, Thomas and George. (10) Mary is unmarried. (11) Frank, our subject, was the youngest born.

Frank McHugh was born Jan. 26, 1857, and grew to manhood on the old homestead, receiving a district school education, and meantime helping to operate the farm. His life has been spent upon the home property, and he is recognized as one of the thrifty and ambitious farmers of his locality. In 1886 Frank McHugh married Miss Mary McGuire, born in 1855, and reared in Maidstone, the daughter of Alexander and Ellen (Riley) McGuire. Alexander McGuire was born in Ireland, and his wife in Lower Canada. Mr. McGuire settled in Maidstone, where he died in 1859, but the mother survives, living on the McGuire homestead, and she is now the wife of Dominick Gaughan, of Maidstone, by whom she had a family. By her first marriage Mrs.

Gaughan had three children: Elizabeth McGuire, deceased; Alexander McGuire, who died in infancy; and Mary, Mrs. McHugh.

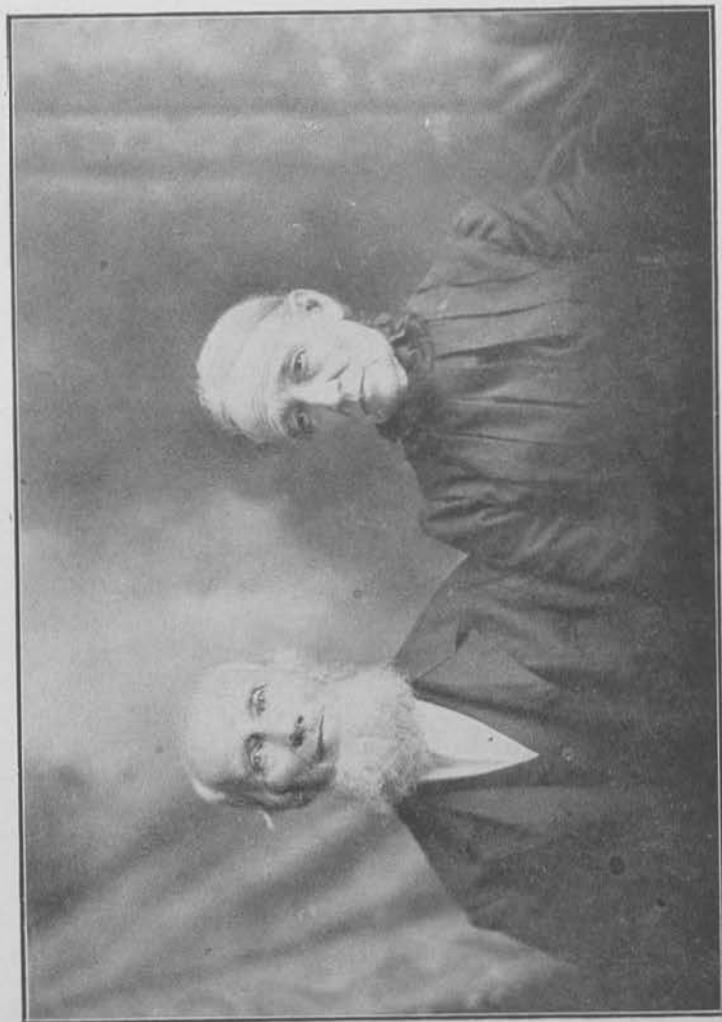
Frank McHugh settled with his wife on a portion of the homestead and erected a handsome brick residence in 1903, and he has also built barns, and added sixty acres to his property. Seven children have been born to himself and wife: Annie, born in December, 1887, who is a student in the Essex high school; Alexander, born in April, 1889; Bridget, born in 1891; Patrick, born March 19, 1893; Joseph, born March 26, 1896; Mary, born in November, 1897; Frank, born in December, 1900.

Politically all the McHugh brothers are Conservatives, and Frank McHugh has been one of the school trustees for a number of years. The religious faith of all the McHughs is that of the Catholic Church.

The McHugh family was one of the first to settle in Maidstone, and yet its representatives are scattered all over the country. Those bearing this honored name are numbered among the leading men of the various communities where they are found, and they are supporters of the cause of education, upholders of law and order, all devout members of the Catholic Church.

JOSEPH CHRISTE, postmaster and merchant of Tecumseh village, Sandwich East, County of Essex, was born in Alsace, France, Sept. 25, 1823, a son of Jacob and Catherine (Mamie) Christe, who were reared in their native Alsace, and died there.

Growing to manhood in his native land, Joseph Christe received a college education, and on coming to Canada, in 1846, was well equipped for life's duties. He made the journey via New York, on a sailing-vessel, the trip taking forty-two days, and settled in the County of Essex, Ont., where he taught school for about ten years. He then purchased eighty acres of land in Tecumseh, Sandwich East, upon which he worked until 1852, the year of his marriage to Miss Monique Segwin, a native of Sandwich East, born April 21, 1831, daughter of Baptiste and Julia (Beausoleil) Segwin, wealthy French pioneers of the county. Both had come to Essex with their parents in childhood, and Mr. Segwin was a prominent retired citizen of Tecumseh at the time of his death, April 28, 1871, when he was seventy-three years of age. He had been a farmer, but lived retired for twenty years. His wife survived until July, 1890, reaching the age of eighty-two. They were Catholics in religious



Joseph Christe Monique Christe

faith. Of their children, Monique became Mrs. Christe; Joseph and Alexander are farmers in Sandwich East; Felix married Noe Lesprence, of Sandwich East; John B. died young; Clement is living retired in Tecumseh; Sophia, of Stony Point, is the wife of Laurent Chauvin, a farmer; Susannah, widow of Joseph Lemire, lives in Windsor, Ont.; Mary (deceased) was the wife of Louis St. Peter; Julia married August Charrier, of Lake Superior.

In 1868 Joseph Christe erected a hotel in the village and conducted it for a period of six years. Gradually he went into the grocery trade, in which he is still engaged, and in 1872 he established the post office in the village and has held the office of postmaster ever since, a period of thirty-three years. He has been treasurer and director of the school board for twenty-five years. His political opinions make him a Conservative, and he is very prominent in the workings of his party.

Of the children born to Mr. and Mrs. Christe eight are living: Agnes, born in Sandwich, married John Dugal, a wholesale merchant and prominent man of Sandwich East, and their children are: Cleophy, Patrick, Aime, Alovie, Agnes, Joseph, Alphonsine, Clara, Leonie, Ernest and Zenophle. Maria, born in Tecumseh in 1857, married Peter Champagne, and settled in Sandwich, where she died in 1890, leaving five children, Celestine, Eli, Alexander, Justine and Desilda. Alexander J., born in Tecumseh, married Maggie Trambly, of Detroit, where they reside, he being a merchant of the city, and they have four children, Mary, Joseph, William and Margarette. Seraphine, born in Tecumseh in 1865, married Alphonse Prince, who lives in Walkerville, and their children are Joseph, Antoine and John Baptist. Catherine, born in 1867, married Placide Dugal, a shoe merchant of Walkerville, and has children—Olympe, Alexine, Beatrice, Eva, Edward, Raymond, Joseph, Albert and Herald. Antoine, born in 1869, married Henrietta Saucier, of Sandwich, and they reside in Tecumseh; their children are, Beatrice, Cecilia, Anna, Louis, Rena and Agnes. Louise, born in 1871, married Joseph Fournier, and resides at Windsor, where he is a mechanic; their children are Ermine, Leo, Josephine, Louise and Patrick. Annie, born in 1876, married Joseph Saucier, and resides in Wyandott; they have three children, Jennie, Norma and Joseph A.

Mr. Christe stands very high in his neighborhood as a man of industry, uprightness of life

and probity of character, and he enjoys the friendship of a large number of people throughout the county. Fraternally he unites with the Order of St. Jean Baptiste. He has good eyesight and a splendid memory, being well preserved in every way, and he and his wife are highly respected as thrifty, useful people, whose lives have been productive of much good in the community in which they have been passed.

DAVID ALEXANDER McLELLAN, member of the township council of Pelee Island, and a successful farmer and stock grower, was born in the village of Komoka, Lobo township, County Middlesex, April 26, 1866, and comes of Scotch descent.

Alexander McLellan, his grandfather, was a native of Ayrshire, Scotland, came to Canada when a young man and located on 200 acres of land belonging to the Crown, in Lobo township, County Middlesex, Ont., when all was a wilderness. He cleared off the timber and put the land under cultivation, and there he spent the remainder of his life. He died highly respected.

Archibald McLellan, son of Alexander, and father of David Alexander, was born and reared on the above-mentioned farm, and in his youth attended the local school, although the greater portion of his education was self-acquired. Until he was fifteen he remained at home, but at that time he began to learn the trade of blacksmith, and followed that calling all his life, conducting a blacksmith shop in Komoka, near the Grand Trunk depot, and he is still active, although seventy years of age. He is a staunch Liberal, but was never an office-seeker. In religious affiliation he is a member of the Disciples Church, and he is a most excellent Christian man. He married Margaret McKay, of Lobo township, daughter of John McKay, who, like her husband, is a member of the Disciples Church, and is a loving mother and devoted wife. The following children were born to this couple: John, a physician at Toronto; James, an extensive landowner of the North-West; Bert, a resident of Windsor; David Alexander; Margaret (Maggie), at home; and Herbert, on the home farm.

David Alexander McLellan, the subject proper of these lines, received a district school education and grew up on the home farm, where he remained until twenty-six years of age. In 1892 he left home, and coming to Pelee Island worked at farming for a short time and then bought fifty-five acres of marsh land. This land

he redeemed, built a home upon it, and is now devoting it to general farming purposes, reaping a good return from his investment. He is a man well known and highly respected in the neighborhood, and is known as a hard worker and good manager. In politics he is a Liberal, and he has served very acceptably in the township council for two terms, being first elected in 1902. Fraternally he is a member of the I.O.F. He is a member of the Disciples' Church, while his wife is a Lutheran, but they both attend the Methodist Church.

In 1892, on Pelee Island, Mr. McLellan married Catherine (Kate) Rah, daughter of the late Frederick Rah, and two children have been born to this union, Ray and Ida.

JOHN WILLIAM VICKERS, one of the thrifty farmers of this township, who settled in the 4th Concession of Gosfield South, County of Essex, Ont., when all was dense woods, is a son of the well-known Robert Vickers.

Robert Vickers was born in Lancashire, England, on May 2, 1821. In 1847, at the age of twenty-six years, he came to Canada, settling in the County of Haldimand, purchasing a bush farm of 100 acres, in the township of North Cayuga. This property he cleared, and he now rests from his labors in a well-earned retirement, surrounded by the comforts provided by ample means. In County Haldimand he married Elizabeth Coverdale, who departed this life in January, 1899, aged sixty-nine years. She bore her husband children as follows: John William; George, of Essex; Richard, of Shelby County, Missouri; Sarah Jane, wife of William Dalton, of Gosfield South; Wellington, on the homestead; Nepeare, a telegrapher of Norwich, Ont.

John William Vickers was born in the County of Haldimand, July 8, 1851, and was seventeen years old when he came to the County of Essex. He secured employment at farm work, and was also employed in the woods for five years. In 1873 he was married, and returned to the County of Haldimand, where for three years he was engaged in farming. In 1876 he returned to Gosfield South, and bought his present farm of seventy-five acres, Lot 6, 4th Concession, of James Merritt, who had settled upon it in 1872. When Mr. Vickers came into possession of the property only eight acres had been cleared, but he and his wife felt equal to contending with the future hardships, and went bravely to work. While the farm was not far from the settled portions of the county, it was a wild-looking neigh-

borhood. The 4th Concession road had been cut out only as far as his property, reaching its western line. Mr. Vickers has entirely cleared his land, and in 1884 he erected his present pleasant home, to take the place of the more primitive one destroyed by fire; he built all the other buildings, as well as making all the improvements upon the place. To-day Mr. Vickers is justly considered one of the most successful farmers of his locality, and he owes this good fortune entirely to his own efforts, untiring industry and thrifty management. Politically he is a Reformer. Being very much interested in educational matters, he naturally has taken an active part in school affairs, and served for years as a trustee of schools Nos. 10 and 11. In fraternal affiliation he is a member of the Foresters of Kingsville. He and his family are members of the Methodist Church.

In 1873 Mr. Vickers was united in marriage with Margaret Ellen Wigle, who was born in Gosfield South, March 9, 1854, daughter of Jacob Wigle. To this happy marriage were born: (1) Lillian, born Feb. 23, 1874, married John Peterson, and has children, Mildred (born Nov. 25, 1893), Ethel Lulu (born September, 1895), William Leland (born July 8, 1898), and Loran. (2) Jane Maud, born June 30, 1876, is a milliner at Barrie, Ont. (3) Jacob, twin to Jane Maud, died March 9, 1877. (4) Alvin, born April 21, 1879, died on April 30, 1879. (5) William Howard, born Dec. 20, 1880, assists on the farm. (6) Victoria Ethel, born Feb. 11, 1881, is a milliner at Leamington. (7) Nelson Blake, born Dec. 30, 1884, now resides in St. Thomas, Ont. (8) Ella May, born Oct. 27, 1887, is attending the Kingsville school, covering the distance of ten miles between the farm and school each day on her wheel. (9) Lloyd Napier, born Nov. 5, 1894, is at home. (10) Dwight McKinzie, born Jan. 8, 1900, died July 8, 1902.

ISAAC L. HILLIER, one of the leading farmers and prominent citizens of Maidstone township, County Essex, located on Lot 18, South Middle Road, was born Dec. 10, 1832, at Markham, near Toronto, son of Peter and Catherine (Chatterson) Hillier, the former of whom was born in Ontario in 1802, and the latter in 1803.

Peter Hillier was a son of Jacob and Mary Hillier, who came to Canada from Germany and settled as farmers near Kingston. They died there leaving children as follows: Jacob, who married and settled in Michigan, where he lived to the age of 110 years, his wife living to be

107; John, who settled in Ontario, and lived to the age of ninety-eight; Michael and Alvin, who both died in manhood; Truman, born near Toronto, who married and removed to New York State, and there lived to advanced age; Isaac, who settled near Toronto; Betsey, who married James Keeler, and they died in New York State; Mary, who married John McLaughlin, and settled in Ontario; Eliza, still surviving, who married Dennis Nevilson, of County Wentworth; Margaret, the wife of John Brown, in Ontario; and Peter, father of the subject of this sketch.

The elder Hillier owned land at Markham, and on this land the son Peter settled and engaged in farming for some years, when he retired to Odessa, and there died at the age of eighty-six years; his wife died in 1896. Her parents, Cornelius and Mary Chatterson, came from Germany, and settled near Peter Hillier, and died there. The children born to Peter and Catherine Hillier were: Jacob, accidentally killed in a saw-mill; George, who died at Toronto; Isaac L.; Truman, who died in County Wentworth; James, a farmer near Toronto; Welton, living in Michigan; Eliza, who died in young womanhood; Catherine, who married Augustus Rodgers of New York State, now deceased; Martha, wife of Roy Stephens of the State of New York; and Mary, wife of W. Benjamin of Wayne County, Michigan.

Isaac L. Hillier could obtain but a limited education in the old home schools, but he was practically taught the business of farming. This he has consistently followed all his life, meeting with the success which always follows earnest effort. In 1855 he married Miss Susan Reid, born in May, 1842, in Bedford, Lower Canada, daughter of Joseph and Mary Reid, prominent farming people of that locality.

Mr. and Mrs. Hillier started to housekeeping on a farm near Kingston, where they lived until 1870, when he removed his family to Maidstone, County Essex, purchasing his present farm. All was wild, uncultivated land in that vicinity at the time, but he soon cleared space on which to build the log cabin in which his family lived until his means justified the building of his present fine brick residence in 1890. Not only did he erect the fine home, but also barns and outbuildings, and made the improvements which make this one of the valuable and attractive farms of this neighborhood and where a large family has been reared to useful man and womanhood. Mrs. Hillier passed away Feb. 21, 1900, having been the beloved and faithful mo-

ther of twelve children, as follows: Eliza J., born in September, 1858, near Kingston, married George Taylor, who lives in Gosfield South, and they have five children, Herman, Isaac, Eldey, Cora and Howard; James, born in 1860, at Kingston, married Sophia Pierte, of Essex, and they now reside at Walkerville, where he is engaged as an engineer, and they have one son, Milton; Matilda died young; Emily, born in 1865, at Kingston, married James Ganevery, of Maidstone, who died leaving two daughters, Alma and Emily; Martha, born in 1868, married William Weaver, of South Woodslee, a railroad employe, and they have one daughter, Florence; Peter, born June 16, 1870, at Kingston, married Annie Haines, of Rochester township, daughter of John Haines, of County Welland, and they reside on a farm in Maidstone, and have one son, Arnold, born in 1903; Emma, born in 1873, in Maidstone, married Samuel Jenkins, a farmer of Maidstone, and they have four children, Leona, Melville, Anna and Emma; Isaac, born in 1875, is unmarried, a resident of Walkerville; George, born in 1878, is a fireman on a dredge; Mabel, born in 1880, is her father's careful and capable housekeeper; Catherine, born in 1883, is at home; and Lucy, born in 1886, is the wife of David Downey, who lives in Gosfield North. Mr. Hillier and family are members of the Methodist Church. Politically he has always been identified with the Reform party. He has been one of the school trustees of Maidstone for a number of years, and has taken part in all public movements of every kind for the furtherance of education and morality in this neighborhood. During the Fenian Raid he offered his loyal services and for two years belonged to the army. He is held in very high esteem through Maidstone, and is considered not only a first-class representative citizen, but is esteemed and beloved in his church, in local society and in the domestic circle.

PHILIP JAMES McINTOSH, a general farmer and stock raiser, on Concession C, Mersea township, is one of the highly esteemed citizens of this locality. Mr. McIntosh was born June 22, 1861, in Howick township, County of Huron, Ont., son of Philip and Mary (Shief) McIntosh.

Philip McIntosh was born in Scotland, where he was educated. In young manhood he came to Canada and engaged in lumbering in Dalhousie township, County of Lanark, Ont., where he continued until 1844, when he removed to Howick,

County of Huron, being the first Scotchman to settle in that locality. That section had been settled by people of other nationalities, who resented Mr. McIntosh coming there, and tried to prevent the building of his log house. As may be supposed, they did not turn him from his intention, one attribute of his character being to do just as he pleased if the thing was right. He secured 200 acres of land and built on it his home, cleared the same, and later erected a still larger house, and, after he had prospered far beyond many of his former envious neighbors, built a handsome brick dwelling. Long before he retired to the town of Gorrie, to pass his last years, he was considered one of the able and valued citizens of the township, one who was foremost in supporting schools and churches, and in upholding all moral movements. He was a consistent Presbyterian, and gave liberally in support of religious efforts.

The mother of our subject was Mary Shief, born in Scotland, a resident at the time of her marriage of Fullerton township, County of Perth. She died on the homestead in 1865, and was buried in Gorrie cemetery. She was a devoted member of the Presbyterian Church, and a most estimable woman. The seven children born to Philip McIntosh and wife were: Janet, widow of John Gordon, of the County of Huron; John, a farmer of Tilbury West; Mary, deceased, who married John Bottwell; Robert, residing in Howick township, County of Huron; Maggie, who died aged twenty-seven years; Philip James; and Sarah married and moved to Michigan.

Philip McIntosh married (second) Marion Cochran, a widow, who died in 1902; their one child died in infancy. Mrs. McIntosh was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and was buried at Gorrie.

Philip James McIntosh was educated in a pioneer school-house, and where the instruction was of the most primitive character. He remained with his parents until the age of twenty-two years, coming to Mersea township in 1883. He located on Lot 21, Concession 11, where he built a home on a tract of 168 acres of land, and cleared fifty of these acres during his four years of residence upon it. This property he finally traded for a bush farm of 100 acres in Romney township, County of Kent, a part of which had been cleared, and there he engaged in farming for four years. Later, by another trade, he secured fifty acres on Concession 8, remaining on that farm but a short time, when he removed to Tilbury West township. There he bought fifty

acres and cultivated it for eight years, building a house and barn on the place, and engaging in general farming. To the first tract he added forty more acres partly cleared, and there he lived until 1900, when he sold advantageously and came to Mersea township. Mr. McIntosh is located on Concession C, Range B, a beautiful situation near the lake front, and there he has erected a fine residence costing over \$2,000 and has made other suitable improvements.

Mr. McIntosh is a self-made man. He started out with a debt of \$1,800 to pay, and has accomplished not only the payment of that, but has secured a very valuable farm, and is most highly esteemed by all who know him. He is noted for his energy and industry, and also for his upright character.

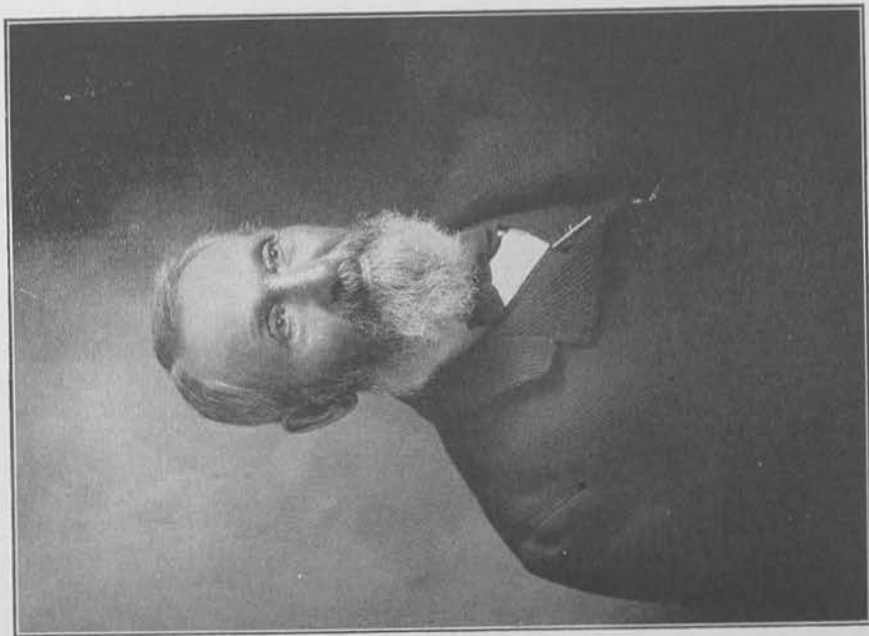
Mr. McIntosh married Anabella Anderson, born in Howick township, County of Huron, daughter of William H. Anderson, and they have two children, Lovenia and Carrie. Mr. and Mrs. McIntosh belong to the Presbyterian Church. In politics he is a staunch Liberal, active in party councils. Fraternally he belongs to the Woodmen of the World, joining the order at Comber, and now belonging to the lodge at Leamington.

HENRY G. ARNALD, Sr., is now living retired in Kingsville, County of Essex, having settled down to enjoy the fruits of a long and successful life. He is one of the best known capitalists in the county, but aside from looking after his various interests takes no active part in business matters. Up to the time of his retirement he gave himself to the serious affairs of life with an industry and application which brought him continued prosperity, and entitled him to a place among the able business men of his section. He has always lived so as to retain the respect of his fellowmen and be a credit to the community with which he is identified. His paternal grandfather, William Arnald, was a contractor and builder in London, England, where he lived all his life. He could trace his descent from Oliver Cromwell.

Mr. Arnald was born Jan. 6, 1835, in Detroit, Michigan, a son of Henry G. and Harriet (Westcott) Arnald (the latter the daughter of William Westcott, of Devonshire, England), both of whom were born and reared in the city of London, England. They were married in the tower in London, and came to New York in the early thirties, crossing the ocean in a sailing-vessel. By trade he was a carpenter and joiner, and



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Henry Grey Arnold

spent two years in Brooklyn, New York, working at his trade, and then settled for a few years at Detroit, finally removing to Maidstone township, in the County of Essex, where he had procured a grant of land from the English government. At that time the country was almost an unbroken wilderness, but few settlers having come here to found a home. Mr. Arnald was obliged to hew down timber in order to make an opening in which to build his little log cabin. He was industrious and thrifty and was assisted by a most estimable wife, and they became prosperous. He served in the Rebellion of 1837-38. Although he worked laboriously, never sparing himself, he was vouchsafed a long life, dying in 1890 at the age of ninety years. His wife died in 1870, aged sixty-six. They reared three sons and two daughters, namely: George, born in London, in 1826, never married but lived with our subject, and died on the homestead in Maidstone, in 1894. Harriet, born in London, England, is the widow of William C. Dixon, and resides with her daughter in Michigan; her children are: Hattie, wife of George Little, of Sandwich South; Jennie, wife of Samuel McJames, of Michigan; Nellie, wife of David Ure, of Sandwich East; Susan, wife of Thomas Rush, postmaster of Essex; Eunice, wife of James Conley, of Detroit; William E., of Essex; Henry, a jeweller of Denver; and James R., a business man of Windsor. Mary A., born in Maidstone, married George Radcliff, of Sandwich South, and both are now deceased; they had two children—Henry Radcliff, of Montana; and Harriet, deceased, who was the wife of James Walters, of Alberta, Northwest Territory. Henry G. is mentioned below. William, born in Maidstone, married Malissa Clark, of Gosfield, and moved overland to Manitoba, where he now owns large stock ranches and much farming land; he has a family of five children—William, Frank, Ella, Lillian and Jennie.

Henry G. Arnald, fourth in the family of Henry G., grew to manhood on the farm, and received but a limited education. On June 10, 1862, he married Agnes Ker, who was born in Peeblesshire, Scotland, April 14, 1838, a daughter of John and Margaret (Whitson) Ker, who came from Scotland, settled in Maidstone township, County of Essex, in 1854, and died there. Mr. and Mrs. Arnald remained on the home farm, which finally came into their possession, and there he engaged in general agriculture, paying considerable attention to stock raising

and the dairy business. In 1876 he erected his commodious brick residence, and he put up some five substantial barns. He owned 600 acres of land, all in one body, which he purchased at different times. In 1901 he left the farm and removed to Kingsville, County of Essex, where, as previously stated, he now lives retired. During his latter days on the farm, he raised many thoroughbred cattle, and in this line became widely known all over Ontario. Mr. Arnald has always been fond of hunting and fishing, and now that he has the leisure devotes much time to sport.

In religious connection Mr. Arnald and his wife are Methodists. Politically he is a staunch Conservative, but has never consented to hold any political office. His family consists of five children, as follows: Henry G., the third in direct line to bear the name, is proprietor of the Kenilworth stock farm in Maidstone, and is mentioned below. John K., born in 1865, married Ella Plant, who died leaving one son, George, now a member of his grandfather's household, while his father lives at Helena, Montana. George W., born in 1868, married Ida McDonald, of Montana, where they reside on a farm, and have two children, John and Winnie. James W., born in 1869, a farmer in Maidstone, his farm adjoining the old homestead, married Phoebe Grant. Florence, born in 1871, is the wife of John F. McCreary, of Essex.

John Ker, father of Mrs. Arnald, was a stone mason by trade, but after his emigration to Canada he engaged in farming. His death occurred in 1869, when he was aged sixty-six years. His wife, Margaret Whitson, died in 1882, aged seventy-two years. They were members of the Presbyterian and Methodist churches, respectively. Their children were: William, a farmer in Maidstone; Margaret, who married Hugh Ker, of Chatham; Isabella, who married John Garner, the builder of the "Garner House," the leading hotel in Chatham (both are deceased); Elizabeth, of Dorchester, Ont., widow of George Hunt; Agnes, who married Henry G. Arnald; James, deceased; John, a retired farmer, of Windsor; Robert, a farmer in Dakota; Mary, who married John Barnes, a retired farmer at Windsor; and Peter, of Birmingham, Michigan.

HENRY G. ARNALD, JR., proprietor of the Kenilworth Stock Farm, comprising 540 acres, at Maidstone, located on Lot 17, Concession 9, County of Essex, was born Aug. 17, 1863, in his present home, and has always lived on

the old homestead farm. He received a district school education and was prepared for an agricultural life. On Oct. 24, 1893, he married Miss Emma Patillo, daughter of George and Victoria Patillo, prominent residents of Maidstone. Mrs. Arnald was born Aug. 12, 1869, and is a most estimable lady, educated and accomplished. Mr. Arnald has devoted much attention to the breeding of Shorthorn cattle, always keeping about a hundred head, and raising about twenty-five head of cattle annually, besides seventy-five hogs, a few breeding ewes and a few horses. He ships to various markets, and has met with much deserved success, and is rapidly coming to the front as a breeder and shipper. He makes a specialty of Shorthorn and beef cattle.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Arnald are members of the Methodist Church. Fraternally he is an Odd Fellow. Personally he is a man of high character and is as highly considered in his home as he is esteemed in business circles. In him and his wife are combined two of the fine old families of this section, and they own one of the most valuable and attractive estates in the County of Essex. They represent not only family but wealth, influence and intelligence, and thus are representative of the best type of residents of this part of Ontario.

CAPT. FRANCIS BONDHEAD HACKETT, a well-known citizen of Amherstburg, owner and captain of the wrecking tug "Home Rule," is of Scotch-Irish extraction.

James Hackett, his grandfather, was born, lived and died in Scotland. There he married and reared a family, one of his sons being James Hackett, who became the father of the subject of this biography. James Hackett (2) was born in Aberdeenshire, Scotland, and for many years was a sailor on the Atlantic Ocean. He had many adventures and thrilling experiences, one of which was the wrecking of his lumber-laden brig. Those on board were exposed for fourteen days, were without food, and were finally picked up by a French brig, but not before they had been driven to such straits of starvation that they were ready to eat the flesh of a comrade who had been drowned at the time of the wreck. James Hackett recovered fully from this terrible experience. In 1830 he came to Ontario, and served in the Rebellion of 1837 as light keeper on Bois Blanc Island. Before leaving for Canada he married Mary Riley, who was born in Ireland, and a family of ten children was born to them, namely: Robert, deceased; Dr. James,

deceased; Henry and Alexander, twins, the former deceased, the latter a merchant in Toronto; Dr. Joseph, who practiced in Toronto and Amherstburg, where he died; Eliza Jane, deceased, wife of Capt. David Trotter, of Amherstburg; Christina who died aged sixteen years; Thomas, deceased, a mariner, who for twenty-seven years was with Alger, Smith & Co., of Detroit; Capt. Francis B., of this sketch; and Andrew, who succeeded his father as lighthouse keeper on Bois Blanc Island.

James Hackett sailed the lakes some years after coming to Ontario, and had the misfortune to lose three vessels, and almost his life. He finally abandoned the lakes and was appointed, by Governor-General Francis Bondhead, light keeper on Bois Blanc Island, his appointment coming about through the efforts of his faithful wife. Capt. Hackett had been subjected to so many buffetings of fortune that he was reduced in purse and courage. Mrs. Hackett, with her twin babes in her arms, visited the Governor-General and applied for the position with such effect that it was given to the brave but unfortunate mariner, and this light has been in the care of the family for over seventy years. As a token of appreciation our subject was named in honor of Governor-General Bondhead.

Capt. Francis B. Hackett was born April 10, 1842, at the Bois Blanc lighthouse, and his early lullaby was the music of the waves. He attended school in Amherstburg, and at the age of seventeen was ready to try his fortune on the water, beginning in 1859, as boy on the schooner "William G. Grant," plying between Chicago and Montreal, in the grain business. He then transferred to the schooner "D. R. Martin," still serving as boy, but next becoming a seaman on the schooner "John G. Deshler." He built the tug "Minnie Martin," which he sailed for ten years, and then purchased the tug "John Noyes," and sailed that a year. He then built the passenger steamer "Robert Hackett," which he sold after sailing two years, and then purchased "The Lake Breeze," which he sailed for one year and then sold. During the following two years he sailed "The City of Dresden," and then took charge of the "Erie Belle." After three years he bought the tidy little tug "Home Rule," which he operates as a wrecking tug. His long experience on the lakes has made him familiar with all their moods, and few mariners have a better record as safe and reliable sailors.

On Feb. 6, 1866, Capt. Hackett married Jean Gordon, who was born in Scotland, daughter of

John Gordon; her father was an uncle of John McLeod, ex-member of Parliament, and one of her sisters is the wife of J. Howard Hunter, inspector of insurance at Toronto. To Capt. and Mrs. Hackett have been born the following children: Minnie, wife of Dr. M. E. Stafford, of Detroit, has two children, Marjorie and Helen; Gordon, a dentist in practice in Detroit, married Laura Hutton, daughter of Capt. Hutton, whose sketch appears elsewhere; Howard, a master mariner, in charge of the tug "Florence," married Miss Elizabeth Vigar; Miss Annie is at home.

Capt. and Mrs. Hackett have a pleasant home situated on the river front at Amherstburg, in plain view of all the boats as they pass during the navigation season. Both are consistent members of and liberal contributors to the Presbyterian Church. Politically Capt. Hackett is identified with the Reform party. Fraternally he is a member of the Masonic Order and the A.O.U.W.

ELLIS L. WRIGHT, a thrifty farmer of Colchester South township, County of Essex, and a member of one of the early settled families of this locality, was born on the farm place July 26, 1858.

The ancestor of the New World Wrights was Henry Wright, who was born and reared in England. In his young manhood he emigrated to America with a brother, locating in Rutland, Pennsylvania, where the latter remained. In that State Henry married Mary Klingensmith, and they became the parents of the following family: William; Philip, who married (first) Miss Dowler, and (second) Delilah Malott; Henry, who married (first) Miss Hitchcock, and had one daughter, Deborah (who married Matthew McCormick), and he married (second) Hannah Lipps; Thomas, who married (first) Jennie Little, (second) Mary Leighton, and (third) Abbie Larabie; Betsy, who married John Brush; Mary, who married Asa Wilcox; Mattie, who married Samuel Watson; and Katie, who married Henry Lipps. At the time of the trouble between the American colonies and the mother country, Henry Wright, as a U. E. Loyalist, came to Canada, first settling at Grosse Ile, and later moving to Malden, when he found Grosse Ile did not belong to Canada. He made his last home on land in Lots 80 and 76, and both he and his wife are buried there.

William Wright, son of Henry, was born in Pennsylvania, and was eight years of age when

brought by his parents to the County of Essex. By trade he was a blacksmith, following that occupation in connection with farming. His wife was Elizabeth (or Betsy) Lipps, a native of Virginia. He died in 1854, aged seventy-one, and his wife in 1866, aged seventy-five. They were members of the Church of England. Their children, all now deceased except Daniel R., were: Henry, who married Amanda Kent; Mary, who married John Mickle; Elizabeth, who wedded Henry Leighton; Jacob, who married Amy McDonald; Simon, who married Sarah Knapp; Hannah, who died unmarried, aged forty-five; Daniel R.; and Joseph, who married Zoie Marentate.

Daniel R. Wright was born in Colchester South, on Lake Erie, April 28, 1820. He remained with his parents off and on until his marriage. In 1837-38, in the Mackenzie Rebellion, he served as a soldier, the first year as corporal, and he was then transferred to the cavalry, with which he continued to the end of the war. He then farmed until 1858, on the home farm, and that year came to his present farm. He has always taken an active part in politics, as a staunch Conservative, and for many years was road supervisor, and for twenty years township councillor. He is a member of the Established Church. On Nov. 27, 1855, he was married in Colchester South to Sarah Leighton, who was born in Amherstburg, Oct. 7, 1823, and who died in April, 1901, daughter of John and Ann (Posten) Leighton, natives of Liverpool, England; after coming to Canada Mr. Leighton engaged in farming. To Daniel R. Wright and wife were born the following children: Miss Emaline, living with her brother Ellis L.; Lorinda, who married Charles Knapp, now deceased, of Walkerville, and had eight children; Alfred, who died young; Lewis, who married Josephine Lipps, and has four children; Isabella, wife of Albert Simcoe, of Harrow; and Ellis L.

Ellis L. Wright attended the public schools regularly until he was fourteen years old, when he began to learn the practical work of farming. When he started for himself it was upon a portion of the homestead, and since his father's retirement he has operated the entire property very successfully. This farm consists of 140 acres, and the whole place is kept in so excellent a condition that there is no doubt that the one at the head of affairs understands his business.

In politics Mr. Wright is a Conservative, but he has never sought or desired office. Like all his family he is a member of the Church of Eng-

land. Fraternally his affiliations are with the Workmen of Honor, and the Agricultural Society.

On Nov. 19, 1884, in Amherstburg, Mr. Wright was united in marriage with Florence Pettypiece, who was born in Anderdon township, Jan. 24, 1864, daughter of John and Jemima (Brush) Pettypiece, natives of Pennsylvania, who were early settlers in the County of Essex. The children of this union are: Ivy Belle, born April 17, 1886, and Lorne Leighton, born April 9, 1892. Both Mr. and Mrs. Wright are very well and favorably known throughout the county, and have a host of warm, personal friends who appreciate their many good qualities.

PATRICK COYLE, county commissioner for Essex and one of the prominent and influential men of that section, is a farmer by occupation and resides on a large place in the 7th Concession, Lot 1, Anderdon. He is of Irish descent, and was born in Anderdon township March 29, 1860, son of John and Esther (Conboy) Coyle.

John Coyle was born in Ballinasloe, Ireland, in May, 1829, and came to America when a young man of eighteen. He went to work at once, in a stone quarry, and by the time he married had saved enough to purchase a tract of wild land in the 4th Concession, where he started life in a log cabin. After clearing up this large farm he purchased another, that on which his son Patrick is now living. He was a devout member of the Catholic Church, and one of the founders and builders of the church in Amherstburg. Politically he was a Conservative, but took no active party in party work.

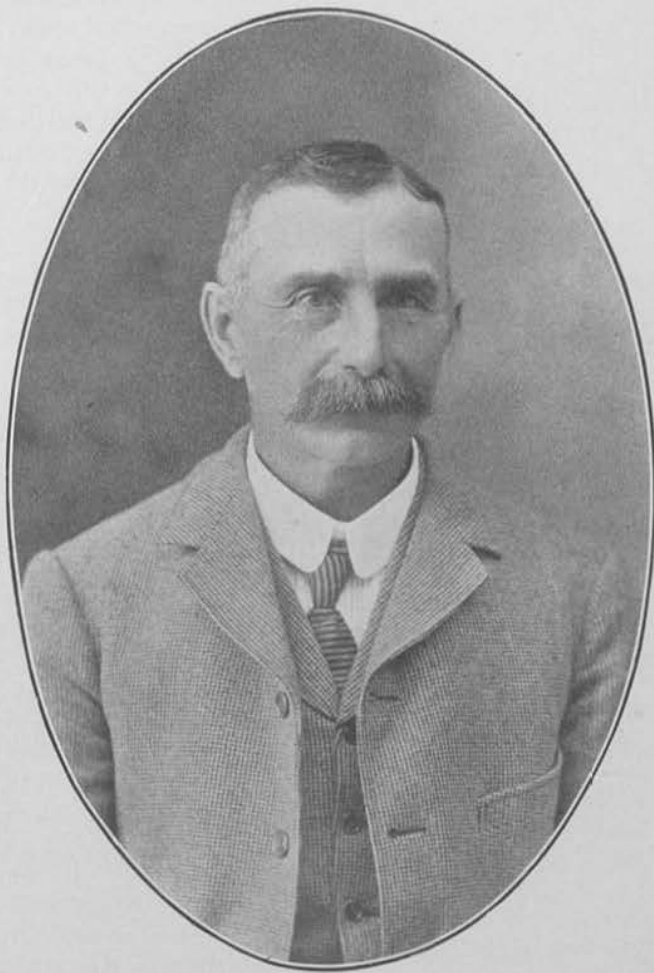
Mr. Coyle married Miss Esther Conboy, who was born on the Island of St. Vincent, West Indies, in May, 1839, daughter of Patrick and Mary Conboy, of Ireland. Her father, who was a soldier in the British army, settled in 1844 on the Island of Bois Blanc, just opposite Amherstburg, and after living there seven years moved on to a farm in the 4th Concession, in Anderdon, where he was still residing when his death occurred, in 1870. His wife died in 1885, and three of their children still survive, viz.: Sarah, wife of James Welsh, of Sandwich West; Patrick, of Anderdon, unmarried; and Esther, wife of John Coyle.

John Coyle died in 1871, from injuries received in a runaway, and left a wife and eight children. Mrs. Coyle is still on the old home-

stead. (1) Thomas Coyle, the eldest son, unmarried, owns a farm in Anderdon. (2) Patrick is the second son. (3) Mary, born in 1862, is the wife of Fred Renaud, who lives in Sandwich. They have three children, Irene, Lena and Nettie. (4) Sarah, born in 1865, is the wife of James Scott, who resides in Sandwich West, and has one daughter, Monica. (5) Edward, born in 1868, is a travelling man for S. D. Kimbark, a wholesale hardware dealer of Chicago. He married Maud Walterhouse, of Chicago, in June, 1903. (6) John, born in 1870, married Miss Rose Delmore, of Anderdon township, and has one son, Milton. They reside on his farm in the 3d Concession in Anderdon. (7) Herbert, born in 1874, married Miss Lottie Allen, a native of Malden, who died Jan. 28, 1904, the mother of two daughters, Hazel and Merle. Herbert Coyle resides in Amherstburg. (8) Percy, born in 1876, is unmarried and living at the old homestead.

Patrick Coyle was reared on his father's farm and received the best education the district schools of Anderdon afforded. After his father's death he remained on the old homestead until 1880, when he came to his present place which then comprised seventy-five acres, of which twenty acres had been cleared, and on which stood an old log cabin, in which he resided until 1902. In that year he built his present modern home, and all the buildings on his farm are new and substantial. He has bought 155 acres, not, however, in one body. Mr. Coyle has made his own way in the world since his father's death, and he commenced on his present farm with no capital but strong willing hands and his experience as a farmer. He is now in comfortable circumstances, and is one of the most respected citizens of his locality.

In May, 1887, Mr. Coyle was married to Miss Emma Bondy, who was born in Malden township in 1868, daughter of Hiliare and Susan (Langlois) Bondy, and a member of one of the prominent old French families of Malden. To this union six children have come: Rossmund, born June 14, 1888; Walter, born Nov. 3, 1890; Edna, born in 1894; Everett, born in 1896, who died in childhood; Rita, born in April, 1900; and Norah, born Feb. 18, 1903. Religiously this family are all members of the Catholic Church. Mrs. Coyle was born in the township of Malden in December, 1869, daughter of Hiliare and Susan (Langlois) Bondy, of Malden and Colchester South, respectively, the former born in



Patrick Boyle

June, 1830, the mother, June, 1838. Mr. Bondy is a prominent farmer in Malden township. They are Catholics in religious faith. Mr. and Mrs. Bondy have had five children: Peter, of Detroit, Michigan; Patrick, a farmer on the old homestead with his parents; Harriet, deceased wife of Patrick Ouellette; Alex, who died when seven years old; and Emma, Mrs. Coyle.

Politically Mr. Coyle has always been a Conservative. In 1895 he was elected councillor of Anderdon and filled the office three years, and he has filled the office of reeve for the same length of time. He is now serving as county councilman, to which position he was elected in 1903, and he is one of the leading men of the county, commanding the respect of all who know him.

GEORGE MORRIS, one of the best known agriculturists of the township of Tilbury North, is one of the most esteemed citizens of his locality. For the past sixty years he has been identified with the growth and development of the agricultural, educational and social life of this present most popular and prosperous region.

Mr. Morris was born in Bedford, Yorkshire, England, Feb. 26, 1835, a son of John and Mary (Broomfield) Morris, both also natives of Yorkshire. John Morris was reared in England and learned the trade of carpenter and joiner. He there married Mary Broomfield, and to this union thirteen children were born, twelve of them in Yorkshire, namely: James, who died in Michigan; Mary, who died young; Ann, who married a Mr. Allen, a tailor in Detroit, who is also deceased; John, who died in Tilbury West; Avis, widow of John Irving, now residing with her children at Indianapolis, Indiana; Maria, who married Thomas Mitchell (both died in Detroit); William, who resides in Detroit; Charles, a retired merchant at Toronto; George, mentioned below; Thomas, a farmer in Gosfield township, County of Essex; Henry, residing on the old homestead in Tilbury West; Emma Jane, who married Richard E. Dodson, and resides in Tilbury West township; and one child that died in infancy.

The story of the migration of those brave early pioneers to this now beautiful and civilized region must ever be full of the deepest interest, not only to their direct descendants, but to all who now enjoy the results of their enterprise. Among the very early settlers of this locality were John Morris, his wife, and twelve children. With parental solicitude he saw no opportuni-

ties for bettering his condition in his native land, and for enabling him to provide in any way for his growing family. Hence, with a marvellous trust in Providence and faith in his own efforts, he engaged passage on one of the minor sailing vessels bound for New York, in which city, after a perilous passage of eleven weeks, the party landed, still far from their destination. In 1840 the present great transportation lines were scarcely thought of, and another long water trip across the country by canal had to be taken to reach Detroit. Mr. Morris found unsettled conditions in the building trade on account of the panic of 1838, and, disappointed in securing sufficient work, he decided to move on into Canada where he could secure a homestead from the Government.

Thus John Morris and family became residents of the County of Essex, locating in the township of Tilbury West. He was able to secure here a tract of 100 acres by paying the patent fee of \$35. In after life he considered that although he had been led in devious ways, this choice of home was the very best possible, giving hard work to the growing children, developing them into sturdy man and womanhood, and providing for their continued sustenance. A log cabin soon was erected under his skilled hands, and Mr. Morris and his boys began the work of clearing the land. Their success was nothing less than marvellous, considering the present wealth and comfort which they have wrested from the virgin soil. Their surroundings were primitive and they were obliged to mold their lives to such conditions until they could change them. With no roads, no bridges, and only forest paths, they at first could do little traveling or visiting, but as other settlers came near efforts began to be made to build schools and houses of worship, and in all these efforts John Morris took a leading part. The traveling missionaries, white or colored, received a warm welcome at the hearths of these pioneers, than whom, probably, the country has never known a finer type of citizen. John Morris died in 1865, at the age of seventy-five years, and was buried in St. George's Church cemetery. He was a man of exemplary life and character, and a consistent member of the Church of England. His reliability made him a very useful member of the township council, and his advice was listened to and acted upon. Devoted to his home and family all his life, industrious in providing for their wants, he was also a man who found time to assist the needy and act the part of friend to those

in trouble. County Essex must always recall men like John Morris with pride. His wife was an admirable helpmate, and endured the hardships of pioneer life with Christian fortitude, setting an example of cheerful living to her large family of devoted children. At her death, which occurred May 8, 1884, she was laid to rest by the side of her husband.

George Morris was but five years of age when he accompanied the family to America. He grew to manhood in the little log cabin home in Tilbury West township, and assisted his father in clearing up the farm. As there were no schools in the neighborhood, he was debarred from early educational advantages, but as nature has given him quick intelligence and a studious disposition he could not feel contented to go through life uneducated, and sought the aid, when about eighteen years of age, of Rev. William King, one of the missionaries, through his interest securing two years of instruction at a mission school in Buxton. Although he was obliged to work hard in order to pay his expenses, his delight at securing this change gave him courage to still further entertain hopes of studying for the ministry, which had been in his mind for a long period. With the assistance of other friends who became interested, he entered Knox College, at Toronto, and began his theological studies in preparation for the ministry of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Morris spent eighteen months at college and then broke down in health so completely that he found it would be impossible for him to continue both his studies and the unremitting labors on the outside by which he earned means to remain at college. This was a great disappointment, but his firm resolve probably saved his life. He continued to teach school when not engaged in farming, for the following three years, one year at Port Sarnia, one year in Hamilton township, and one in Tilbury West township.

In 1866 Mr. Morris settled down permanently to farming, buying a tract of 100 acres of land in Concession 2, Lot 3. After he had paid \$150, he had a debt of \$450, all of which he paid off the next year. At first he made money from the manufacture of potash, which was sent to Montreal. This land was all wilderness, there being no roads yet opened, and no bridges yet built, and with his own hands he built a small log house 12 x 16 feet in dimensions, in which he resided alone one year, working hard at the clearing of his land. The next year his wife came to the little home, which by that time was

more attractive and comfortable. Mr. Morris then added another 100 acres to his possessions, clearing this; and still later bought 260 acres of the plains, which tract he also cleared, having then 460 acres under cultivation. The log cabin was in time replaced by a more comfortable residence, which in 1900, gave way to the present fine brick residence, probably the most expensive one in the township, as it is fitted with all modern improvements, for which Mr. Morris paid something like \$4,000. The other buildings and improvements about the place are also of a substantial character, and reflect great credit upon both builder and designer.

On July 29, 1861, Mr. Morris married, in Sarnia, Ont., Miss Jane Simpson, who was born in Sarnia township, County of Lambton, Ont., daughter of James Simpson, and died Feb. 13, 1875; she was buried in the Knox Church cemetery, in Tilbury West township. Children as follows were born to this union: Jessie is now the wife of William Pendergast, of Tilbury, and they have three children, Warren, Jennie and Grace. Lizzie, who married Oliver Smith, and lives at Trout Lake, Michigan, has one son, Morley. Frederick, a farmer of Tilbury North township, married Carrie McGuire, and they have two children, Grant and Maggie. Fannie, wife of A. S. Berry, of St. Johns, Michigan, has one daughter, Una. On Jan. 13, 1876, Mr. Morris married (second) Miss Elizabeth Kennedy, who was born in Osgood township, County of Carleton, Ont., Jan. 29, 1847, daughter of the late Alexander and Mary (Meldrum) Kennedy, who were from Scotland, where they were married. The children of this marriage, five in number, are as follows: Gordon, a farmer of Tilbury North township, married Nellie Jackson, and they have two children, Mabel B. and Oliver N. George A. was a student in Victoria University, Toronto, having intended to prepare for the ministry, but gave it up, and is now at Gladys, Alberta. Morley, who married Flora Warnick, has one child, Ione, and resides also at the home-
stead. Grace Allen died in infancy. Grace E. is at home. Mrs. Morris is a lady of taste and refinement, beloved and admired not only in the circle of her own family, but by the whole neighborhood, where she is known for her many kind acts and charitable disposition. She has also taken a great interest in the education of her children.

Although Mr. Morris has seen many milestones on life's journey, he is still vigorous in body and active in mind. He takes a lively in-

terest in all current events, and is a staunch supporter of the principles of the Liberal party. On account of his high character he has been called upon to serve the county and township in many responsible positions. For eleven years he has been township councillor, and for two years he served as deputy reeve, the office giving him a seat on the board of the county council. From youth he has been a member of the Presbyterian Church, and he is a regular attendant at Camden Knox Church, to which he has liberally contributed. Fraternally he is a member of Lodge No. 34, A.O.U.W., at Comber. The life history of Mr. Morris tells many lessons, and should be of the greatest encouragement to other youths who start out in life handicapped. He has made his own honorable way in the world, depending upon himself, and in the evening of life can look back over well-spent years and enjoy the ease and comfort his industry has provided, and the respect and affection which his acts have engendered.

MICHAEL DIEFFENBACH, ex-member of the town council, and a prosperous farmer and vineyardist, on Pelee Island, was born in Erie County, New York State, Jan. 16, 1848, son of Jacob and Caroline (Brown) Dieffenbach, natives of Alsace. The father was reared in his native land, and served in the German army, later emigrating to the United States, and settling in New York State, where he followed his trade of a tailor. The mother died when Michael was only thirteen years of age, and the lad then went to live with a sister for a year or two, and in 1867 he came to Pelee Island, entering a vineyard. While engaged in this line, during the evenings and at odd moments, he worked for the neighbors, and being very thrifty he soon began to prosper.

Soon after his marriage Mr. Dieffenbach purchased his present home farm, where he now has one of the best vineyards on the Island, consisting of five and one-half acres, brought to the highest state of perfection.

On Aug. 11, 1871, Mr. Dieffenbach married Miss Celina Watkins, a native of England, born May 10, 1854. Their children are: Elmo, a resident of the Island, married Miss May McCormick; Lydia married David Mahana, of the Island, and has three children, Grace, Zina and Francis; Hilda is at home; two died in infancy not named; Rosecoe was drowned at the age of twenty-two; and Earl, died in 1904, aged twenty-one. In politics Mr. Dieffenbach is a Grit,

and he served several years in the town council. He is one of the best known and most influential residents of this locality. In religious affiliations he is a Protestant. Mr. Dieffenbach and his family stand very high in the community, where he has made his home for the better part of his life, and the prosperity they enjoy is well merited.

JOHN GIRARD, a prosperous farmer of Colchester North, County of Essex, resides upon his fine farm, Lot 3, Malden Road. He was born on his present farm March 17, 1858, son of Tuson and Angeline (Lucier) Girard, both of whom were natives of Sandwich, County of Essex.

After their marriage the parents settled in Colchester North, where the father cleared a farm from the bush, the family living all the while in a little log cabin. There Tuson Girard died in March, 1887, aged sixty-three; his widow survived him until June, 1896, when she passed away also, aged sixty-three years. They were both members of the Roman Catholic Church, and good Christian people. They left these children: Mary, born in Colchester North, married Israel Splitlog, of Sandwich, and has a family; Joseph, born in 1855, now a mechanic in Detroit, married Miss Adeline Lavett, of Anderton, and they have twelve children; John; James, born in 1862, now a farmer, married Miss Sophia Deslippe, of Colchester, and has seven children; Orilla, born in 1865, married Jack Donnelly, of Windsor, and has four children; Louis, born in 1867, married Miss Mary Labell, of Sandwich, and has two children.

John Girard received his education in Colchester, and during the time he was attending school, he worked upon the farm. He also learned to be a mechanic, and has found this knowledge very valuable.

In 1889 Mr. Girard married Miss Amelia Pougat, born in township of Malden, on June 24, 1866, a daughter of Joseph and Mary (Mongau) Pougat, early settlers of the County of Essex. The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Girard: Lena, born in September, 1890; Douglas, born in 1892; Christine, born in 1893; Clara, born in 1895; Wilfred, born in 1897; Marie, born in 1898; Leo, born in 1901; and Madonna, born in July, 1903.

Mr. Girard purchased his father's old homestead of 150 acres on the Malden Road, upon which he has made many improvements, and he is one of the prosperous farmers of his locality.

Politically he is a member of the Reform party, and has held the offices of road master and pound keeper. Religiously he is a devout Catholic. He is a member of the C.M.B.A. at Amherstburg, and takes an active interest in same. By his hard work and thrifty habits Mr. Girard has accumulated considerable property, and has gained many firm friends, as well as establishing himself in the confidence of the community.

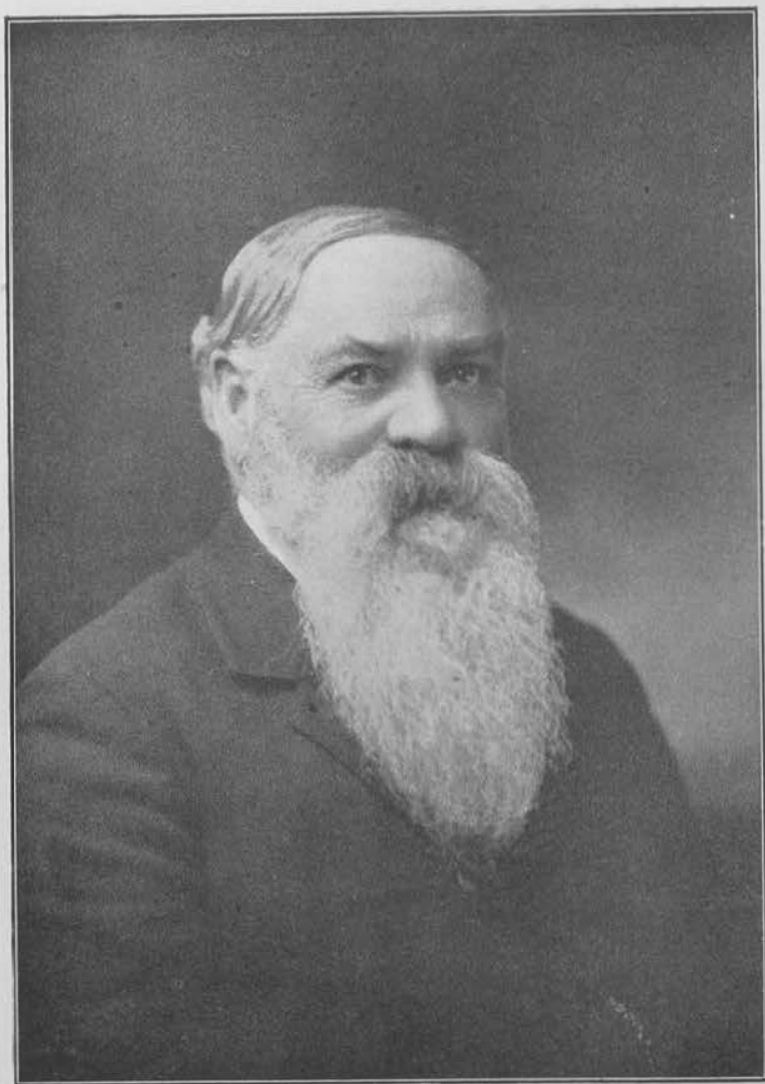
JOHNSON MARSH SOPER (deceased).

From a local paper we copy the following: "There are many events in the records of every family in human life that would prove of much interest and value in filling the pages of history, if they could be obtained with any degree of accuracy. There are but few families who can trace their origin back over a century, or even give an intelligent biography of their own lives. Of the many thousand families of American colonists who remained loyal to their inheritance during the American Revolutionary struggle, there came to Canada the Soper family, which for the past century and a half has been an extensive one, and of which there are but few places in America which do not number some of its offspring as citizens.

"Leonard Soper, Sr., grandfather of the late Johnson Marsh Soper, was born in the state of Vermont in 1763. When a young man he married Betsy Marsh. A few years later, in 1797, he followed his friends, the United Empire Loyalists, and settled in Ontario on the Bay of Quinte. After living there for four years, he moved West and took up Lot 22, and his wife Lot 23, in the 1st Concession of the township of Hope, Durham county, near the beautiful waters of Lake Ontario. The family at this time included Betsy and Nancy, who were born in Vermont; Timothy, born at Sidney, and was said to be the first white child born in the township, the parents regretting afterwards that he had not been christened 'Sidney'.

"When the family moved from Sidney Mr. Soper rode a horse, leading two others, and swam across the river Trent. Parmelia was the first born in Hope. Then followed Mariah, Guy, Ira, Leonard, Benjamin, Armond and Ethan. His wife died in 1814, and a few years later he married Mrs. Polly Bowen, by whom three children were born—David, Hannah and Hiram. In the natural order of succession the children and their descendants comprise a scattered colony. (1) Betsy married Capt. John Burns, of the British army, and from this marriage were born Johan-

na, Anna, Mariah, Eliza, George, James and Georgianna. The greater portion of this family intermingled in marriages. Mr. John Burns, of the Chatham marble works, is a grandson of James, who was captain of many sailing craft on Lake Ontario. One of these boats was the Jane Anne Marsh, launched at Port Britain, about 1850. (2) Nancy married Truman Curtis, of Vermont (there being no schools in their own country, Mr. Soper had taken his daughter back to Vermont on horseback, to attend school; hence the marriage with Mr. Curtis), who came to Canada, and located on Lot 23, in the 2d Concession of Hope; to them were born Leonard, Mariah, Donald, Jacob, Ethan and Joseph. (3) Timothy, who was born in Sidney, finally settled in Bowmanville, where for many years he was engaged in the milling business. He, too, was married and raised a large family. (4) Parmelia, who was said to have been the first white child born in the township of Hope, married Pember Warner, and lived near Port Britain; there were born by this marriage seven children—Elmira, Erastus, Parmelia, Truman, Pember, Armond and Mary. The first of this family married John Henry, grandfather of Joe Henry, of Leamington. The second and third never married. Truman was born in 1819, at Port Britain. He married Elizabeth Allen, of Port Hope. Mr. Warner moved West about twenty-six years ago and located on Lot 18 of the 1st Concession of the township of Harwich, near Rondeau. A family of four sons and six daughters were born to them. Mary married Henry Turk, of Port Hope, who was manager of the William Sisson Tannery Company of Port Hope years ago. Armond married Miss Sally Randall, and a family of two sons and three daughters were born. (5) Mariah Soper married Ben Youngs at the Trent, and they had one son, who died young. (6) Guy married Sally Rice, of Hope, and they raised three children—Charles, Edward and Truman. (7) Ira remained a bachelor. (8) Leonard was next in the order of birth. (9) Benjamin died in middle age. (10) Armond married Laura Odell, of Bowmanville, and had two children: Franklin died, and Laura married Levi Sexton, and lives in Milwaukee, Wis. (11) Ethan married Margaret Little, of Clarke, and there were born to them James, Nancy, Henrietta, Leonard and Leander. Ethan died, and the family now live in Bad Axe, Michigan. (12) David married Sophia Smadus, and raised several children; later he moved to Minnesota, and is now among the silent dead. (13) Hannah married Thomas



Johnson M Loper

Hunt, a successful merchant of Bowmanville and Port Hope, and a family of four sons and two daughters was raised. One of the sons was William, who became an expert and daring rope-walker, bearing the name 'Signor Farina.' Mr. Henry Watson helped him to place the first rope on which he ever practiced, that being on the farm of Mr. Riders, near Port Brittain. Mr. Hunt, Sr., has been living for many years retired. (14) Hiram married Emma Marsh, daughter of Robert Marsh of Port Brittain. Three daughters were born to them—Mary, Jessie and Gertrude. They lived in Port Hope until Mr. Soper died, when Mrs. Soper with her daughters, Mary and Jessie, moved to Los Angeles, California. Mary and Jessie married Bruce and Hiram Williamson, sons of Col. Williamson, of Port Hope.

"Leonard Soper, the eighth child, and the father of our subject, married Lucy Sexton, of Ferrisburg, Vermont, and two sons and one daughter were born. Mr. Soper lost his wife and married again, his second wife being Catherine Sexton, and three daughters were born. Leonard Soper was one of the pioneers of the townships of Hope and Clarke, in the County of Durham, and underwent the privations and hardships of a pioneer's life. He, his neighbor Marsh, and others, owned a rude sailing craft. In the fall they would gather together, load their boat with grain, and send it, in charge of Capt. Soper, to Kingston, whence they would return with enough flour to do for the year.

"Johnson M. Soper was the first son of Leonard Soper, and was born April 18, 1832, in the township of Hope, on the shore of Lake Ontario. As he grew into manhood, mechanical desires grew in him, and he devoted his spare moments to some speculations and devising machinery. He was the first known to construct a model clover separator, but he lost the patent by being too free with speculating visitors. The elder Massey, father of the Massey firm, lived in Newcastle and was very friendly and encouraging to Mr. Soper. By close and frugal habits the family had amassed considerable wealth. Johnson and his only brother Marquis induced their father to invest in lands. In 1865 they came West in speculation and purchased nearly 800 acres of the Robinson of Inches estate, at the Rond Eau, Kent county. In 1886, the two brothers moved West and took possession of the property. In 1867 a log dwelling was built near the Eau. Afterward a dock was built, and a steam barge was

used to carry wood and other articles of commerce across the Eau to the Government piers, for shipment. Their lands were unsurpassed in the Province for large and productive growth of timber.

"In 1870 Mr. Soper married Miss Hattie A. Walker, of Waupan, Wisconsin, daughter of Levi Walker and his wife Jane A. (Powers), of Ferrisburg, Vermont. This change from bachelorism to married life changed their position very much. Later on the beautiful 'Bay View' brick structure was built, which is so nicely illustrated in the Dominion Atlas. Mr. Soper was always very neat and tidy in all his undertakings, his buildings were complete, and he had one of the finest orchards in Western Canada. His buildings, with tasty lawn and surroundings, were a credit to the county. For the best part of his life he was afflicted with asthma. He bore all his trials with great fortitude and cheerful patience. About twelve years ago he let his farm on shares, and moved to Sandwich, where he purchased twelve acres of choice land, built a comfortable house and outbuildings, and set the greater portion out with the choicest fruits, which for several years has been remunerative and productive.

"On Friday, Jan. 18, 1901, Mr. Soper departed this life at his residence near Windsor. Services were held at his residence on Sabbath day, and on Monday, the 21st, the remains were taken to Blenheim by the L. E. & D. R. R., and were laid at rest in the family lot in the Evergreen cemetery. The members of Kent Lodge, No. 274, A. F. & A. M., took charge of the remains, of which lodge the deceased was a chartered member. A large concourse of people, brethren, mourners and friends, was present, showing the greatest respect for the departed. Hospitality and friendship in its broadest sense was the spirit of the home circle. This happy abode of comfort is severed, the circle is broken, death has entered its portals. Father's chair is vacant, and hearts are rent with grief. The memory of a noble man is cherished in our hearts. The world was much better by him being in it to perpetuate himself in others' lives.

"He leaves behind, to sadly mourn his separation, his aged and respected mother-in-law, Mrs. Jane A. Walker, who is now over ninety years of age, having been born in 1810, and who is an original Daughter of the American Revolution. She is a remarkably active and intelligent aged lady, and the last of a family of sixteen

children. Mrs. Soper was born in the township of Clarke in 1838; she is worthy, energetic and competent for the full burdens that now weigh heavy with her. Her daughters, Laura Jane and Lucy Alberta Mabel, are young women, well educated and accomplished; the former is a teacher in the Detroit Conservatory of Music, and the latter is an artist of ability. Mary, the adopted daughter, is one of the household and dear to all. Love is ever supreme with these daughters in the happy home. Marquis, the only brother, lives on and owns his portion of the Rond Eau property, one of the best in Canada, and has remained a bachelor; his sister Catherine, wife of Capt. Shaw, has lived for years near the Bay View Farm, but will move in the spring with the family to Manitoba; Adeline married Manley C. Rose, of Oshawa, now in Toronto; Georgie married Charles Whitmore; Emeline married Henry Spencely of Oshawa, and died Jan. 18, 1877. The relatives are numerous, and all friends mourn the earthly separation. In politics the deceased was a zealous Liberal, being liberal in spirit, and a broad-minded citizen.

"Of the deceased, an intimate and life-long friend, writes as follows: 'I regarded him as one of earth's noblemen. He was a loving husband, an indulgent and affectionate father, a dear and kind brother, and a true and trustworthy friend. It is a consolation to remember that he was always a good man, doing what was just and right to his fellow-men. He was kind and considerate to all about him, and he encouraged and respected goodness wherever he discovered it. Can we not trust him in the hands of that beneficent and wise Being, knowing that the Judge of all the earth will do right?'"

NORMAN PETERSON, ex-reeve of the township of Gosfield South, is one of the leading retired citizens of Leamington, County of Essex, and is prominent both in political and agricultural circles.

Dennis Peterson, his grandfather, was born in the State of Pennsylvania. In young manhood he came to Mersea township, County of Essex, where he followed the shoemaking trade, his shop having been located on a corner which is now included in the best portion of the business locality of Leamington. He died in 1856, aged sixty-five years, leaving a widow, formerly a Miss Kenyon. They had these children: Grace is deceased; John W. is the father of our subject; Daniel went to the States at the age of

twenty years, served as a soldier in the Civil War, and there married and remained; Thomas also served during the Civil War in the States; Mary married and died in Detroit; Henry also married in the States; Julia Ann married (first) John Camp, and (second) Manuel Adolphus, of Comber.

John W. Peterson was born April 24, 1829, in Mersea township. As a young man he followed farming, but at a later period embarked in the butchering business, being one of the first to engage in the wholesale butchering business in this section. He carried on this industry for some twenty years, selling hundreds of cattle in the Windsor market. His first farming was in the vicinity of Ruthven, and on the farm now owned by our subject several members of his family were born. Later he bought a fifty-acre farm on Lot 6, Concession 2, making the improvements now so noticeable, and there he resided until his death, which occurred April 18, 1897, at the age of sixty-eight years. Besides farming he also bought much stock, purchasing many cattle for the Walkers of Walkerville. As a farmer he was one of the most successful men of the township, and he owned considerable land, in addition to his home farm, buying 130 acres on Lot 2, Concession 3, which property was, until March, 1904, occupied by his two sons, Norman and Raymer. In politics, Mr. Peterson was a Conservative. Fraternally he was a Mason. In religious belief he was a Methodist, and in his later years he took an active part in church matters.

In 1857 Mr. Peterson married Jane McMullen, who was born Jan. 3, 1832, in Ireland, and was three years old when she came to America with her parents, John and Margaret (Dudgeon) McMullen. To Mr. and Mrs. Peterson were born children as follows: George, of Kingsville; Josiah, a prosperous farmer on Lot 8, Concession 2, Gosfield South; Norman, of this sketch; Rebecca, the deceased wife of A. Bruner; Philemon, a resident of Michigan; Margaret, wife of Archibald Wilson, of Delray, Michigan; Elizabeth, wife of F. H. Slater, of Leamington; Sabina, who died aged seventeen years; Raymer, a farmer of Gosfield South; Nelson, on the home farm.

Norman Peterson, the third son of the late John W. Peterson, was born June 27, 1861, in Gosfield. He grew up near Ruthven, enjoying the advantages of good schools. At the age of twenty-two years he came to his present farm on Lot 2, Concession 3, and has made here the substantial improvements which mark this as one of

the most attractive, as well as valuable, farms of this neighborhood. He has retained only forty acres of his original holdings, public matters claiming the major part of his time. He has engaged in general farming, and as a specialty has grown considerable tobacco. His land has also produced tomatoes of the finest quality in abundance. In March, 1904, he moved to his present modern home in Leamington.

Politically Mr. Peterson is a Conservative, and he has been a prominent man in municipal affairs for years. In 1897 he was elected councillor, and he filled that important office for six years. Since the election in 1903, he has been reeve of the township, filling that office with the faithfulness which has marked all his public service. He declined re-nomination in 1904. Educational affairs have always claimed a large share of Mr. Peterson's attention, and for thirteen years he consented to serve as trustee of School Section No. 9, during the greater part of this time, being chairman of the board. The excellence of the schools in this district may surely be, in great measure, attributed to the influence of the representative men who have had their true interests at heart.

On Nov. 23, 1883, Mr. Peterson was united in marriage with Capitola Slater, born in County Kent, in 1861, daughter of Hiram and Lucinda (Bruner) Slater, and two daughters have been born to them: Ethel Mina and Eleanor. Mr. Peterson is a member of the Methodist Church, and for a number of years was superintendent of the Sunday School. Socially he is a member of Lodge No. 9, I.O.F., of Kingsville, and Beaver Lodge, I.O.O.F., of Ruthven.

THOMAS MALCOLM HAIRSINE, of Mersea township, County of Essex, has made a success of stock growing and farming, particularly of tobacco culture. He was born Sept. 16, 1850, on the Hairsine homestead, in the township of Mersea, son of the late Thomas, and a brother of Alfred Hairsine, a well known citizen of the County, who has been clerk of Mersea township for many years.

Mr. Hairsine attended the local schools and remained with his parents assisting his father, as the eldest son, very materially on the farm until 1875, when he started out for himself on a tract of 100 acres, on Lot 230, located east of the homestead. This land was given him by his father, and was still in its wild state. Mr. Hairsine took charge of it and pushed his work with vigor, soon creating here a fine farm on

which he erected substantial buildings and made many admirable improvements. His attention has been given to the raising of stock, general farming and tobacco growing, and through industry and energy he has won a place among the substantial men of his locality.

On June 2, 1875, in Mersea township, Mr. Hairsine married Cordelia Kimball, born in Mersea township June 17, 1852, daughter of Nelson and Melissa (Stockwell) Kimball, and they have had three children born to them: Percy, who operates the farm at home and occupies a separate dwelling, married Jessie, daughter of Robert Fish; they have two children, Sterling and Eva. Howard, who is a barber by trade, resides in British Columbia. Maude died at the age of one and one-half years. Mrs. Hairsine is active in the Methodist Church, and is a lady beloved and admired in her home and neighborhood.

In politics Mr. Hairsine is a strong Conservative. He takes a good citizen's interest in educational matters, and is serving as trustee of Section No. 2. He is a member of the Methodist Church, and is a liberal contributor to its various channels of benevolence.

EDWARD McPHARLIN, a prosperous farmer of Maidstone township, Middle Road, County Essex, Ont., was born in Maidstone, Lot 11, Aug. 16, 1852, son of Hugh and Margaret (Nolan) McPharlin, both of whom were born in County Clare, Ireland, he in 1810, and his wife in 1830, and both came to Canada when young.

Hugh McPharlin was the son of Edward and Bridget (Fosset) McPharlin, who came to Canada at a very early day, and were among the first settlers of Maidstone. There they redeemed wild land, and lived for many years in a little log cabin. Edward McPharlin died in 1850, and his wife in 1866. They had five sons and five daughters: John; Peter; James; Patrick; Hugh; Margaret; Mary married John Wood; Catherine married a Mr. McKernan; Nancy married Frank Riley; Nettie married a Mr. Devett, and all are now deceased.

Hugh McPharlin, father of our subject, settled on the old homestead, where his death occurred in 1888, and he left his wife, who is still a resident of the old farm, with ten children: Mary J., born in Maidstone, married Michael McHugh, a prominent resident of Maidstone, who is mentioned elsewhere; Edward; Peter, born in 1854, married Miss Nancy McCann, of Sandwich, now deceased, and had four children,

Andrew, Joseph, Maggie and Loretta, and he now resides in Detroit; Annie, born in 1856, married John Mullin, of Rochester township, and they have the following family: Edward, Charles, Thomas, Willie, Mary, Agnes, Beatrice, Robert and Anastasia; Katie, born in 1858, married Richard Burnett, of Rochester township, and their family is as follows: Frank, Edwin, George, Arthur, Alfred, Margaret and Wilfred; John, born in 1860, now residing on the old home in Maidstone, married Mary E. Tracey, of Rochester, and has three children, Aloysius, Stella and Ella; Maggie, born in 1862, is now one of the sisters in the convent at Kalamazoo, where she has been for twelve years; Ellen, born in 1864, is the wife of Thomas McPharlin, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, they have two children, Albert and Maggie; Alice, born in 1866, married Eli Compton, of Minneapolis, and has a family; Rosella, born in 1868, now deceased, married Thomas McPharlin, who resides in Maidstone, and they had one son, Frank.

Edward McPharlin, the eldest son of the above family, grew up on the home farm, where he received a common school education. When a young man, he married, in June, 1882, Maggie Graham, born in Rochester township, on June 4, 1856, daughter of Francis and Margaret (Dailey) Graham, old pioneers of this township of Rochester. Francis Graham was born in Glasgow, Scotland, and his wife was born in Ireland.

Mr. and Mrs. McPharlin settled upon their present farm, where Mr. McPharlin has cleared up a fine property, has erected substantial buildings, and has become one of the most progressive farmers of Maidstone. Six children have been born to himself and wife: Mary E., born in March, 1886; James G., born in December, 1888; Zenas E. D., born Aug. 21, 1890; Edward L., born in February, 1892; Margaret D., born in March, 1894; Ann F., born in March, 1896. Religiously Mr. and Mrs. McPharlin are members of the Catholic Church, in which the parents of Mr. McPharlin were very prominent, and the founders of the church in this locality. Politically Mr. McPharlin has always been a member of the Reform party, and he has served very acceptably upon the school board, having always taken a great interest in educational matters. He was also secretary and treasurer of the board for six or eight years. His fraternal affiliations are with the C.M.B.A., a church organization.

While Hugh McPharlin has passed away from the scene of his earthly struggles, his mem-

ory and the good work he accomplished remains. Unassuming and retiring in disposition, he devoted himself to his family, his church and the community at large, and conducted all of his transactions according to the dictates of his conscience, carefully trained by his church. While great public distinction did not come to him, nor would he have welcomed it, he set an excellent example, and lived up to his religious belief. His family was carefully reared by himself and his good wife, in the fear and understanding of God, to be conscientious Catholics, and honored men and women. His wife survives, and is a noble type of the pioneer women of her day. Her children rise up and call her blessed, and throughout the neighborhood, she is greatly beloved for the many acts of Christian kindness, emanating from her great, kindly heart.

ELIE QUENNEVILLE, a district deputy of the council for the County of Essex, and one of the well known agriculturists of Tilbury North, is in every way a prominent figure in the township, and is a man of unusually broad and liberal views. He was born on the farm in St. Anicet, County of Huntingdon, Quebec, Jan. 22, 1858, and was one of fifteen children born to John Baptiste and Margaret (Dupuis) Quenneville.

John Baptiste Quenneville died in St. Albert, Ont., in 1894, aged seventy-seven; his wife had passed away in 1891, aged sixty-nine years. They were farming people, and the latter years of their lives were spent in retirement on the 100-acre farm their labor had carved out of the wilderness. They were devout members of the Roman Catholic Church. Their children were: Louis, a farmer, who died in Casselman, Ont.; Damas, a farmer and ex-councillor at St. Albert; Justinian, who died aged six years; Philomene, who wedded Oliver Chatel, of St. Isidore de Prescott, Ont.; Olivier, a farmer, former merchant and ex-warden at Casselman; Napoleon, a farmer and town clerk at Casselman; Anicet, who died in Tilbury North, aged forty-eight; Isidore, in the real estate business and ex-alderman at Sturgeon Falls, Ont.; Josephine, of North Hudson, New York, who married (first) Alexander Delorm, and (second) Mitchell Pasino; Gilbert, a farmer of Tilbury North; Elie; Marie, of Rockland, Ont., who married Charle Joanis; Salome, of St. Albert, who married Amtable Quesnel; Delima, of Beauharnois, Que., who married Pacifique Madore, a farmer; and Joseph, a hotel keeper at Crysler, Ontario.

School advantages in the farming districts of



Elie Duennerville

Quebec were exceedingly limited as far back as the "sixties," and the large family at home made it necessary for Elie Quenneville to help his father most of the time, so that he was able to secure a very little education. As that little was acquired in a French school, he knew nothing whatever of the English language. When he started out for himself at the age of nineteen, with only twenty-five cents in his pocket, he managed to make his way to the States, and began working in Crown Point iron mines near Lake Champlain. There his ignorance of English was a great drawback to him, and he very soon determined to master the language, although that meant hard study at night after his long day's work. After three years of life at Lake Champlain, having a strong desire to see the great West, Mr. Quenneville went to Colorado, where he worked in the gold and silver mines until 1881. During all these years he was still at work at his English, and by dint of careful study, extended reading and close observation he acquired a thorough mastery of it, now having at his command both English and French. Returning from Colorado to Ontario he located on what is now Tilbury North township, where he bought a tract of 100 acres on Concession 4, which was then nothing but a wilderness. He cleared the land, built a log house, and by his untiring industry and strict attention to his business, succeeded so well that he added first 162 acres more to his farm, and later a 150-acre tract in Rochester township, now owning and operating 412 acres in all. In 1898 he put up a fine brick dwelling on the spot where the original log cabin had stood for fifteen years. The house is one of the finest in the township, while the barns and out-farm buildings are excellently adapted to their purpose. Mr. Quenneville is engaged in general farming, stock raising and lumbering, and in the course of twenty-one years has become one of the largest land owners and most prosperous farmers in the county. Besides being a man with a thorough knowledge of his own lines, and a sagacious investor, he is very enterprising and progressive in his ideas, and is thoroughly posted in the events of the day.

Never too much absorbed in his own interests to be awake to the needs of his town, Mr. Quenneville has always been foremost in every movement of advantage to his community. He was a stockholder, director and treasurer of the cheese factory, is treasurer of the Threshing Association, and was a stock holder in the Binding Twine Company, since dissolved. In public

life he is a staunch Liberal, and, being a born fighter as well as a strictly honest man, he has waged several active campaigns against corruptions in the township. In one, while he was himself defeated as a candidate for reeve, he secured the election of good men on the council, and so prevented a continuation of the existing dishonest methods in town affairs. For three years he was a member of the township council; for five years he was treasurer of the township; and for the past two years he has been one of the district deputies for the County of Essex. He is a man of great ability, and is noted for his straightforward, honorable dealings.

In 1882, Mr. Quenneville was married to Miss Dorilda Dupuis, who was born in the County of Maskinonge, Que., Sept. 27, 1862, daughter of Elie and Leocadie (Landry) Dupuis. She is a woman of refinement, devoted to her home and family, and has been in every sense a helpmeet to her husband. Of their eleven children two died in infancy; the others are Laura, Alderic, Donald, Origene, Albert, Alida, Hermas, Vilmere and Aldas. Mr. and Mrs. Quenneville are Roman Catholics, members of the parish of St. Joachim. The former is a member of the Canadian Order of Foresters, Court No. 900, Olympic Lodge, in St. Joachim, in which he has filled the office of Chief Ranger.

Elie Dupuis, father of Mrs. Quenneville, was born in the County of Maskinonge, Quebec, as was his wife, and they were there married. In 1865, with their eight children, they came to Rochester township, County of Essex, and took up 100 acres of wild land. Mr. Dupuis was always interested in public affairs, and while in Quebec was a member of the township council. He died in 1882, aged fifty-four, and his wife survived until 1900, when she passed away aged seventy-four years. They were members of the Catholic Church. Of their twelve children, four died in infancy in Quebec. Of the others, Denis is a farmer in North Dakota; Joseph is a prospector in Montana; George is a merchant in Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.; Caroline married Francis Sylvester, a farmer in Rochester township; Dorilda, wife of Elie Quenneville, and Melina, wife of Alphonse Dupuis, are twins; Anna died unmarried; and Louis is lumbering in Wisconsin.

ALBERT J. GOLDEN, son of Jasper Golden, a pioneer teacher of Gosfield South, County of Essex, is a farmer in the northern part of the homestead farm, and he was born in that township, Oct. 24, 1861. He enjoyed the advantages

of the common schools, and learned all the details of farming under the careful supervision of his father. When he attained to mature years, he began farming upon the north part of his father's property, originally the Joseph Malott farm. As the property was heavily timbered, he did considerable clearing, and erected a comfortable house upon it, as well as substantial barns and appropriate outbuildings. Through his untiring industry and enterprise, he has become one of the successful farmers of the township.

Mr. Golden takes an active interest in matters of local importance, and has served seven years as a trustee of the Kingsville schools, and also as assessor of the township for four years. Religiously he is a consistent and active member of the English Church.

On April 24, 1889, he was happily united in marriage with Louisa Bratt, a daughter of John Bratt, deceased, of Amherstburg. To this marriage have come the following children: Jasper Percival, born April 3, 1891; Mary Mildred, born July 8, 1894; Myrtle Louise, born Sept. 1, 1896; Albert Cecil, born Nov. 13, 1898.

ALEX SINNASAC, a retired farmer of the 6th Concession, Lot 1, in Anderdon, was born in Malden township, Aug. 5, 1835, son of James and Louisa (La Barre) Sinnasac, of an old pioneer family of the County of Essex.

James Sinnasac was the son of James, who came from France to Montreal, where he died. James the younger, was the only one of the family to come to the County of Essex, or even to that region. He and his wife were both born in Montreal, where they grew up and married, coming to Windsor, Canada, in 1830. They lived there some four years before moving to Malden township, where Mr. Sinnasac engaged in farming some forty years, then moving to Detroit, where he lived at the time of his death, in 1881. His wife died at the home of her son Alex in 1887. They were the parents of thirteen children, twelve of whom grew up, though only five are now living. We have record of the following: (1) Phyllis, the eldest living, in Detroit, married Gabriel Fertes, now deceased, and had two daughters: Christine, the wife of Curtis White, of Detroit; and Hattie. (2) Harriet, born in Malden, is the wife of Fred Trombley, Concession 2, Anderdon, and has a family of twelve children. (3) Gilbert, a business man of Detroit, has a wife and one son. (4) Edward, (5) Louise, (6) Philemon, (7) Lipeant, (8)

Catherine and (9) Marshall are all deceased. (10) Alex is mentioned below.

Alex Sinnasac lived in Malden township until he was eighteen years old, when he began working at a saw mill in Port Huron. After four years there he took up the carpenter's trade, which he followed sixteen years, and so earned the means to buy the present home, which was then mostly wild land. There he and his wife lived in a little log house until, in 1881, he erected his new home; he has built good barns and made many general improvements. He also owns 100 acres on the 7th Concession, where he has made improvements.

In 1858 Mr. Sinnasac married Pauline Arquett, who was born and reared in Anderdon, daughter of Louis Arquett, one of the old pioneers of Canada. To this union has come a large family of children, viz.: (1) James, the eldest, a resident of Amherstburg, married Miss Louisa Moran of that city and has two children. (2) Alex, married Miss Maggie Bondy, and lives in Anderdon on a farm. (3) Albert married a Miss Bondy, and lives with his family in Sandwich West. (4) Robert married Miss Louisa Perqua, and resides in Colchester. They have three children. (5) Frank is at home unmarried. (6) Edward is a sailor. (7) Lauren and (8) Alena are at home. (9) Hattie is the wife of John Bondy, of Anderdon. (10) Maud married D. Bondy, of Anderdon, and has four children. (11) Bell and (12) Vida are unmarried.

Politically Mr. Sinnasac has always been identified with the old Conservative party; he has held the office of councilman of Anderdon four years, and has been a school trustee for a much longer period. Religiously Mr. Sinnasac, like his parents, is a consistent member of the Catholic Church; the family helped to found and build the churches in Anderdon and Malden townships.

Mr. Sinnasac is one of Anderdon's self-made men, who started life on his own resources and without the help of any one. From a small beginning he has accumulated considerable means, and owns one of the finest houses in Anderdon. Mr. Sinnasac has filled the positions of trust, to which he was chosen, with intelligence and credit to himself, as well as to his constituents, and has been active in everything that promised good to the community. He is a man esteemed by all who know him for his kindly disposition and upright conduct in every phase of life's activities.

JOHN ROACH, a well-known farmer and stock raiser of Talbot Street, Mersea township, was born April 19, 1847, on the Roach homestead, in Mersea township.

The Roach family is of Irish origin, but for several generations its representatives have made their home in Canada. Morris Roach was the first of the name in County Essex, and was a British soldier in the War of 1812. He took part in the battles of Lundy's Lane and Long Point. In 1818 he came to Mersea township, and drew Lot 235, on Talbot Street, out of the grant of Col. Talbot. Here he settled in a log cabin, and spent the remainder of his life, engaged in improving his property. After his life was over, he was buried in the Roach cemetery. For a number of years he was a consistent member of the Methodist Church. In politics he was a Conservative. Morris Roach married Mary Pardo, widow of John Storey, a woman of Christian character, and a member of the Methodist Church. She died on the homestead, and was also buried in the Roach cemetery. Mr. Roach was a man of note in his township, and served for a long time as a justice of the peace. His children were: Samuel, who died in Toledo, Ohio; Morris; Mary Ann who married (first) Thomas Marcott and (second) Edwin Scofield; William; Francis; James; and Nancy.

Morris Roach (2), son of Morris and father of John Roach, was only six weeks old when the family came to Mersea township. Like other sparsely settled localities, that portion of Mersea was slow in providing sufficient school facilities, and the youth of the time were unfortunately unable to study or have the advantages which, at present, are considered a part of a child's birthright. When he grew up he spent two years in Leamington, but then decided to return to farming. After purchasing 100 acres of the homestead farm, he settled upon it, and there passed the remainder of his life. He was a pioneer tobacco grower, and was extensively engaged in stock raising, keeping up his interest until near the close of his life, at the age of seventy-two years. He was interred in the family cemetery. In politics he was a Conservative on national questions, but locally voted independently. He served as school trustee, and was always interested in affording advantages for the younger generation which had not been possible for him to enjoy. Both he and wife were consistent and worthy members of the Methodist Church. He married Anne Lamarsh, born in Mersea township, who died in February, 1876, aged fifty-seven

years. Their children were: Mary, wife of Henry Settingington, of Leamington; Elizabeth, wife of Cornelius Wiper, of Michigan; William, farmer on a part of the old homestead; John; Robert, a resident of Monroe County, Michigan; and Morris W., a resident of Walkerville. The second marriage of Morris Roach, Sr., was to Mrs. Margaret Courtney, who died in Leamington.

John Roach, the subject proper of this sketch, was educated in the district schools of his township, and remained till young manhood assisting his father on the home farm. He then settled on Concession 5, Lot 14, on a tract of fifty acres of woodland. Here he built a log house, cleared up a good portion of his property, and occupied it for ten years, selling then and buying one-half of the old homestead, where he has ever since been successfully engaged in farming and stock raising.

Mr. Roach has made a success of the growing of tobacco, his land apparently possessing the right constituents for its culture. He has taken pride and pleasure in his surroundings, has erected a fine home and made many substantial improvements, possessing a home of comfort as well as of attractiveness and large value.

In politics Mr. Roach is a Liberal and he has taken a very active part in public affairs. In 1896 he was elected a member of the township council, and served in that capacity for six years. In addition he has capably filled other offices, being school trustee, for nine years tax collector, and for seven years assessor. He is equally active in church matters, being a member of the Wesley Methodist Church of Talbot Street, a class leader and Sunday School superintendent.

On June 15, 1868, Mr. Roach married Ann Jones, who was born in Gosfield township, Dec. 18, 1850, daughter of Benjamin and Sarah (Noble) Jones, both residents of Leamington. The children born to this union are the following: Adolphus Edwin, a blacksmith at Leamington, married Flora Malott; Sylvester Wellington, a farmer of Mersea township, married Rebecca Malotte, and they have had five children; Clara Isabella married Frederick White, of Mersea township, and has had four children; Laura Augusta is at home; Cora Ann married Oliver Settingington, of Mersea township, and has one daughter; Lewis Gordon, a blacksmith at Leamington, married Ella Nash, and has two daughters; Carl B. is at home.

Mr. Roach is a member of the Loyal Orange Association, and takes a very active interest in

its work. He is one of the substantial and representative men of his locality, and is held in high esteem by all who know him.

JOHN E. MOORE, a well-to-do and representative farmer of Gosfield North, Lot 266, on the North Rear Road, is one of the self-made citizens of the County of Essex, a man who by persistent industry has risen from a poor estate to his present position of wealth and influence. Mr. Moore was born in the County of Carleton, Ont., Feb. 20, 1848, and passed the earlier part of his life in that region.

Robert and Margaret (Williams) Moore, his parents, were both born in County Cavan, Ireland, and were married there before coming to America. Arriving in Canada in an early day, they settled in the County of Carleton, where they had the usual experiences of pioneers making a new home in a new country, and where they passed the rest of their lives. They belonged to the Church of England, and Mr. Moore in his political creed was a firm Conservative. His death occurred in 1889, and that of his wife a few years later in 1896. They were the parents of seven children: (1) Francis, a farmer, married Mrs. Elizabeth Morgan, of the County of Carleton, where he settled and died, leaving no family. (2) Jane Ann, born in Canada, is the wife of John Dilworth, who resides at North Gore, County of Carleton, and has a family of three children, Frederick, Maggie and John. (3) Maggie, born in the County of Carleton, is the widow of John Howe, and resides in Assiniboia, with her three sons, Thomas J., Garner and William F. (4) Mary, born in 1852, is the wife of Samuel Harnett, of North Gore, in the County of Carleton. She has a family of six, Willie (married and settled in Oxford), Howard, Maggie (who married William Robinson), Samuel, Della and Lena. (5) Robert, born in 1854, is unmarried and a resident of North Gore, County of Carleton. (6) John E. is mentioned below. (7) William, who died at the age of thirty-five married Lydia Morgan, and had two children, Mary and William.

John E. Moore grew to manhood in his native county, and acquired his education in the district schools. Until he reached his majority he was occupied mainly with work on his father's farm, though he began even while a boy to do day's work around in the neighborhood, thus gaining his start in the world. For the first few years after his marriage he settled on the

old homestead in Carleton, and then rented a farm at Windfall, Ont., where he remained three years. Meanwhile the prospects offered in Gosfield North in the County of Essex, seemed to him to offer greater opportunities to a farmer, and in 1881 he removed to that township, and bought the wild land which he has developed into the fine farm, where he is still residing. He has added fifty acres to his first purchase, has brought his land all under cultivation, put up handsome modern buildings, and now owns a most attractive farm, whose ample products have made him one of the successful and wealthy agriculturists of his section.

On May 6, 1875, in Kemptville, Ont., Mr. Moore and Miss Carrie Harnett were united in marriage, and to this union five children have been born, of whom the youngest, Bower, died in childhood. (1) Ida, the eldest, who was born Nov. 23, 1876, before the family removed to Gosfield, is the wife of John Robinson, of the County of Carleton, and resides in Grand Rapids, Michigan, where Mr. Robinson is a railroad supervisor. They have one daughter, Irma. (2) Augustus, also born in the County of Carleton, Nov. 19, 1878, is a resident of Chatham, Ont., where he works as a carpenter. He married Miss Amy Hill, of Port Huron. (3) Homer, born in Gosfield North, May 4, 1884, is at home. (4) Myrtle, was born at the present home Aug. 10, 1891.

Mrs. Moore was born Feb. 18, 1854, in the County of Carleton, daughter of Samuel and Fannie (Brownlee) Harnett, natives of Ireland, who were married in that country. Coming to Canada, they located in Kitley, County of Brockville, Ont., where Mr. Harnett purchased a farm of 100 acres, and remained a number of years. Selling out, he removed to the County of Carleton, where he again purchased a farm, and there made a permanent home. He was intelligent and active until his death, which occurred in July, 1902, when he was ninety-seven years old. Mrs. Harnett passed away in July, 1880, at the age of sixty-five years. They were members of the Church of England. Their children were as follows: Mary Ann (deceased) became the wife of Thomas Hicks, of Essex, Ont., and has twelve children. Jane (deceased) married William Edwards, and had one child. Eliza (deceased) married Robert Sufforn, and had three children. Fannie (deceased) married Reuben Perkins, and had five children. James married Rachel Sufforn, of Oxford, Ont., and had nine



Mrs. L. E. Moore,



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children. Rebecca married Thomas Fox, of Southern California, and had one child. Samuel, of North Gore, County of Carleton, married Mary Moore, sister of John E. Moore, and they had six children. Carrie is the wife of John E. Moore. Margaret became the wife of William McCreary, of Merrickville, Ont., and had seven children. Sarah married Thomas Good, of Addison, Ont., and had nine children. John married Esther Noffatt, of the County of Carleton; they had no children. William married Sarah Wright, of the County of Carleton, and they had two children.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Moore are connected with the Church of England and are prominent among the supporters of that denomination in their neighborhood. Politically Mr. Moore has always been found in the ranks of the Conservative party. While never a seeker after office, he is essentially a public-spirited citizen, striving wherever possible to help on the progress of his locality. He is upright in character, kindly in disposition, and is both popular and highly respected by those in whose midst his lot has been cast. Fraternally he affiliates with the A.O.U.W. at Woodslee.

JAMES SHAY, one of the prominent men of Amherstburg, County of Essex, is descended from Irish and Scotch parentage.

Timothy Shay, his grandfather, was born in Ireland about 1780, and was a sailor all his life. As early as 1810 he emigrated to the County of Essex, purchasing 200 acres in Colchester South, on Lake Erie, where he died about 1858, although he did not give up his seafaring life. He married a Miss McLean, who was born in the County of Essex of Scotch parentage, and who died in Colchester South, in 1880, at the unusual age of ninety-nine years. The children born to Timothy Shay and wife were as follows: John, Edward, Thomas, Timothy, Catherine (who married John Arnold, of Chatham, and both are deceased), Susan (who married Reuben Crandell), Elizabeth (widow of Fredrich Miller, of Michigan), Polly (who married James Smith), and Laura (who married James Arnold, of Chatham, and is deceased).

John Shay, son of Timothy, was born in Colchester South, in 1812. In 1842 he married Margaret Rae, daughter of James Rae, of Scotch extraction, and a prominent farmer and merchant of Colchester South. In politics John Shay was a Liberal and in religious faith both he and his

wife were Baptists. His death occurred March 17, 1874, while his wife died in 1885. Their children were: Eliza Jane, who married Abram Boyle; Adelaide, who married Charles Bell, of Oxley; James; Roland, a farmer of Welland; Judson, who married Minnie Sinesack, of Colchester South; and Annie, wife of George Gauthier.

James Shay was born on the old homestead in Colchester South July 4, 1848, and there grew to manhood. He followed farming in Colchester, and became owner of the old homestead of 200 acres. In 1890 Mr. Shay sold his fine farm, and settled in Amherstburg, where he is now enjoying the fruits of his many years of unremitting labor. On June 5, 1876, he married Miss Lydia Bell, and their one son, Allen, born in 1877, is one of the most thoroughly accomplished musicians in Western Ontario, having studied music in Detroit, where for some time he was connected with the leading musical schools, and has since been musical director of leading opera troops in the United States. Mr. Shay is a consistent member of the Church of England, as was also his wife. Politically he is a Liberal, although he has never taken an active part in public affairs. Fraternally he belongs to the A.O.U.W. and the K. of P. Mrs. Shay died Dec. 8, 1902, and was buried in Amherstburg.

James Bell, the father of Mrs. Shay, was born in Scotland in 1806, and came to the County of Essex in 1833. He was a finely educated man, being a graduate of the Glasgow University. During the time in which he was a student he also acted as a teacher in the university, and after locating in the County of Essex, he was a successful teacher in Amherstburg, as well as in Toronto, and was finally made superintendent of schools at South Essex, being succeeded by the present incumbent, Dr. Maxwell, of Windsor. While he devoted his entire life to school work, he also owned a fine farm in Colchester South, where he died in 1891, aged eighty-five years. His wife, Mary Noble, was a daughter of James and Elizabeth (Ross) Noble, and was born in Scotland in 1819; she died in 1901, the mother of the following children: Margaret, deceased; David, deceased; James, who died at the age of twenty-eight years; Miss Eliza; Charles, of Colchester South; James, of Windsor; Mrs. Shay; Frank, of Colchester South; Fred a graduate of the Toronto University, now a teacher in the Windsor Collegiate Institute; George, deceased; and Maria, deceased.

James Bell was a son of James Bell, Sr., who was born in Scotland, and there married and died. His children were Nicholas, Elizabeth, Lydia and James.

JOHN A. ROSE, liveryman and feed stable owner, of Essex, was born at Kingsville, Ont., Jan. 1, 1849, son of Uriah and Cecilia (Brett) Rose, old pioneers of this county.

Uriah Ross was born near Ottawa, in 1819. He married Cecilia Brett, who was born in Ireland in 1825, daughter of Joseph Brett, who died in Ireland. Mr. and Mrs. Rose were married at Smith's Falls, Ont., and thence went to Iowa, where they lived two years. At the end of that time they removed to Kingsville, and there he followed farming and lumbering for a great many years. The latter part of his life Mr. Rose lived in Essex with our subject, and he died in 1895. In religious opinions he was a Presbyterian. His wife is still living and resides in Essex. They were the parents of four children: John A. is the eldest. Miss Ellen, born in Kingsville in 1851, lives at the home in Essex. George, born in Kingsville in 1854, is now engaged in a warehouse business in Essex, and is one of the prosperous business men of the town; he married Miss Lennie Flood, of Kingsville, and his three children are: Bertha, Millie and Jennie. Ina, born at Kingsville in 1858, married Arthur Lindsey, a merchant of Detroit, and has two children, Nellie and Frank.

John A. Rose was educated in the schools of Kingsville, where he grew to manhood, working upon the farm in the lumber woods, and helping his father generally. In February, 1874, the young man located in Essex, and started the first livery stable of the place, which he has since continued to own and operate for a period of over thirty years. He began business in a small way, but by investing his money carefully, buying and selling real estate, he accumulated a sufficient amount to build his present large and finely equipped livery barns.

In 1877 Mr. Rose married Victoria Heton, born and reared in Colchester South, daughter of David Heton, an old soldier of the English army, who was honorably discharged from service at Amherstburg in 1837. Mr. Rose erected a handsome brick home on Talbot Street, where his wife died in 1882, leaving him four children: Ethel, born in 1878, married Frank Stotts, a hotelman of Essex, and has a daughter, Josephine; Cecilia, born in 1880, married William Purdy, formerly principal in one of the Detroit

colleges, and now manager and bookkeeper of one of the large Denver (Colorado) hotels; James Harry, born in 1881, is unmarried, and in business with his father; Lizzie, born in 1882, is unmarried, and resides with her grandmother in Essex.

In 1888 Mr. Rose married his present wife, whose maiden name was Alice Lane, and who was born and reared in Mersea township, County of Essex, daughter of Hiram Lane, of Essex. No children have been born of this union. Mr. Rose started out in life with five cents and a horse, and now is one of the most wealthy men in his section of country. In addition to his fine horse and livery business, where he keeps thirty horses and as many vehicles of various kinds, he owns other property, and his word is as good as his bond. Politically Mr. Rose is a Grit, and has held various offices of moment in the town and county. For four years he was town councillor. His religious affiliations are with the Presbyterian Church. Fraternally he is a member of the Enterprise Lodge, No. 314, A.F. & A.M., of Essex, of which he was treasurer for a number of years. He is also an honored member of the Order of Odd Fellows and the Foresters at Essex.

The effect of a life like that of Mr. Rose can scarcely be estimated. In his success he demonstrates the possibility and probability of overcoming poor beginnings, and reaching to heights not scaled by all. Through his upright life, honorable business methods and sterling honesty he shows that clean methods are the best after all; while in his religious life he demonstrates the same thoroughness of purpose and success in attaining results as he does in his business affairs. Genial, courteous, a man who makes and retains friends, Mr. Rose is a well-known and highly-esteemed figure in the business, social and religious life of Essex, and is numbered among the town's most representative men. His family is one of which any father may well be proud, and Mrs. Rose shares with her husband in the goodwill and friendship of the people of Essex.

WILLIAM CARTER, Sr., a prosperous farmer and prominent resident of Pelee Island, County of Essex, Ont., was born in Worcestershire, England, Sept. 13, 1848, a son of Job and Elizabeth (Leach) Carter, being one of a family of eight children, of whom five survive: Mary A., widow of Thomas Highfield, of Nebraska; George, of Nebraska; William; Elizabeth, who married James H. White, of Pelee Island; and

Emma, who married H. S. Barnes, of Pelee Island. James and James (2), died young, and Hannah died aged thirty-one.

Job Carter was born, in 1815, in Worcestershire, England, where he remained until 1877, when he came to Pelee Island, Ont., to spend his declining years among his children. He is still living at the advanced age of eighty-eight years. The revered mother is eighty-six years of age, and both parents are consistent members of the Church of England.

William Carter, Sr., grew up at home and received a limited education in the common schools. At an early age he was obliged to assist his father to provide for those younger than himself, and many heavy burdens were laid upon his young shoulders. On June 26, 1871, he married Miss Thirza Winnett, and immediately thereafter embarked for Ontario with his bride. Upon his arrival he located in the township of Mersea, County of Essex, where he remained some fifteen months, and in the fall of 1872 he came to Pelee Island, arriving in October of that year. For five years he was engaged in the stone quarries and farming, spending two years of this time in the stone quarries on Kelley's Island. In 1877 he purchased twenty acres of his present home farm, upon which he erected a log house, residing therein until 1891, when it was replaced by a modern frame structure. In the intervening years Mr. Carter has prospered and purchased additional land until he now owns 149½ acres of valuable land, and is one of the well-to-do farmers of the Island.

Mr. and Mrs. Carter have had the following children: (1) Bessie married Theo. Feltz, of Pelee Island, and has four children, May T., William T., Frank and George. (2) Alice married Fred Reh, of Pelee Island, and has three children, Mabel, Lillie and Charles. (3) Charles. (4) George married Minnie Hart. (5) William, Jr., (6) John, (7) Annie and (8) Walter are all at home, and (9) one died in infancy.

In politics Mr. Carter is a Liberal. He has never desired office, although he has served as a member of the school board upon several occasions. While not a member, Mr. Carter attends the services of the Methodist Church, and contributes liberally toward its support. Fraternally he is a member of the Pelee Tent, No. 10, K.O.T.M., in which organization he is exceedingly popular, as he is throughout the neighborhood, where he holds a very enviable position.

Mrs. Thirza (Winnett) Carter was born in Worcestershire, England, Oct. 18, 1849, daughter

of John and Ann (Mayo) Winnett, farming people who passed their lives in that locality, the former dying in 1889, aged sixty, and the latter still living, having attained the age of seventy-eight. They were members of the Church of England. Besides Mrs. Carter, their children were: Ann; Phoebe, who married George Hunt, and lives in England; Mark and Cornelius, who both died in England; Rhoda, who married George Emms, of London, England; Richard, with his mother; Alice, deceased; and Colin, of London, England.

JOHN PALMER, a farmer and stock raiser of Tilbury North, is one of the few natives of County Essex who are of German descent. His father, Joseph Palmer, was born in Germany, and transmitted to his son many of those sturdy traits which characterize the true Teuton.

Joseph Palmer grew to manhood in the Fatherland, and it was not until after his marriage to Miss Josephine Kliler that he came to America in the hope of bettering his fortunes. They first located at Detroit, Michigan, but after working there some time Mr. Palmer crossed into Canada and made his home at Chatham, in the County of Kent, where he remained till 1847. By that time he had saved sufficient money to buy a farm, and he invested it in a tract of 100 acres of wild land in Concession 3, Lot 18, Tilbury North. He and his wife were almost the first settlers in a region wholly unbroken and they underwent all the hardships and dangers incident to pioneer life. Mr. Palmer built a log house, by dint of hard work got his land cleared before long, erected barns, etc., and settled down to farming and stock raising. He prospered and in time replaced the first rude home with a good frame house. He and his devoted wife both died there, he in 1883, and she in 1894, and they were buried in the cemetery of the St. Francis Catholic Church, to which they belonged. There were eight children in their family, as follows: Frank, deceased; Lanie, wife of John Arnew, of Tilbury North township; Maggie, deceased wife of Henry Arnew; Bridget, unmarried; Ambrose, deceased; Elizabeth, wife of Alexander Cassidy, of Tilbury; Peter, deceased; and John. The father, Joseph Palmer, was a man greatly liked and respected by all who knew him; in politics he was a Conservative.

John Palmer was born at the homestead Feb. 2, 1865, and spent his boyhood there, helping his father and attending the district school. Only eighteen years old when his father died, he and

his brother bravely shouldered the responsibility of carrying on the farm, and when his brother, too, was taken away, John Palmer became the sole owner of the place. He has added to the original tract until he is now operating 300 acres. In addition to his farming he became in 1885 partner with Theodore Ouellette in a threshing, corn-shelling and clover hulling business and for all these years has been thus engaged, the two men between them having about \$4,000 invested in the machinery.

In 1892, at Stony Point, Mr. Palmer was married to Josephine McGuire, who was born at that place, daughter of Simon McGuire, a well-known farmer of the township. Mr. and Mrs. Palmer have had four children, Capitola, Nellie, Ruth and Ruby. The family are all connected with St. Francis Catholic Church.

Mr. Palmer is a Conservative in his political principles. He is not at all a politician, but has always been keenly interested in local affairs, an interest that received due recognition in 1894 by his election to the office of deputy reeve. Mr. Palmer is very domestic in his tastes and most unassuming in his demeanor, and is an unusually well-read man, fully informed on all current events. Quiet though he is, his worth is clearly discerned by all his friends and neighbors.

GORDON FOX, a thrifty farmer and president of the Erie Tobacco Company, of Windsor, is a member of one of the old pioneer families of this locality.

Great-grandfather Jacob Fox married Madeline Wigle, and their children were: Julianna married John Snyder; John J.; Jacob married Elizabeth Lypps; Susan married George McLean; Sarah married John Arner; Ann married George Noble; William married Eliza Young.

Grandfather John J. Fox was born in Colchester, March 22, 1814, and married Elizabeth Godwin, who was born March 1, 1819, in England. The following family was born to this marriage: William, who died at the age of seventeen years; Melinda, who married William H. Lovelace; Alexa, who married Samuel Foster, of Kingsville; and Darius, father of Gordon. John J. Fox, father of this family, began as a farmer on the present Zenas Orton farm, then consisting of 200 acres, and he underwent the privations incident to a pioneer life. He added to his holdings until he had 500 acres, and continued farming until 1880, when he came to Ruthven, and lived retired until his death which occurred June 1, 1902, when he was 88 years

of age. His wife died Sept. 10, 1900, aged eighty-two years, and both are interred in Ruthven cemetery.

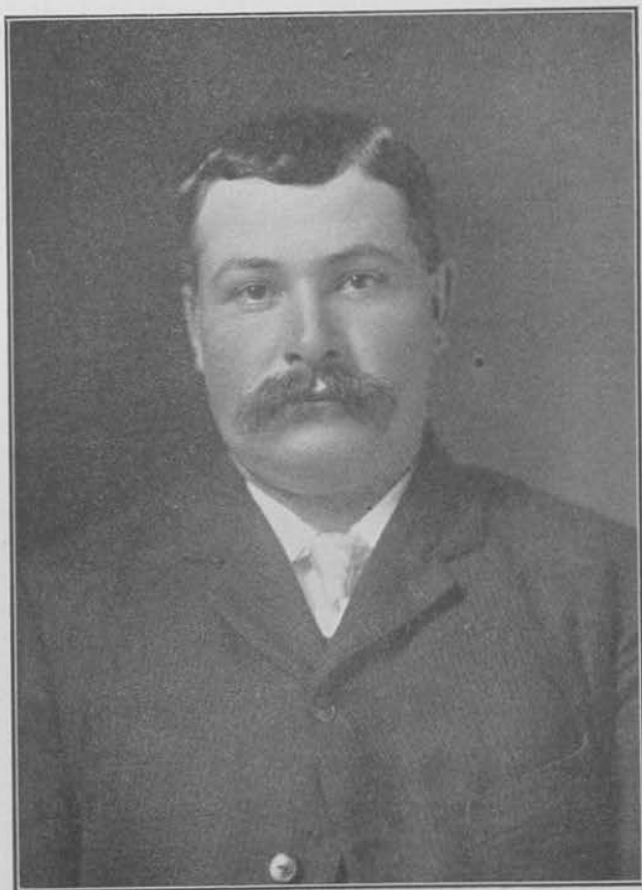
Darius Fox was born on the homestead farm north of Olinda, Oct. 30, 1845, and there he grew to manhood, and came into possession of the property. Upon it he resided until the time of the sale in 1880, at which period he moved to Ruthven, and engaged in teaming and in other lines until 1888, when he purchased 100 acres in Lot 10, Concession 2, generally known as the Henry Wigle farm. There he made his home until his death, which was brought on by an accident in which he dislocated his neck, although he lived for eight years thereafter. His death occurred June 18, 1899, his widow surviving.

On Nov. 1, 1867, Darius Fox married Emily, the eldest daughter of Zenas Orton, and to this union have been born: Gordon; and Carrie, born Nov. 14, 1876, married Charles Wigle, Jr., of Albertville.

Gordon Fox was born on the old farm Aug. 4, 1869, and was eleven years of age when the family moved to Ruthven, where he was educated. After completing his school course, he engaged in farming under his father's superintendence, and after the latter's accident, young Gordon assumed sole charge of the farm. When he was twenty-nine years of age, all four of his grandparents were still living. After his father's death he came into possession of the property, and carries on general farming. In addition to his other interests, Mr. Fox is president of the Erie Tobacco Company, and has been for the past three years. This concern has done much to advance the price of tobacco in this country. Like his father and grandfather Mr. Fox is a Grit. The family has always attended the Methodist Church. For the past three years he has served as secretary and treasurer of the Ruthven school.

On Nov. 4, 1891, Mr. Fox married Clara Bunn, a native of Maidstone township, and the following children have come to them: Ezra Wilson, Orville Stanley, Sylvia Myrtle and Lena Pearl. Mrs. Clara (Bunn) Fox was born in Maidstone Oct. 20, 1866, daughter of Samuel and Martha (Wilson) Bunn, the former of whom was a farmer all his days. After many years' residence in Maidstone, he removed to Gosfield South, where his widow lives.

JOHN WARREN, who passed away Jan. 20, 1904, was for many years one of the promi-



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nent figures in the life of Essex County, and one of the most popular and beloved men in his community. He was born in Anderdon July 12, 1851, son of Luke and Penelope (Cook) Warren, of Ireland.

Luke Warren and his wife were both born in the town of Galway, where they grew up and married before coming to Canada, in 1846. They came via New York and were six weeks on the ocean after sighting land, as a storm came up that drove the vessel back to sea and kept it battling with the wind and waves all these weary weeks before a landing was possible. They arrived in Amherstburg in 1847, and Mr. Warren first worked for John C. Crawford as a wood chopper in Anderdon. Later he worked in the Amherstburg stone quarry, which was in operation at that time, and there earned money enough to buy the present Warren farm, in the 3rd Concession, then all brush land. Starting life there as a farmer, he erected a log house, where he lived until his death in 1872; his wife, who shared his early hardships, died in 1879. They were consistent members of the Catholic Church and among the founders and builders of the Amherstburg Church. In politics Mr. Warren was a Conservative.

In the family of Luke Warren were seven children, only two of whom are living: Thomas and Bridget are deceased; Michael was drowned when a child; Maggie died young; Mary A., born in Anderdon in 1848, is the wife of John Graveline, of Detroit, and has one daughter, Josie; Catherine, born in 1853, is the wife of Denis Cronin, of Hamilton, where he is foreman in a stone quarry; John was the last surviving son of this old family.

Patrick Warren, only brother of Luke, came to Canada, and is still living in Amherstburg. He is married but has no family.

John Warren grew up in Anderdon, where he received a district school education. He continued from boyhood on the farm, where he became manager when quite young, owing to the death of the father, which threw all the responsibility of the family on him. Mr. Warren was married in March, 1876, to Miss Jane Morrow, born in Amherstburg in 1854, daughter of William and Sarah Morrow, who came from Ireland in 1846 and settled in Amherstburg, where he worked at his trade as a ship carpenter until his death, in 1879. His wife and five children are still living. The children are: John, of Anderdon; Catherine, of Amherstburg, who married Capt. Richard Tobin; Jane, the widow of Mr.

Warren; Daniel, of Windsor; and David, also of Windsor. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Warren settled on the old Warren homestead, which has been the family home to the present time. In 1884 he erected the house in which the family is now living, a comfortable place with modern equipment, while he also built one of the barns and made many improvements on the old place. He added to the homestead 200 acres, owning an estate of 300 acres of farm land.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren had a family of nine children: Millie, born in March, 1877, married Albert Burns, of Anderdon, who resides on his farm in the 3d Concession; they have one son, Warren B. Ralph, born in 1879, is a sailor on the Lakes; he is unmarried. Harold, born in 1881, unmarried, lives at home, as do also Josie, born in 1883; Rena, born in 1886; Ethel, born in 1888; Earl, born in 1891; Elsie, born in 1893; and Ivan, born in 1895. Religiously this family are all members of the Catholic Church.

Mr. Warren always voted with the Conservative party. He never aspired to office, although he held the position of school trustee for one term, but he was always one of those, nevertheless, whose opinions carried weight, and whose influence was widely felt. Mr. Warren was one of the active farmers of his section from early manhood until 1891, when he was prostrated by the grip, which left him confined to the house the greater part of the time, and he was living retired at the time of his death. He was loved and esteemed by all who knew him, for his kindly disposition, and had a host of friends whose hearts were made sad by his lingering illness and death. His kindly greetings are missed by the neighbors among whom he spent all the years of his life as one of their close associates and trusted friends, while his absence is also keenly felt in the church, where he was a constant attendant for many years. His remains rest in the Catholic cemetery in Anderdon.

ROBERT MANERY, postmaster at Hillman, and a well-known farmer of Mersea township, County of Essex, where he is widely known as one of the loyal and upright citizens of Ontario, is a native of Glasgow, Scotland, born Sept. 15, 1839, son of William Manery.

William Manery was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, and there he passed his youth and young manhood. He learned the trade of weaver, and then went to Scotland, where his ability won him employment in the weaving of the famous shawls for which that country is noted. In his new

home he married Annie McGill, who bore him three children, William, James and Robert. She died shortly after the birth of the third child, and the father, foreseeing wider opportunities for himself and his children in the New World, determined to come to America. Accompanied by his little ones and a maiden sister he left Scotland on a sailing vessel, in 1841, and after several weeks on the water, reached Quebec. Coming thence to Ontario, he located near Hamilton, in the County of Halton. Finding no opportunity in the little developed country for his trade, he abandoned it, and engaged in lumbering, for many years owning and operating a sawmill, and he also engaged in farming. In 1870 he came to the County of Essex, and located on a 200-acre tract in Mersea township, with his son James, and he remained there several years, but spent his last days in Leamington, dying there in 1885. His remains are buried in Lake View cemetery. In his political views he was a staunch adherent to Conservative principles, and while in the County of Halton served as school trustee. Before coming to America he had been a member of the Church of England, but in Canada he joined the Methodists. His second wife was a Miss Moffitt, and his third Mary Jane Manery, who bore him one child, Annie (who married William Davidson), and who survives, making her home in Leamington.

Robert Manery was but a year and a half old when his father brought him to the New World. Deprived of a mother's fostering care, his childhood's path was a thorny one. His education was limited to the district schools of a newly-opened country, and was most primitive. He made excellent use of his opportunities, however, and being naturally thorough in all he did, he learned well the little taught in school, thus laying a good foundation for the wider education he has gained through reading and observation. From a very early age he assisted his father in the sawmill and on the farm. In 1872 he came to Mersea township, where he purchased fifty acres of land, at six dollars per acre, on Lot 18, Concession 2. There were no roads and few settlers in his vicinity, but with the work of clearing his land he had no time to miss associates. He built a log house, 18 by 26, containing three rooms. To this home he brought his young wife, who bravely faced the hardships of the wilderness. By incessant hard work, close economy and strict attention to business, he succeeded in clearing his land, and in improving it with fine barns and outbuildings, and in 1898 he

erected a commodious brick dwelling. The farm is well cultivated, and its neat appearance shows well the thrift and personal care of the owner. His home is the most pretentious in the Concession.

Just at the time when Mr. Manery saw the end of a life of toil, and found himself able to rest, serene in the comfort of a well-earned holiday, he was, on Jan. 25, 1903, stricken with paralysis, and since then he has been confined to the house, dependent on others. He has suffered much pain, but he bears it with Christian fortitude, and in his darkest hours finds ever at his side the faithful wife, whose devotion has never faltered through the days and years of toil, privation and suffering. She has, indeed, borne her part, and now is the unwearying nurse and comforter in his hour of physical pain and helplessness. In this she is assisted by a loving daughter, who is untiring in her ministrations to the wants and wishes of her parents. In 1893 Mr. and Mrs. Manery visited the World's Fair in Chicago.

Like his father, Mr. Manery is a Conservative, and has always taken a deep interest in public affairs, especially in the advancement of the schools. He is a firm believer in education, and he feels, too, that in the school room, as well as in the home, must be instilled the lessons of loyalty and patriotism that make good citizens, faithful and true to their country under all circumstances. He, himself, is intensely patriotic, devoted to his country as a British subject. He was school trustee at Hillman, and he, for many years, served as a member of the township council. During his term many improvements were made in the roads and bridges, and he was one of the supporters and advocates of the drainage of the Point Pelee marsh. Mr. Manery served as deputy reeve, which gave him a seat on the county council board for three years. He belongs to the Loyal Orange Association, and filled the office of master in the order at Hillman. He is a member of Imeson Lodge, always taking a deep interest in the work of the association. Loyalty forms the keynote of his character; whatever he believes to be his duty, that he straightway endeavors to perform, and he can be relied upon implicitly when once his promise has been given. In the business world, and in public and private life, he has shown himself to be a man of the highest integrity, consistent always in following the principles he advocates.

In 1882 Mr. Manery was appointed postmas-

ter at Hillman, and since then he has filled that office to the utmost satisfaction of the people. For some years he was a correspondent for the *Windsor Record*, but since his health failed he has given it up.

In 1865, in the County of Norfolk, Ont., Mr. Manery was united in marriage with Mary Isabel Tester, daughter of Henry Tester, and sister of Mrs. C. L. Wingrove, of Mersea township. Thirteen children blessed this union: (1) Emily Jane, who married Isaac Livingstone, and lives in Leamington, has six children, Robert, Ella, Frederick, Ethel, Blanche and Percy. (2) Eliza Jane, who married Reuben Fox, has four children, Orrin R., Ernest, Basil and Walter. (3) Alice Mabel married James Hutchinson, of Gosfield, and has four children, Stanley, Clarence, Gertrude and Prosper. (4) Jessie is at home caring for her parents. (5) William Henry married Pearl Fulmer, of Colchester, Ont. (6) James Thomas, married Myrtle Fox, and has one daughter, Lina F. (7) Charles is the next in the family. (8) Lula Maude married Everett Fox, of Mersea township, and has one son, Clifford. (9) John is a tailor in Leamington. (10) Ruby, (11) Frank, (12) Dell, and (13) Cora Belle, died in infancy. Both Mr. and Mrs. Manery are members of the Methodist Church, and are active in all its good work. They are kind and charitable, and extend a helping hand to the sick and needy. It is given to but few people in the world to be as highly esteemed and so universally beloved.

JESSE HAMMOND, who is located on his farm on Concession 13, Lot 12, Colchester North, is well known in his locality as a skilled and competent carpenter, as well as a farmer. Mr. Hammond was born in July, 1845, at Long Point, on Lake Erie, Canada, a son of Richard and Eliza (Young) Hammond, both of whom were born in England.

In 1837 Mr. and Mrs. Hammond came to Canada, and they settled at Long Point for some years, but later moved to London, Ont., where Mr. Hammond was watchman at Westminster, serving acceptably for twenty-five years, until his death in 1878; he was survived by his widow until 1886. They had children as follows born to them: Jane, deceased, born in England, married William Walker, of London; Sarah, born in Canada, married Alexander Johnston, of London, Ont.; Levi, born in Canada, is a brewer of London; Isah and Mercy M. died after attaining maturity; Jesse is the subject of this sketch.

Jesse Hammond was educated in the schools of London, and since he has grown to manhood has been engaged in farming and carpenter work. In 1866 he married Mary A. Johnston, who was born in October, 1850, near London, Ont., daughter of William and Bella Johnston, pioneer people of that locality. Mr. and Mrs. Hammond settled first on a farm of fifty acres which he owned at Westminster, but soon after removed to London, where he was engaged as a carpenter by the firm of Geary Bros. for nine years. Here he became possessed of considerable real estate. He is a man of excellent business qualifications, and he disposed of his farming land, taking in exchange city lots upon which he built a number of houses, in various portions of the town. These met with ready sale and after disposing of all of them, Mr. Hammond, in 1880, came to County Essex and purchased land in Gosfield North, where he immediately cleared up fifty acres and erected substantial and attractive buildings. After a residence of twelve years here, he sold this farm in 1892, and removed to Windsor. Here he also bought property, and worked four years at his trade. In 1896 Mr. Hammond bought a tract of wild land on Concession 13, Colchester North, where he has fifty acres under cultivation, and in the short space of seven years has completely transformed the appearance of his property. He has built a great bank barn and a most attractive modern house, all finished in hardwood and fitted with all improvements possible in a rural section. Everything bespeaks thrift and comfort.

Mr. and Mrs. Hammond have had a family of nine children born to them, as follows: Bella, born in Westminster, married Patrick McLean, of Gosfield, and they have four children. Miss Lizzie, born in Westminster, resides at Windsor, Ont. Sarah, born in London, is the wife of Robert Medlin, who is telegraph operator at Elmo Station, on the Michigan Central railroad, and they have three children. Richard, born in London, is unmarried, and is assisting at home. Mary A. is an intelligent young lady, who has been educated in the high schools of London and Windsor. Jesse, born in Gosfield township, was educated in the schools of Gosfield and Windsor. Frances, John and George, all born in Gosfield, are well educated.

Politically Mr. Hammond is independent, voting as his judgment dictates. Religiously he is associated with the Church of England. The family enjoy the esteem of all who know them. Mr. Hammond is well known all over the county,

and his record is that of an honest, high-principled man, one who is generous and charitable, who supports the laws of both church and country, and sets an example of first-class citizenship.

WILLIAM A. GRUBB, Sr., who has been a resident of Point Pelee, in the County of Essex, for over thirty years, and for a long period was the keeper of the Dummey Lighthouse, at Point Pelee, was born March 2, 1850, in Colchester township, County of Essex.

Mr. Grubb comes of Scotch ancestry. John Grubb, his grandfather, was born in Scotland in the vicinity of Edinburgh, and emigrated to Canada, settling in Weston, near Toronto, where he followed farming and operated a distillery. Later he became the owner of real estate in different parts of Ontario, owning 400 acres in Colchester township, County of Essex. His death took place at Weston, where he was one of the most substantial men of the place. In religious views the family was reared in the Presbyterian Church, and in politics, he was a Reformer, and he served as county warden.

Walter Grubb, father of William A. Grubb, was born in Edinburgh, and was twelve years of age when he accompanied his parents to Canada, where he grew to manhood, assisting his father and attending the schools in his neighborhood. While still a young man, he came to the County of Essex, and located on a farm of 200 acres which was given him by his father. This land was near Oxley, and an adjoining 200 acres was occupied by his sister, Mrs. Dr. Hawkins. Here Mr. Grubb began clearing up his large estate, and continued to live upon it through life, making many fine improvements, including a comfortable dwelling. He was a man of intelligence and public spirit, was a promoter of education and religion, and was one of the leading supporters of the Liberal party in this section. He encouraged agricultural combinations, and was one of the first members of the Mersea Agricultural Society. Mr. Grubb kept abreast of the times, followed improved methods of farming and kept fine stock. His death took place in advanced life, and he was buried in the Sackville cemetery. For a number of years he was a member of the Loyal Orange Association.

Mr. Grubb married Nancy McCormick, of Colchester township, daughter of the late Alexander and Mary (Lidwell) McCormick, and a granddaughter of the first Alexander McCor-

mick who settled in the County of Essex. Mrs. Grubb died at the home of her daughter at Harrow, Colchester township, at the age of seventy-eight years, and was laid to rest by the side of her husband. Both were consistent members of the Church of England. They had twelve children, and we have record of: John, a resident of Michigan; William A.; Mary, now the wife of Alexander Buchanan, of Colchester township; Miss Susan, of Harrow; Lavina, deceased wife of Walter Grubb; and Edward, of Harrow.

William A. Grubb spent his boyhood days on his father's farm, attending the district schools in his township, which at that time were very poorly equipped, giving few advantages. When he was sixteen years of age, he left home to make his own way in the world, crossing to Pelee Island, in search of employment. Here he found work on a fishing-boat belonging to Thomas and Arthur McCormick, and was engaged at wages of \$20 a month during the busy season. His winters were spent in cutting wood and in other work. After three years he embarked in fishing on his own account, coming then to Point Pelee, where he followed this industry for five years, buying his own fishing ground and finding his market at Sandusky, Ohio. This business he still continues, now on a large scale, with the assistance of his three sons, operating seventeen fish pounds. The products of this large fishery are contracted for by Post & Co., of Sandusky, Ohio, with whom Mr. Grubb has had business dealings for thirty-two years.

In addition to his large fishery interest, Mr. Grubb owns other real estate, some 100 acres of marsh land (on which his son George B. is residing and which he is operating), and forty-two acres at the Point, and also has an interest in ninety more acres. In 1879 he was appointed keeper of the lighthouse at Point Pelee, to succeed his father-in-law, James Edwards, and he held this responsible position until 1894. He has also been connected with the life-saving crew at Point Pelee, and has made a record for courage and efficiency. They did this work gratuitously. On April 1, 1886, Mr. Grubb, in company with Adam Oper, James Rugglesworth, John De Laurier, Elias Mooney, and John Enright, saved the crews of the schooners "Venetta" and "Star of Hope," which were wrecked off Point Pelee on that date, and, in recognition of his bravery, he was presented by President Grover Cleveland, of the United States, with a

gold watch, chain and anchor charm. On the watch is inscribed: "From the President of the United States of America, to Mr. William A. Grubb for bravery in rescuing the crews of the 'Vennetta' and 'Star of Hope,' on the 1st of April, 1886." Each of those who were associated with him in the rescue received a gold medal. Mr. Grubb has on more occasions proved his brave and courageous spirit, and has preserved life on both the east and west side of Point Pelee. He is a true mariner, and has passed many years of his life on the water.

For many years Mr. Grubb has been connected with the Masonic fraternity, belonging to the local lodge, where he is a Master Mason, and to the Chapter at Leamington; is also a member of the I. O. O. F. of Leamington. He belongs to the Church of England. In politics Mr. Grubb is independent. He is well read and intelligent, and looks on public matters in a broad-minded way. Few residents of Point Pelee are held in higher esteem, and visitors find in him a hospitable host, and leave him with feelings of warm admiration and respect.

At Kingsville, May 12, 1872, William A. Grubb married Miss Helen Edwards, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Richard Herrington, of the Baptist Church. Mrs. Grubb was born at Middle Bass Island, Ohio, March 23, 1846, a daughter of James Edwards, who for many years was the keeper of the Point Pelee lighthouse, and was the first to receive the appointment. Mrs. Grubb, like her husband, is noted for her hospitality, and is beloved as a devoted wife and mother and a kind neighbor. When sickness occurs in the village, it is her sympathetic hand which administers to those in trouble, and her Christian charity extends to all who need it. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Grubb were: James Walter, born Nov. 24, 1873, who is engaged in operating three fish pounds, makes his home with his parents; William A., born Jan. 6, 1875, who operates six fish pounds, married Lucina Chambers, of Mersea, daughter of Silas Chambers, and they have had two children, James Edison and Everett, who died young; Zenas Quick, born Nov. 2, 1878, died Dec. 7, 1878; and George B., born Jan. 9, 1880, who operates 100 acres owned by his father, married Martha Ferguson, daughter of Frank Ferguson, and they have one child, Hazel B. An adopted daughter, Helen Elizabeth, is also a member of the family.

EDWARDS. The Edwards family, of which Mrs. Grubb is a member, is of Welsh extraction.

James Edwards, her father, was born Nov. 28, 1814, at Bangor, Wales, son of Robert and Margaret (Abraham) Edwards, and a grandson of James Edwards, with whom he came to Canada among the early settlers. In 1835 he came to the County of Essex, and during the rebellion of 1837-38, he served under Capt. Tebeau, was taken prisoner by the Americans and was marched to Hog Island and condemned to death. Before the sentence was carried out, the regulars, under Capt. Prince, came to the rescue. He then settled in Ohio, but later removed to Point Pelee, where he engaged in fishing for some years, and then was appointed by the Dominion government the first keeper of the light at this point, a position he filled for twenty-three years, when he was superannuated, and passed the rest of his life with Mr. and Mrs. Grubb. He died June 20, 1884, and was buried in Lake View cemetery. In Leamington Mr. Edwards married Hannah Laird, who was born in Tubermore, Ireland, June 7, 1813, whom he had known in boyhood. She died at the home of Mrs. Grubb, June 12, 1890, and was laid to rest in Lake View cemetery. All over the Point she was known for the same admirable qualities which make Mrs. Grubb so much beloved. Mr. and Mrs. Edwards had three daughters: Elizabeth, born Feb. 14, 1843, married George Bickford, of Put-in-Bay, Ohio; Mary J., born May 23, 1845, married Zenas Quick, who was lost on Lake Erie; and Mrs. Grubb. The family is one highly respected wherever known.

PIERRE JOSEPH ORIET, a well-known farmer of Tilbury North, and a member of the council for that township, was born in the district of Delemont, Canton of Berne, Switzerland, Oct. 20, 1857.

Pierre Joseph Oriet, Sr., his father, was born in the same place, grew to manhood there, and learned the trade of a shoemaker, which he followed for several years before finally taking up farming. He married Mary Josephine Fleury, a native of the same canton, and they became the parents of the following children: Marie, unmarried; Pierre Joseph, Jr.; Mary Louise, wife of Francis Garant, of Tilbury North; and Anna, who married Joseph D. LeVesque, of the same locality. The family came to Canada in 1873, and settled in Tilbury North, County of Essex, Ont., where the father bought twenty-five acres in Concession 4. After building a log house and getting this tract cleared, he bought an additional twenty-five acres in the 3rd Concession,

which he also brought under cultivation, putting up several buildings on the combined property. His death, Feb. 16, 1884, was caused by a kick in the head from a horse which he was watering. His remains rest in the Catholic cemetery at Stony Point, beside those of his wife, who died six years later, Aug. 31, 1890. Both were members of the Church of the Annunciation and were devout Christians, honest, industrious and devoted to their home and children.

Pierre Joseph Oriet, Jr., spent his boyhood in his native land, where he was given an excellent education in the public schools in French. He was sixteen when his parents came to America, and after the family's removal to this country he worked with his father until the year before the latter's death, when he began working in the brickyard in Sandwich. After a year there he spent six months in the lumber regions of Michigan. When he had saved a little money he returned to Tilbury North and bought a twenty-five-acre tract of land which he cleared and improved and later increased by the addition of forty acres, which he also brought under cultivation. The original purchase he afterward sold, and bought instead sixty acres adjoining the rest of his land, which gave him a property of 100 acres in the 3rd Concession, Lot 7. After he had put this into good shape he added eighty acres more, most of which is now well cleared and improved. He is a hard worker, and makes his farm his first consideration.

In 1890, in the Catholic Church at Stony Point, Mr. Oriet married Virginia Deschamps, who was born in Tilbury North, daughter of Oliver Deschamps, at present a resident of Rochester township, County of Essex. To this union seven children have been born, Louis, Laurent, Lucien, Leo, Leoma, Lucide and Laurice. The parents are members of the Catholic Church, and are held in great respect for their admirable character.

Mr. Oriet is a strong Conservative and active in township politics; he is now filling his fifth term in the council of Tilbury North, having been first elected in 1899. He is trustee of the schools and has been both secretary and treasurer of the board. His business interests are not confined to his farm and stock raising, but he also holds stock and is a director in the cheese factory at Tilbury North. He is an active member of the C.M.B.A., uniting with Lodge No. 239, at Stony Point, and has always been influential in its management, as he has been vice-president, financial secretary, corresponding secre-

tary, and for the past two years one of the trustees. His ability, energy and willingness to serve the community make him a valuable citizen, and he is held in high esteem.

WILLIAM B. MATTHEWS, one of the prominent residents of Pelee Island, County of Essex, was born in Utica, New York, Aug. 18, 1837, a son of Robert and Mary (Kelly) Matthews, and one in a family of six children, three of whom survive: Mary, Mrs. McCarroll, of Bucyrus, Ohio; Jane, married to Alfred Hartshorn, of Missouri; and William B.

Robert Matthews, the father, was born at Bradford, England, and on a trip through the States met and married his wife, settling at Utica, New York, where he engaged in a soap and candle business in which he met with marked success. Later, however, he lost much of his fortune in grain speculations, and died while still a comparatively young man, in 1840. The mother was born in New York, of Irish parents, who first emigrated to Scotland, and later to Troy, New York.

When only eight years of age William B. Matthews went to live with his grandfather Kelly, with whom he remained three years, when he went to sea, and continued a seafaring life for four years with a brother-in-law, Capt. Sackett, plying on the lakes. He then served a four years' apprenticeship at the tinner's trade, but this line of trade not agreeing with him he began fishing, and has since continued this business with remarkable success.

Mr. Matthews married Miss Dencie Chapman, of Put-in-Bay, and four children were born to this marriage, only one of whom survives, Fred, of Marlette, Michigan. Although he has resided on Pelee Island for the past twenty-two years, Mr. Matthews engages in fishing on Put-in-Bay Island and Sugar Island. In politics he is a Liberal; he has never sought or desired office. His excellent wife is a member of the Church of England, and they are very highly esteemed among a large circle of neighbors and friends.

DAVID McLAREN KEMP, the oldest furniture dealer and undertaker of Amherstburg, is descended from one of the pioneer families of the County of Essex, United Empire Loyalists, who located here during the disturbed times prior to the Revolutionary War. His grandfather, David Kemp, was the founder of the family in Amherstburg, coming from his native State of Massachusetts, and after settling in this

place he kept a hotel for many years, becoming one of the leading men of the community. He married and became the father of the following family of children: Andrew, a carpenter, who lived for some time in Amherstburg, but later became a government engineer; Simon, the father of David M.; Sophia, who married Alanson Botsford; another daughter who married a brother of Alanson Botsford; Amanda, married to Henry Wright; Ann, wife of Asa Wilcox; and Sarah, who died unmarried.

Simon Kemp, the father of our subject, was born in Amherstburg, in 1815, and there married Elizabeth Brush, who was born in the County of Essex in 1819. By trade Simon Kemp was a carpenter, but for many years he engaged in mercantile business in Amherstburg. Politically he was a Reformer, and religiously he and his wife were members of the Presbyterian Church, in which faith they died in Amherstburg, Mr. Kemp in the year of 1889. To Simon Kemp and his wife thirteen children were born, namely: Jane Lucinda married Robert McCormick. Isabella Melinda married Andrew Gibb. Andrew Rood married Emma Baker, and he is a merchant at Trenton, Michigan. Simon Wallace lives on Pelee Island. Charles Henry married Mary Garardon, second a Miss Barrow, and third Nellie Stover. Thomas James married Catherine Rutledge. Augusta is deceased. David McLaren is mentioned below. John George married Esther Boufford, and is in the livery business as Windsor. Sarah Elizabeth married John Fraser, of Amherstburg. Rebecca Ann married Samuel Heard. Ellen Margaret married Robert Healey. Arthur A. married Sarah Churchill.

David M. Kemp was born in Amherstburg, Feb. 8, 1854, and with the exception of about seven years he has always lived in that place. He was educated in the public schools of Amherstburg, and in February, 1882, embarked in a furniture and upholstering business, and now enjoys the distinction of being the oldest business man engaged in that line in the town. In 1884 he added undertaking to his other lines, and has every modern appliance known to the business. Politically he is a Reformer, but aside from serving for a year in the town council and the same length of time upon the school board he has devoted his time and attention to his private affairs.

In 1879 Mr. Kemp married Miss Mary Heard, who was born near London, Ont., in 1853, and is a daughter of John and Maria (Pin-

comb) Heard. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Kemp: Annie Clara and Charles, both deceased; Mary Norma; William, deceased; Richard Stanley; and Harry David.

EZRA L. PARK, a prominent jeweler of Essex, County Essex, was born in County Haldimand, Ont., June 18, 1859, a son of Peter and Harriet (Lemon) Park, old pioneers of that county. Peter Park was born in the county, and his wife in County Norfolk, Ont., she being a daughter of Jacob Lemon, who came to Canada from Pennsylvania. Peter Park was a son of Halsey Park, who was also born in Pennsylvania, came to Canada, and settled upon a farm in County Haldimand; he also taught music. He left the following family: Michael, living in Haldimand; Philip, of County Norfolk, who is married and has a family; Ezra, now of County Haldimand; John, a resident of that county; Peter; Helen, deceased, who married A. H. Wright, of West Virginia; and Asuba, deceased, who married Robert Montgomery, of County Montgomery.

Peter Park, the father of our subject, was a manufacturer of lumber, hoops and staves, and also engaged in farming during his active life, making County Haldimand his permanent home, and dying there in October, 1859, when his son Ezra was but a child. He left a wife and four children. He and his wife were both old Wesleyan Methodists, and they carried out in their lives the Golden Rule, and were active workers in the church. All of their children were born in County Haldimand, and they were as follows: Halsey, born in 1847, is a jeweler of Wingham, County Huron, and is one of the leading men in his line in that county; he has been married three times, and has eight children by his first and second marriages, of whom are named, Elizabeth, now Mrs. Lang, of County Norfolk; Maurice, of Brandon; Annie, married and living in Wingham; John; Alice; Florence. Jacob, born in 1852, is a general merchant of Detroit; he married a Miss Babcock, of Canada, and their children are, Blanche, Zella, Leon, Frank and Ralph, all unmarried. Catherine, born in 1854, married George Mitson, a resident of Simcoe, County Norfolk; they have no family.

Ezra L. Park, the youngest member of the family, received his early education in the public schools near his home, and when he was fifteen years of age entered his brother's store and learned the trade of jeweler. In 1881 he opened the first jewelry store in Essex, beginning upon

a small scale, in the drug store of John Thorne, and later he worked for John Mason, who opened a large store in Essex, and continued with him a short time. Then he began business for himself in Essex, where he has since remained. In time he bought real estate, upon which he erected two houses, and he owns other property in the city and vicinity.

In November, 1886, Mr. Park married Miss Mary M. Vanatter, born in County Wellington; she was reared and educated in Leamington, where her parents, William and Amanda (Kenney) Vanatter, now reside. Mr. Park brought his bride to his present home in Essex, and they have since resided here. To their marriage was born one son, Hadley V., who was taken away in childhood. Religiously both have been reared in the faith of the Methodist Church, and they are very prominent in that body. The political affiliations of Mr. Park are and have always been with the Liberal party, and for four years he has been one of the leading members of the Essex council. He is one of the trustees of the high school, having always taken a deep interest in educational matters. Mr. Park is now serving as president of the Essex Agricultural Fair of Essex, and always takes a very spirited part in the society, the success attained by it being largely due to his efforts.

Fraternally he is a popular member of the Order of Odd Fellows, belonging to Enterprise Lodge, of Essex, No. 214, of which he is a past grand, and was treasurer during the years they erected their fine brick hall, during which time he brought all of his financial ability to bear upon the conduct of his office. He is also a member of Central Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Essex. Mr. Park is without any doubt one of the leading men of County Essex, as well as foremost in his branch of commercial industry. Honorable in all of his dealings, thoroughly intelligent in his business methods, a good citizen and loyal friend, he is not only beloved in his home circle, but among a large contingent of friends who know and fully appreciate his many excellent traits of character.

JOHN RYAN, a successful mason of Amherstburg and a member of the city council, is descended from Irish parentage. The first of the family of whom any definite data are known is his father, Mathew Ryan, a native of Ireland, where he was born in 1790—and followed farming. In his native land he married Winifred Casey, also born in Ireland, and in 1847 they

came to Montreal, where the wife died within twenty-four hours after landing. After this sad occurrence the family moved to Belleville, Ont., where they lived eight years, and here John learned his trade of mason. In 1855 John Ryan left Belleville for Detroit, Michigan, where he followed his trade for a time, travelling through the Southern States in the winter for six years. In 1861 he returned to Amherstburg, and has since then made that town his home. Politically he is a Conservative, and in 1891 was honored by election to the council, and with the exception of the years 1897 and 1900 has been a member of that body continuously ever since. During his occupancy of that position he has served on two committees, Finance and Property and Fire, Light and Water. From 1872 to 1875 he was trustee of the separate school at Amherstburg.

On Sept. 2, 1862, Mr. Ryan married Miss Mary Malone, who was born in Ireland in 1832 and died in Amherstburg Nov. 1, 1901. One child came to this marriage, a son, born in June, 1864, who died in infancy. They have an adopted daughter, Nellie, who has had a very pleasant home with her foster parents. They are all consistent members of the Roman Catholic Church of Amherstburg, and fraternally Mr. Ryan is a member of the C. M. B. A.

Among other important buildings upon which Mr. Ryan has done work are the parish house, the addition to the convent, the brick part of the Horseman block and the public school building. He has also been employed by C. D. Waterman, of Detroit, at his trade for five years. By hard, unremitting labor Mr. Ryan has accumulated a sufficient amount to keep him in his declining years from want, and he has also gained the entire confidence and respect of the community.

LEONARD WIGLE, a well-known retired citizen of Mersea township, has lived there all his life. He comes of one of the oldest and best-known families of the County of Essex, and is a worthy representative of the name, for he has led a life of industry and usefulness. His successful career as a farmer did not shut out other interests, for he found time for activity in different lines, especially the religious life of his community, where he has long been widely known as a leading member of the Methodist Church.

John Wendell Wigle, the great-grandfather of Leonard, and the first of the name in this country, was born about 1753 in Germany. When

approaching middle age he came to Canada, settling about 1792 in the township of Gosfield, County of Essex. However, he had long made his home on this side of the Atlantic, for in 1776 he married in York, Pennsylvania, Julianna Romerin (now pronounced Romer), who died in May, 1824. They reared a family of eleven children, namely: John married Susanna Scratch. Wendell married Isabella Scratch. Kate married Theodore Malott. Elizabeth married Michael Fox. Sarah married Solomon Shepley. Maud married Jacob Fox. Julianna married George Fox. Mary married Peter Scratch. Joseph married Euphemie Miller. Christopher married Mary Wilkinson. Michael married (first) Julianna Toffelmeyer, and (second) Prudence Chaplin.

John Wigle, eldest son of John Wendell, was born Dec. 21, 1778, at Little York, Pennsylvania, and came with his parents to Canada, spending the remainder of his life in the township of Gosfield. He died there Jan. 28, 1871, at the advanced age of ninety-two years. On Feb. 9, 1802, in Amherstburg, John Wigle married Susanna Kratz, daughter of Leonard Kratz (this name is now Scratch). Mrs. Wigle was born July 23, 1775, on Hog Island, Michigan, and died at the home in Gosfield, Jan. 29, 1860, in her seventy-fifth year. She was the mother of fifteen children: (1) Mary, born Feb. 10, 1803, married Nov. 8, 1820, John Roe, and died Dec. 4, 1827. (2) Leonard, born March 14, 1804, is mentioned below. (3) Julianne, born June 4, 1805, married Peter Malott. (4) Wendell, born Sept. 9, 1806, married Hannah Hairsine. (5) Isabelle, born June 2, 1808, married Thomas Williams. (6) Joseph, born Oct. 8, 1809, married Sarah Steward. (7) Peter, born Aug. 25, 1811, married Mary Augustin. (8) Susanna, born Nov. 18, 1813, married John Iler. (9) John, born Sept. 19, 1815, married Ann Randall. (10) Sarah, born Sept. 8, 1818, married Joseph Coatsworth. (11) Robert, born May 24, 1820, married Elizabeth Williams. (12) Solomon, born May 14, 1822, married Anne Iler. (13) Adam, born June 14, 1824, married Lucinda Buchanan. (14) Nancy Jane, born June 1, 1828, married Louis Jaspersen. (15) Michael, born March 15, 1831, married Jane Crow. The last named is the only survivor, and he resides in Kingsville, Ont.

Leonard Wigle, son of John, was born on the homestead in Gosfield township, March 14, 1804, and grew to manhood in the place of his nativity. When he concluded to try farming on his

own account he came to Mersea township, locating on the north side of Talbot street, where he bought a bush farm of 200 acres. Here he erected a log house and commenced the work of clearing, succeeding so well that much of his land was under a fine state of cultivation during his lifetime. His efforts in the line of agriculture were well repaid, but he did not give all his time to farming, for a number of years keeping a tavern, in which business he also prospered. Mr. Wigle was a quiet, unassuming man, but he was nevertheless widely known, and his generosity and kind-hearted disposition made him beloved by all. He was commonly known as "Uncle" Leonard.

On Nov. 16, 1824, Leonard Wigle was married, in Gosfield, to Jane Hairsine, who was no less noted for kindness of heart and goodness than her husband; they were remarkably well mated in this respect. She was known by young and old as "Aunt" Jane, and during the thirty-eight years that she and her husband conducted the tavern they made many friends, proving ideal hosts. Mrs. Wigle was born Nov. 8, 1805, in Yorkshire, England, daughter of Charles Hairsine, and died on the homestead, Oct. 31, 1881. Mr. Wigle also died there, Feb. 27, 1878, and their remains rest in Lake View cemetery. Both were members of the Methodist Church, and in politics he was a staunch Conservative. He served at Sandwich during the Rebellion of 1837-38. Mr. and Mrs. Wigle were the parents of nine children, and in spite of her busy life she was a most devoted mother. We have the following record of the family: (1) Charles married (first) Charlotte Wiper, and (second) Mary Ann Girty. (2) John, who resides in Leamington, Ont., married Jane Gaines. (3) Susan married Eli Deming, and, for her second husband, Horace Deming. (4) Alexander married Mary Ann Lovelace. (5) Leonard is mentioned below. (6) Mary married (first) John Deming, and (second) George Russell. (7) Rebecca died at the age of four. (8) Robert married Jane Scratch. (9) Jane married Cordon Palmer, and died May 26, 1875.

Leonard Wigle, son of Leonard, was born on the old homestead, June 8, 1836, and there grew to manhood, amid all the hardships of pioneer life. He attended a little log school house during his boyhood, and later assisted his parents, with whom he remained on the old place until he was twenty-two years old. Having then decided to start farming on his own account, he invested

in 200 acres of bush land in Mersea township, beginning as his father had done. He put up a small frame dwelling, and until 1902 devoted his time to clearing and cultivating his land, engaging in general farming and tobacco growing. He was among the first in this section to undertake the raising of tobacco, and was one of the most extensive growers of that product during his active years. In 1870 he built a brick dwelling, one of the first on the road, and in 1902, when he decided to retire from farming, he put up a fine brick dwelling on the place, just west of the old home. This place is fitted with all modern improvements, and is a most comfortable residence, and here Mr. Wigle and his wife are now enjoying the fruits of years of labor, in which he was unusually successful. He has not been particularly active in public life, although a staunch Conservative, but the Methodist Church has found in him one of its most faithful workers. He has been a member for over thirty years, and has been active in all its interests, serving as recording secretary and class-leader. His tastes are strictly domestic, and he carries his religion into his every-day life, family prayer having been the rule in his home for many years. Mr. Wigle has led an upright life in all his relations with his fellowmen, and has reared a family which reflects great credit on his example and training.

On Nov. 22, 1856, Mr. Wigle was married to Sarah Ann Kimball, who has proved a worthy helpmeet to her husband in their home and religious life, she being also a devout member of the Methodist Church. Thirteen children have come into their home, as follows: Colista, who married Cord Palmer, resides in Kingsville, and has two children; Cordelia, now deceased, married Albert Chamberlain; Ida, wife of Albert Raycraft, resides in Fostoria, Ohio, and has one child; Ada, who married Alexander Anderson, of London, Ont., has two children; Ella, deceased, married Zacharias Wigle, and had four children; Louis G. died when two years old; Wilson B., a resident of Los Angeles, California, married Mary Luke, and has two children; Jason, a brick manufacturer and farmer in the township of Mersea, married Letta Walkerson, and has two children; Frederick J. is on the homestead; Nora married Wallace Mackenzie, of Leamington, and has two children; Nellie, wife of Charles Pickle, resides in Michigan; Grace married Edward Winters, of Leamington, and has two children; and Nettie resides at home. All of the members of the family occupy promi-

nent positions in the various communities in which their lots have been cast.

JOHN FRASER, a successful lumber dealer and manufacturer of sash, doors and blinds at Amherstburg, Ont., is of Scotch extraction on both sides for several generations. His father, Simon Fraser, a well-known retired resident of Amherstburg, was born in Scotland, and he is his only child.

John Fraser was born in Scotland, April 27, 1857, and came with his father to Ontario when a boy. He received his education in the public schools of County Essex. Upon reaching manhood's estate he engaged in the lumber business and thus continued until 1890, when his father, with whom he was in partnership, retired, and our subject became the sole proprietor and manager of the enterprise. That year Mr. Fraser erected his present sash, door and blind plant, where he manufactures the goods mentioned, enjoying an exceptionally fine trade. Devoting his entire attention to his business he looks after details himself, and has but little time for political matters, except to cast his ballot in support of the principles of the Reform party.

On Dec. 27, 1883, Mr. Fraser married Sarah Elizabeth Kemp, and one son has come to Mr. and Mrs. Fraser, Simon Kenneth, born in November, 1889. Mr. and Mrs. Fraser are consistent members of the Presbyterian Church, in which they take an active part. They dispense a gracious and hearty hospitality to their acquaintances and friends in their pleasant home on Ramsay street, and are both highly respected and esteemed.

JOHN BAPTISTE MARCHAND, one of Tilbury's well-known agriculturists and large land owners, was born in what was then Tilbury West (now Tilbury North) township, County of Essex, Oct. 25, 1857.

The Marchand family are old French settlers of the Province of Quebec, and for several decades descendants of the family have made their home in this section of Ontario. John Baptiste Marchand, the first of the name in the Counties of Kent and Essex, Ont., was born in the Province of Quebec, near Montreal, where he grew up on a farm, and there married Margaret Brouse. This union was blessed with a large family, four of whom were born before the family came to Ontario. In 1831 Mr. Marchand, with his wife and four children, set out for their new

home in the west with a horse and wagon, making the journey to Ontario from Montreal, and after three months' travel arrived in Kent County, locating on a fifty-acre tract in East Tilbury township, where they were among the first settlers in their section. He built a log house and cleared up the land, and continued to reside there up to the time of his death. During this time, by industry, he added to his possessions until he had a tract of 200 acres of land, most of which, with the help of his sons, he cleared up. He attained a ripe old age, died on his farm, and is buried in St. Francis cemetery, Tilbury. Before the parish of St. Francis was formed Mr. Marchand and his family attended church at St. Peter's, on the Thames river, and in going back and forth had often to wade through marshes, as in those days there were no roads, only paths. After the parish of St. Francis was formed in Tilbury, he became a member, and retained that connection until his death, a devout Catholic and a good Christian man. His wife died on the farm, and is buried beside him. She, too, was a member of St. Francis parish. In political sentiment Mr. Marchand was a strong Conservative, but he was not active in such affairs, and had no desire for public office.

John Baptiste Marchand, son of John Baptiste, was born on the farm near Montreal, and was only four years old when his father made the three months' trip to the County of Kent. He grew up on the paternal farm in Tilbury East township, with meager advantages for education, as there were no schools in that section in those pioneer days. After his marriage he commenced farming for himself on a fifty-acre tract on Lot 22, Middle Road North, in what was then Tilbury West township, now Tilbury North township. There he built a log house and set about clearing his land, becoming engaged in general farming. Like his father he had formed valuable habits of industry, and during his active life he had acquired over 200 acres of land, all of which he put under cultivation, besides engaging in lumbering. In addition to his farming operations, he was for a while interested in the hotel business in Tilbury, first carrying on a hotel in a frame building, and later, in 1882, erecting the brick hotel (over the site of the old frame one) now known as the "International Hotel," at an expense of over ten thousand dollars. He conducted it for a year and a half, but, preferring the life of the farm, he returned to the homestead, where the remainder of his days was passed. He was quite

active up to the time of his death, which occurred in 1893, when he was aged sixty-six years. He is buried in St. Francis cemetery. He was a member of St. Francis Catholic Church, and in politics was a Conservative. Mr. Marchand was a man of enterprise and progressive ideas, and took a deep and effective interest in his home, his family and his township. He served as a school trustee.

Mr. Marchand married, at St. Francis Church, Emily Troumbley, daughter of John B. Troumbley, and sister of Pierre Troumbley, who was reeve of the township for many years. Thirteen children came to this union: John Baptiste is mentioned farther on. Mary married Charles Beaugrand, of Tilbury North township. Emily married Maxson Dupens, of New Bedford, Massachusetts. Margaret married Noah Carriere, of Tilbury North township. Rose married Hyacinthe Monpelt, of Tilbury North township. Julia Ann died young. Francis resides in New Bedford, Massachusetts. Joseph is a farmer, of Tilbury North township. Frederick is also a farmer in that township. Felenise married Ernest Strong of Tilbury North township. Annie married Alexander Le Meare, and resides in Windsor. Oliver is on the homestead. The other child died in infancy. The mother of these children is still living, and resides on the homestead farm. Though now over sixty-five years old, she is still active in spite of the fact that she has worked hard all her life, and reared a large family, to whom she has been very devoted. She is a member of St. Francis Church.

John Baptiste Marchand, eldest son of John Baptiste, was born on the homestead farm, and attended school in his native township, learning both English and French. He remained at home with his father, and was there engaged in farming until he was a little over eighteen years old, at which time he married, Feb. 22, 1877, Esther St. Denies. She was born in St. Balonta, Quebec, daughter of Hubert St. Denies. After his marriage Mr. Marchand's father gave him a fifty-acre tract of land in what is now Tilbury North township, on the line of the County of Kent, and in the corporation of Tilbury. He put up a frame dwelling house which he has since greatly enlarged and improved, and he cleared up his fifty acres and carried on that place for five years, at the end of which time he rented it, and bought the "Commercial Hotel," in Tilbury, for which he paid \$3,025. There he remained in business for ten years, when he sold out and bought the brick hotel built by his father, for

which he paid \$9,700, and where he conducted business for fourteen years, meeting with gratifying success. On account of his wife's health he sold out and returned to the farm, and there he has ever since been engaged in agricultural pursuits, meeting with the same prosperity which has attended all his other business ventures. With the family characteristic of industry he unites ability and good judgment in managing his affairs, and as a result he is now one of the largest land owners in the section in which he lives, owning and operating over 360 acres of land, all of which is under cultivation. His land lying in both Essex and Kent, he can vote in five different sections, one in East Tilbury, one in Tilbury, two in Tilbury North and one in Sandwich. Besides general farming, Mr. Marchand has also engaged in stock raising and dealing, and in every line he has been noted for his honesty and honorable transactions.

Mrs. Marchand has proved quite a help to her husband. They began life poor and worked hard, and are now possessed of considerable of this world's goods. No children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Marchand, but they have adopted three children, to whom they are giving good educational advantages and all the blessings of a comfortable Christian home. They are both members of St. Francis Catholic Church at Tilbury, and he is a member of the Catholic Order of Foresters and the C.M.B.A., both of Tilbury, of which latter he was vice-president. Mr. Marchand was formerly a Conservative, but is now a supporter of the Liberal party. He was a member of the township council for six months, resigning when he purchased the brick hotel; he has the opportunity of assuming official honors again, but does not care to do so.

WILLIAM T. WILKINSON, manufacturer of and dealer in harness, saddles and other goods in the same line at Amherstburg, and a member of the county council of Essex, is of English extraction. The founder of the family in Ontario was his grandfather, James Wilkinson, who was born in England, and there married Ellen Barrey, a native of Ireland. James Wilkinson and his wife emigrated to Ontario, locating near Montreal. Mr. Wilkinson being at that time a member of the Canadian Rifles, he participated in the Rebellion of 1837-38. Later he removed to Niagara, still continuing to be a member of the above mentioned troop. After the conclusion of hostilities Mr. Wilkinson settled at Amherstburg, where he lived retired as a pensioner

until his death; his widow survived him some time. Their children were as follows: William T.; Robert, of Windsor; John, of the Detroit Ferry Co.; Stephen, in business in the town of Essex; Maria, widow of William Dorman; Frederick, of Detroit; and James E., of Detroit.

William T. Wilkinson was born at Chambly, April 7, 1841, but his business career was inaugurated at Amherstburg in 1861, when he opened the house now conducted by his son, our subject. William T. Wilkinson continued the harness business during his entire active business life, but was cut off by an attack of pneumonia, in 1885. Not only did he attain prominence in the business world, but he was also conspicuous in matters political. He served as reeve of Amherstburg, was a member of the school board, and at the time of his death was a member of the county council. It was during a session of this council that he contracted the severe cold which resulted in his death two days afterward. Mr. Wilkinson married Julia Keenan, a native of London, Ont., who was born July 13, 1845, a daughter of John and Margaret (Bergin) Keenan, natives of Ireland. Mrs. Wilkinson survives her husband, and now resides in Amherstburg. She is the mother of the following children: John E. was engaged in the harness business with his father, but is now deceased; William T. is mentioned below; one infant died soon after birth; two daughters died in infancy.

William T. Wilkinson was born in Amherstburg July 31, 1865, and his literary education was gained in the public schools of his native town, after which he took a course in a Detroit business college, from which he was graduated in 1885. Upon the death of his father he assumed charge of the business, and still carries it on, meeting with well merited success. Like his father Mr. Wilkinson is a Reformer, and has taken an active part in political matters, in 1889-90-91-92 being elected a member of the council of Amherstburg; in 1895-96 he was deputy-reeve of the town and member of the county council. In 1898 Mr. Wilkinson was honored with election to the mayoralty, and in 1901 was elected to the county council, in which he also served in 1902-03. In 1903 he was warden of the County of Essex. In religious matters he is a member of the Church of England, and fraternally he is a Royal Arch Mason, being principal of the local lodge.

GEORGE GRAHAM, a well-known citizen of Pelee Island, where he is engaged in general



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farming and stock raising, was born in County Leitrim, Ireland, Dec. 25, 1829, a son of Mark Graham, a native of County Fermanagh.

Mark Graham grew to manhood's estate in his native county, and was engaged in farming. He married Mary Butler, and in 1830 they set sail for Quebec, from Dublin. Settling in Quebec on a 100-acre tract of land, they later moved to Cavan township, County Durham, where the father became a land owner and farmer and spent the remainder of his days, with the exception of eight years during which he was in Manitoba. His death occurred on the farm, and he was buried in the Church of England cemetery. In politics he was a Conservative, while in religious affiliation he was a member of the Church of England, as were also his wife and children. Mrs. Graham also died on the farm, and lies buried by the side of her husband. Five children were born to this worthy couple: George; David, who died at the age of fourteen years; Samuel, residing on the homestead in Durham; Thomas, a resident of Manitoba; and Mark, of Manitoba.

George Graham was only a year old when the family reached the New World, and he was reared upon a farm, attending the schools of his neighborhood, and working for his father until he was thirty years of age, when he settled in County Northumberland, and there remained for several years. Then he sold some property he had acquired and went to Howick township, County Huron, where he bought a tract of fifty acres and continued thereon until 1877, making many improvements upon his property. At that time he sold and came to Pelee Island, purchasing twenty-seven and one-half acres from Dr. Scudder. On this farm he began the culture of grapes, tobacco and beets, and here for the past twenty-seven years he has been very successfully engaged in the cultivation and development of his land, and he has gradually added the raising of stock. His comfortable home was erected by himself, and he has also made other needed improvements.

In 1863 Mr. Graham married Sarah Ferguson, who has been devoted to her home and family. The following family has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Graham: Margaret Ann, now deceased; Mary, married to John Ferguson; Louise, deceased; Rachel, deceased; Eliza, who married James Quick, of Pelee Island; Selena, married to Capt. Frank Harris, of Pelee Island; Charlotte, wife of Rankin Gardner; and Samuel, a farmer on Pelee Island.

Mr. Graham is a staunch Conservative, but has never sought office. He is a member of the Loyal Orange Association, and the strength of that organization is largely due to his efforts. Mr. Graham was one of the organizers of the order on Pelee Island, and has been a member of it for twenty-six years, during which time he has spared neither time nor expense to make it a success. At present he is filling the office of treasurer of the order, and has been a deputy treasurer. Both he and his wife are devout members of the Methodist Church, in which he has filled the office of steward. Throughout County Essex Mr. Graham is highly respected, both as a good business man and a kind-hearted Christian while his loyalty as a subject has been proven many times over.

HENRY A. BAILEY, a retired customs officer of Amherstburg, was born at the old homestead in Anderdon, County of Essex, March 14, 1849, and is of English descent.

John and Ann (Skinner) Bailey, his parents, were both born in the County of Sussex, England, he in February, 1800; she in 1803. They married in England, later came to Canada, in 1836, and for a few years settled in Malden, where he rented land. Mr. Bailey then bought wild land in Anderdon, in the 2nd Concession, where he started life in the woods in a little log cabin, the home of the family until he replaced it with a large modern house. His wife died at this home in 1886, and he passed away in 1887. They were consistent members of the Church of England, while politically Mr. Bailey was a Conservative. A family of ten children was left: (1) Alfred Bailey, the eldest, born in England, married and moved to Manitoba, where he became a wealthy man and was a successful farmer until his death, in 1888. He left a wife and family. (2) Levi, born in England, is now a resident of California, where he has been engaged in mining for forty-five years; he left Canada in 1859. He has never married. (3) Mercy, born in England, is the wife of Edward Hornor, of Amherstburg. (4) John, born in Anderdon township, is a farmer of Anderdon, is married and has a family. (5) David, born in Amherstburg, is a farmer of Malden, near the borough of Amherstburg, and is married and has a family. (6) George W., born in Anderdon, is a contractor and builder of Amherstburg. He married a Miss Gott, and has a family. (7) Sarah A. and (8) Frances, unmarried, reside in Amherstburg. (9) Henry A. is mentioned below. (10) Edwin, the

youngest of the family, resides on the old homestead with his family.

Henry A. Bailey received his early education in the schools of Anderdon, later attending those of Amherstburg, and then at Detroit Commercial College. He began his business career by buying grain for William Borrowman, a grain shipper. After a number of years thus occupied, he was in 1881 appointed custom house officer for Amherstburg, which office he filled sixteen years. At the end of that time he became disabled for his duties on account of sickness, and in 1897 was retired on a pension by the Canadian Government.

In 1888 Mr. Bailey married Miss Mary Menzies, of Amherstburg, daughter of James Menzies, and a member of one of the prominent Scotch families of the town. To this union have been born five children: Annie L., Alison L., Jack L., James E. and Harry.

Politically Mr. Bailey is a Conservative. The religious belief of the family is that of the Church of England. For many years Mr. Bailey has been a prominent man in Amherstburg, and though now out of the current of active business life still holds his place in the esteem of his fellow townsmen.

JAMES CUMMING, one of the substantial farmers of Gosfield North, living on Concession 10, Lot 20, is a son of George and Clarissa (Deen) Cumming, and was born in the County of Oxford Nov. 6, 1839.

George Cumming was born in the Lowlands of Scotland, and when a young man came with his brother James to Canada, settling in the County of Oxford, where James died soon after his arrival. George continued to farm there for a few years, and married, but later removed to another farm in Ontario. After his death his widow moved to Ohio, and passed her last years in that State. She and her husband left eight children, all living, namely: George, Silas and Isaiah are all residents of Trumbull County, Ohio, where they married and have families. James is mentioned below. Clarissa is the wife of Peter Johnston, of the County of Wellington. Mary is the wife of James Jordan, of the County of Oxford. Matilda married Holmes Cloud, and has five children, all holding good positions. Jane A. married a miner, and moved to the coal fields of Pennsylvania.

James Cumming received a rather limited education in the schools of the county, and was generally engaged in work on the farm, where he

continued until he was twenty-three. Then he married and went to Trumbull County, Ohio, where he worked in the coal mines six years. In October, 1870, he sold out in Ohio, and bought his present place in Gosfield North, then 100 acres of wild land, which he gradually cleared, living meanwhile in a log cabin. His present frame house was built in 1876. Mr. Cumming has been a life-long farmer, and so conversant with every detail of the life that success has crowned his efforts.

Mr. Cumming has been twice married. In 1865 he was united in marriage with Miss Martha A. Dilley, of Ohio, who died while they were living in Trumbull County. She left a daughter, Olive, who lived to be only two years old. His second wife, whom he married in 1869, was Miss Mary Orton, of Lower Canada, daughter of Oliver Orton, and she shared his life for over a quarter of a century, dying at their home April 10, 1901. She was the mother of three sons: (1) Celsus N., the eldest son, born in Canada, in 1870, married Miss Annie Parson, of the County of Essex, and they reside on his farm in Gosfield, with their four children, Lawrence, Lena and Letha (twins) and Gertrude. (2) Homer E., born in 1873, married Miss Mary J. Gallagher, and has one daughter, Eva L., born in April, 1903; he lives on his father's farm. Mrs. Cumming was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, Sept. 27, 1877, daughter of John Gallagher, who is still living in Ireland. (3) Orvil V., born in 1879, unmarried, is an engineer in the County of Essex.

Mr. Cumming belongs to the Methodist Church, as did his wife. A staunch Reformer in his views, he has never desired to take any active part in political life; he was, however, appointed postmaster of Gosfield, and served several terms most acceptably. Starting in life a poor man, Mr. Cumming has worked his way steadily up, and as he has used only the most honorable methods he has won the respect and esteem of all who know him. He and his wife were both fine characters, and of a kindly disposition that made them many friends.

ADAM OPER, a well-known fisherman and farmer, as well as extensive landowner, of Mersea township, was born in Germany, Sept. 22, 1849, son of Michael and Elizabeth (Romo) Oper.

Michael Oper was also a native of Germany, and was three times married. With the mother of our subject he came to America, in 1851, on a

sailing vessel, landing in New York City. From there he made his way to Sandusky, Ohio, and after a few years there, went to Marblehead, Ont., where he worked in the stone quarries. From there he went to North Bass Isle, in Ottawa, and engaged in farming, making that place his home for some time. His death occurred in Ohio, April 28, 1896, at the age of eighty-one. His wife died on North Bass Isle, Feb. 9, 1858, aged thirty-eight. The father was a consistent member of the Lutheran Church, while his wife was a member of the Roman Catholic Church. The children born to the third marriage of Michael Oper were: Adam, Barbara and Michael, born in Germany; and Jacob and Elizabeth, born at Marblehead, Ohio, the latter marrying Joseph Girardin, of Mersea township.

Adam Oper was but one year of age when he was brought to the New World. Owing to the poverty of his parents he never had the advantages of an education, but was placed at work at a tender age, and so continued at Marblehead, fishing, until he was eighteen, at which time he was engaged by Miles Fox in fishing by the month. In 1880 he came to Ontario, locating in Mersea township, and purchased from Mr. Fox an interest in three pounds on Lake Erie, and later four more, so that he operated seven pounds. In addition to fishing, he became interested in farming, buying fifty acres, upon which he made extensive improvements. To this purchase he later added 100 acres, and still later fifty more, now owning 200 acres in Concessions A and B. He built one of the finest houses in the county, at a cost of \$4,000, and also has some commodious and convenient barns. Mr. Oper is constantly making improvements, and takes great pride in his handsome property, as he may justly do. In his operations, he has met with unqualified success, and he is recognized as a man of upright life, true and honorable in his dealings, and one who inspires confidence. In religious matters, he is very broadminded, endeavoring himself to follow the teachings laid down in the Golden Rule.

On January 12, 1876, in Leamington, Mr. Oper married Theressa Girardin, born on Point Pelee, Nov. 28, 1855, daughter of the late Francis and Susann (Laurier) Girardin, and sister of Joseph Girardin, a farmer of Mersea township. Francis Girardin was born in Amherstburg, and died on Pointe Pelee, in July, 1899, aged eighty years; his wife was a native of Pointe Pelee, and still lives on the old farm, aged seventy-six. Six children have been born to

Mr. and Mrs. Oper: Daniel, a farmer in Mersea township, who married Ada Switzer; Elizabeth, deceased, who married Gordon Robson, and had one daughter, Mildred; Miles, at home with his father; Lillie M., who married Thomas Swanson, of Leamington, and has one son, John A.; Esther, at home; and George, who died in boyhood. The family are members of the Catholic Church. Mr. Oper is a member of the C.O.F., of Leamington, and for nine years he served efficiently as school trustee.

ISAAC MILLEN, a farmer of Gosfield North, and for thirty years a well known local preacher in the Methodist Church, has been a resident of the County of Essex since he was fifteen years of age, but was born in the County of Wentworth, Feb. 28, 1852. He was the youngest son born to the late John Millen, by his first wife, and is a brother of William, James, and Thomas Millen, of County of Essex. The life story of the parents is given in the sketch of James Millen.

Mr. Millen acquired his education in the County of Wentworth, and as he was naturally a student he improved his opportunities to the utmost, and pursued general studies in various branches. When his parents removed to Gosfield North he accompanied them, and for some years thereafter was engaged in helping on his father's farm, gaining the experience which was soon to be of use to him on his own property.

On Dec. 4, 1872, Mr. Millen was married to Miss Louisa Haycock, and the young couple settled at first on bush land, which Mr. Millen cleared and operated for ten years. In 1882 he bought the M. G. Bruner place, on Concession 6, Lot 22, comprising 100 acres of good farm land, and there the family have made their home ever since. Mrs. Louisa H. Millen was born in the County of Huron, in 1847. Her parents, Titus and Lydia Haycock, Canadians by birth, settled first in Huron, later moved to Gosfield North, and finally, not many years before their deaths, to Olinda, where their last days were spent. Of their family four children are still living. Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Millen: Ida, born in Gosfield North April 14, 1875, married Edward Lee, of Essex, and lives on a farm in Gosfield; they have one son, Howard. Hubert W., born in February, 1877, married Miss Rose Calder, of the County of Essex, and lives on a farm adjoining his father's. Charles, born Nov. 19, 1878, is a farmer of Gosfield South, married Miss E. B. Orton, and has one

daughter, Ila V. Everett P., born Aug. 28, 1881, married Miss Eva May Orton, daughter of William Orton, one of the old families of Gosfield, and lives at the Millen homestead. Stanley S., born July 19, 1887, is a student in the Leamington High School. Hubert O. and Edward O. both died in childhood.

Mr. Millen and his wife are members of the Methodist Church, and prominent in its work locally, Mr. Millen having been a minister in its service for twenty-nine years. Even in youth he was a student of the Bible, and as time passed he has become deeply versed in Biblical literature. He was one of the founders of the Belle River Methodist Church, and has since then labored faithfully for its advancement, while he has also with untiring zeal furthered the cause of religion generally throughout his region. Besides his services as a preacher, Mr. Millen has also been for about twelve years the superintendent of the Sunday School. Unimpeachable in his integrity, broad-minded and charitable, with every act of his life ordered in strict accordance with the mandates of his conscience, Mr. Millen's preaching has been emphasized and exemplified by his life, and hence has been more than usually powerful in molding the lives about him, while the real affection which his character has inspired has made his influence still greater.

Always eager to further the good of the community, Mr. Millen has ever shown an interest in public affairs, and has been especially prominent in the educational development of Gosfield, where for many years he has been one of the school trustees. Politically, as might be expected from a man of his deep convictions and aims, he is found among the adherents of the Reform party. In every phase of life Mr. Millen has been earnest, active and conscientious, and his impress upon the community will never be effaced.

ALBERT DROUILLARD, of His Majesty's Customs at Windsor, Ont., is descended from one of the first French families of Western Ontario. It was founded in this country by the great-great-grandfather of the present representative in about 1748-50.

In the next generation is found Pierre Drouillard, who was born in 1750, in Detroit, and who, on reaching manhood, moved to the County of Essex, Ont. During the Revolutionary war, the period inclusive of 1775-1778, he acted as interpreter for the English army at Sandwich and Windsor. His marriage was to

a compatriot, who was a daughter of the family of Labadee, and to this union four children were born, namely: Francois X., the grandfather of our subject; Marie Louise, wife of John B. Parent; Mrs. Toussaint Lauranzie; and George, who was interpreter and guide for the Lewis and Clark expedition. The father of this family died in Walkerville.

Francois X. Drouillard was born in 1787, in Detroit, and in Sandwich, Ont., married Miss Phlege Pratt, who was born in 1788, in Sandwich, and died March 10, 1876, in Sandwich East, where her husband was a farmer, and where he died in 1853. He also was employed to carry the mail from Windsor to Chatham, which he had to do on horseback and on foot for several years through the woods. His children were: Louis, Rosalie, Matilda, Elizabeth and Victoria, all deceased; Francois X. (2); Caroline; and Joseph and Moses, deceased.

Francois X. Drouillard (2) was born Feb. 18, 1823, in Walkerville, which place has been the family home most of the time to the present day. In Detroit he learned the carpenter's trade, which, together with farming, has been his occupation during his active years, and he still retains his farm in Sandwich East, although he has practically retired from labor. Mr. Drouillard has been one of the leading men of his locality, serving as assessor for several years at Sandwich East, and for the same time at Windsor, taking at all times a deep and intelligent interest in the growth and development of this part of the county. Politically he inclines to the principles of the Conservative party, but he never lets party lines prevent him from supporting the best man for the position. In 1850 Mr. Drouillard was united in marriage with Charlotte Villiere St. Louis, daughter of Francois Villiere St. Louis, who was born in 1832, and who died in 1872, leaving this family: Albert, of Windsor; Alfred, of Walkerville, deceased; Cornelia, of Detroit; Josephine, of Detroit; Eugene, of Michigan; Mary, of Walkerville; George, of Colorado; and Annie, of Walkerville. Two children died in childhood.

Albert Drouillard was born in Detroit May 12, 1851, and was but three years of age when brought by his parents to Windsor. There he grew to manhood and attended the public schools, later having the advantage of a course in Sandwich College. He began the battle of life for himself as a clerk for Elias Williams, of Walkerville, with whom he remained about three years.



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He then clerked for a time in Detroit and in Chicago, returning to Windsor from the latter city. At that time his father had finished constructing a building for D. & J. Langlois, where they were carrying on a large grocery and liquor business. The latter gentleman being ill, he requested our subject, through his father, to take charge of his part of the firm's business. Mr. Drouillard accepted, and in that connection continued three years. This also resulted in his marriage, Sept. 26, 1876, to Miss Genevieve, daughter of Joel Langlois. To this union these children have been born: Joel Albert, Leo, Aloysius, Genevieve, and Paul Xavier, who died in infancy; Gertrude, Catherine Curran, John Walter, and Joseph Earl. The daughters were educated at St. Mary's Academy, Windsor, from which institution their mother received first graduating honors conferred after its establishment. Gertrude was graduated from there in 1900 and Catherine later completed her music course on the piano and is continuing her studies under Francis L. York, director of the Detroit Conservatory of Music.

On Feb. 22, 1884, Mr. Drouillard was appointed to Her Majesty's Customs, being on the special staff for about twelve years, since which time he has been in the local department at Windsor. Mr. Drouillard has been very successful in a number of mechanical inventions, a recent one being known as "The Puritas Closet Local Vent Connection," an article which has been universally welcomed, and on which he has secured patents in Canada, the United States, Germany, England, France, Russia and Australia. A company for the manufacture of this device has been formed in Detroit, with a capital of \$150,000, of which Mr. Drouillard owns \$50,000 and also a royalty on each attachment.

Mr. Drouillard and his wife are faithful members of the Roman Catholic Church in Windsor. Fraternally he belongs to the Catholic Order of Foresters and the C. M. B. A.

THOMAS L. WRIGHT, one of the prominent representative farmers of Colchester South, County Essex, belongs to one of the old pioneer families, the founder of which was Henry Wright.

Henry Wright was born and reared in England and in young manhood emigrated to America with a brother, locating at Rutland, Pennsylvania, where the brother remained permanently. Henry married in that State Mary Klingensmith,

and when troubles arose between the Colonies and the Mother Country he decided to remove to English soil. With his family he located first on Grosse Ile, but later removed to Malden, when he learned the former land did not belong to Great Britain, and still later he moved to the lake shore, where he took up land in Lots 80 and 76. He and his wife were buried on this farm. They were the parents of the following children: William married Betsey Lipps; Philip married (first) Miss Dowler, and (second) Delilah Malott; Henry married (first) Miss Hitchcock, by whom he had one daughter, Deborah, who married Matthew McCormick, and he married (second) Hannah Lipps; Thomas married (first) Jennie Little, (second) Mary Leighton, and (third) Abbie Larabie; Betsy married John Brush; Mary married Asa Wilcox; Mattie married Samuel Watson; Katie married Henry Lipps.

Philip Wright, the grandfather of Thomas L. Wright, was born Jan. 5, 1775, at Rutland, Pennsylvania, and came with his parents to Grosse Ile, later to Malden, where he married a Miss Dowler, who died leaving one daughter, Anna, born March 30, 1796, who became the wife of Capt. John McCormick. Philip Wright married (second) Delilah Malott, born June 30, 1786, on Grosse Ile, and to them came these children: Lucy, born Nov. 28, 1802, became the wife of Isaac Ferriss; Catherine, was born Nov. 18, 1804; Peter, born Sept. 30, 1806, married Betty Snider; William, born Nov. 14, 1808, was twice married, first to Miss Buchanan, and died in the States; Sarah, born Nov. 12, 1811, is the widow of Charles Larrabee and still survives, at the age of ninety-three with faculties unimpaired; Philip S., father of our subject, is mentioned below; Theodore, born Nov. 10, 1816, a local Methodist minister, married Arabella Leighton, and they live at Ludington, Michigan; Ebenezer, born Sept. 20, 1818, married Eliza Stockwell; Mary Christine, born Oct. 16, 1820, married Thomas Leighton and died at Wyandotte, Michigan; Susannah, born Dec. 9, 1824, died in the States.

Philip Wright, being of age when he came to this township, received a 200-acre grant of land adjoining that of his father. When he married he took the rear half of Lots 75 and 76, and upon Lot 75 chose the site of his home. This spot is now marked by a pear tree, and a few rods south of it is a remarkable ever-flowing spring which is shaded by a hoary elm, said to have been set out by Lucy Wright when it was but a branch

and she a child. This spring is known to the whole countryside. It is stoned to the depth of twelve feet and flows sixty-five barrels of pure, refreshing water every twenty-four hours.

Philip S. Wright, father of Thomas L. Wright, was born Dec. 4, 1813, on the old home near the elm tree and the spring, and attended the log school in the vicinity, one of his first teachers being a Robert Thompson. Here he married Mary Quick, who was born May 21, 1811, daughter of Cornelius Quick, originally from Pennsylvania, and died at the age of eighty-one years, her husband dying at the age of seventy-nine. After his marriage Philip S. Wright began farming on the present Daniel Wright place, which he bought and occupied for some years, and later, by a trade, secured a part of the old home land, some eighty acres, which he cleared. He built a home on the north part of the lot and at a later date replaced his first house with the one now occupied by his son Gordon. Prior to his death he acquired eighty additional acres. Although he began life with no implements but an axe and a hoe, he possessed an unusual amount of sound, common sense and unlimited industry, and he became one of the leading and wealthy farmers of the township. Mr. Wright was a man of intelligence and a great reader until an affection of the eyes prevented their use. He was a fluent speaker, and on many occasions publicly advocated the cause of temperance, of which he was an exponent. Under different circumstances and more favorable conditions Philip S. Wright would doubtless have become a brilliant professional man, possessing as he did all the necessary attributes. Politically he was a Reformer and took a great interest in all public movements.

The children born to Philip S. Wright and his wife were as follows: Ebenezer, born Feb. 7, 1836, is a farmer on Concession 4, and married Harriet Halstead; Cornelius, born Feb. 12, 1838, married Lorinda Patton and lives north of Harrow; William G., born Sept. 22, 1840, married (first) Rebecca Wright, and (second) Mary Walters, and lives in Harrow; Delilah Ann, born Dec. 13, 1842, married Judson S. Patton, of Amherstburg; Joseph, born Nov. 13, 1844, married Marian Lockhart and lives north of Harrow; Thomas L. was born March 25, 1847; Angus E., born Jan. 10, 1850, lives in Harrow; Gordon P., born Dec. 7, 1854, has the home place.

Thomas L. Wright was born on the old home farm and began his education in the log school

house near his home, which was then presided over by Robert Thompson, who had been the instructor of his father. Until his majority he remained at home, and first engaged in farming for himself on Lot 63, where he remained some five or six years. He then bought his present farm of 150 acres in Lots 50 and 51, of the late David Howie and Robert Heaton. Here he has resided for the past twenty years, during which time he has been continually engaged in making improvements. The place was all cleared of the native brush, but little improving had been attempted, and the present fine condition of the land and the substantial and commodious buildings show the practical character of Mr. Wright's methods. It is well known that this is one of the very best farms in the township. In times past he has raised here some remarkable specimens of fruit, a water melon being recalled which weighed sixty pounds. Mr. Wright is an enthusiastic farmer and loves nothing better than the thorough cultivation of his fertile acres, except it be a hunting trip, which he allows himself once a year. This recreation he has enjoyed since boyhood, and he is credited with a large amount of skill, coming back to the routine work of the farm refreshed and renewed through other and outside interests.

On April 27, 1870, Mr. Wright married Louise F., daughter of the late Jeremiah Lockhart, and to this union have been born children as follows: Carrie Mary is the wife of Ernest E. Brown, of Kingsville, and they have three children, Hazel, Beatrice and Erma; Ada Marion married Mart. Malott, of Kingsville, and they have two children, Brook and Ethel; Fred T. assists his father in operating the farm; Mabel Delilah is at home.

Mr. Wright is a strong Reformer and in years past has taken an active part in party politics in this section of the county. Fraternally he is a charter member of the Order of Workmen at Harrow. With his wife and family he belongs to the Methodist Church. He is one of the well known and representative citizens of Colchester South.

LOCKHART. William Lockhart was born in Scotland, came to the United States as a young man and located in Pennsylvania, and there married a widow, Mrs. Jenkins. At the time of the Revolutionary war, being a U. E. Loyalist, he migrated with his family to Canada and there settled first on Grosse Ile, where his son Jeremiah was born. Then he removed to the

township of Colchester South and located on the front of Lots 56, 57, 58 and owned a tract which was known as Lockhart's Island, receiving this land for his loyalty to the country of his nativity. He eventually sold this large estate and went back to Scotland, leaving two sons, James (of Colchester South), and Jeremiah.

Jeremiah H. Lockhart was born in 1786 and grew up in Malden township. Later he improved a farm on the lake front where he lived until his death, at the age of sixty-six years, having come into possession of his father's estate. In Sandwich he married Charlotte Beno, and they had a family of nine children, namely: Fenton died in Detroit; Eliza became Mrs. Beneto; Ann became Mrs. Solway, of Big Island; Jeremiah H. was the father of Mrs. Wright; James died in Michigan; Ruth married H. Harris, and lived in Colchester South; Charlotte married a Mr. Taylor and went to the States; Henry resides at Oil Ridge, Michigan; John died in Georgia, while serving in the American war. The father of this family was always a zealous Tory and he took part in the War of 1812.

Jeremiah H. Lockhart, father of Mrs. Wright, whose death occurred in June, 1903, was born May 11, 1823, on Lot 57, and was reared in that locality. At the age of twenty-two years he began life for himself on what was known as the Hartley farm, which he at one time owned, disposing of it some twenty-five years ago. He lived on that place five years, and then bought fifty-five acres in Malden, where he built a comfortable home. His life occupation was farming, but he was a man of superior judgment and irreproachable character, and thus was called upon to serve in a number of local offices. He was a justice of the peace for eight years, and acceptably filled other positions. In politics he was a Reformer.

Mr. Lockhart was married three times. He married (first) in Colchester South Mary J. Hartley, by whom he had two children: Marian, who married Joseph S. Wright, of Colchester South; and Louise F., wife of Thomas L. Wright. For his second wife Mr. Lockhart married Mrs. Frances McIntosh, and the two children of this union were: Charles S., who died in infancy; and Rose E., wife of Colin B. Wright, of Kingsville. Mr. Lockhart married (third) in Kingsville, Elizabeth Woodbridge, a native of Gosfield South; her father was born in Pennsylvania. They have one child, May Belle, now the wife of William H. Trimbell, of Amherstburg, Ontario.

JOSEPH T. CHAUVIN. The Chauvin family was one of the earliest among the French settlers around Lake St. Clair and along the Thames River. The first of the name in Upper Canada was Peter Chauvin, who came from the mother country, France, to seek his fortune among the pioneers on the Thames, in the County of Kent, Ont. There he owned a tract of land and passed the rest of his life. He was a devout member of the Catholic Church. Peter Chauvin left four sons, Lambert, Peter, Anthony and Francois, all of whom settled in the County of Essex, on Lake St. Clair, and engaged in farming. They all reared large families and their descendants are still living in that section.

Lambert Chauvin, son of Peter, was born at the homestead on the Thames River, where he grew to manhood without the advantages of education, for in those early days the settlers were scattered over wide areas and were too far apart to make schools practicable. When he became old enough to start in life for himself he settled along that part of the shore line of Lake St. Clair known as "the broken front," in Tilbury North township, where he owned a sixty-acre tract, and entered upon a long life as a farmer. He lived to a ripe old age and died at the home of his son, John Baptist. He was buried in the Stony Point Cemetery. Lambert Chauvin was a prominent man in his section. Conservative in his political views, he served as treasurer of the township for three years, was also chosen constable, and for thirty years acted as school trustee. He was a member of the Church of the Annunciation.

Mr. Chauvin was twice married, the first time to Miss Celeste Reaume, who was born in France. At her death her husband was left with two children: Joseph, who resides in Tilbury North township; and Mary Ann, who married Oliver Taurengeau, of Calumet, Lake Superior. The second Mrs. Chauvin was Clairia LeBlanc, who died at the home of her son John; she was the mother of two children: Clemence (who died young), and John Baptist.

John Baptist Chauvin was born at Stony Point on his father's farm, where he remained until grown to manhood. He acquired a good education in both French and English, in the town schools. In Tilbury North he bought a tract of 140 acres in Concession 1, Lot 57, on which he built a home, cleared up the land and made extensive improvements. He shared his father's political views, and was active in the work of the Conservative party, filling many of

the township offices. He was one of the assessors of the township for seventeen years, was also clerk of the township (then Tilbury West) nineteen years, was treasurer of the school board, and a justice of the peace.

On June 3, 1867, in Belle River, Ont., Mr. Chauvin was married to Nathalie Sauve, who became the mother of nine children: Joseph Thomas; Eugenie; Clemence, who married Elmile Nollett, of Bay City, Michigan; John Baptist, deceased; Louise, the wife of Arsene Mailloux, of Tilbury; Josephine; Elise, who died young; Peter Alcide, deceased; and Francois Xavier, who studied at the College of Quebec. Mr. Chauvin died in the prime of life, Nov. 28, 1900, and was buried at Stony Point. He was a member of the Church of the Annunciation, and a man of admirable Christian character. His wife, who still resides on the farm, is a woman of strong character and of unusual judgment, devoted to her home and children, and a member and active worker of the church to which her husband belonged.

Joseph Thomas Chauvin, born Dec. 29, 1869, was educated in the public schools, both English and French, and has always worked on the home farm, his own home adjoining. After his father's death the management of the place became his task, which he has fulfilled with the most admirable results. He has taken an active part in politics, was elected by the Liberals town treasurer for Tilbury North in 1900, which position he still fills, and he has been secretary of the school board since his father's death; for two years he was constable.

Joseph T. Chauvin was united in marriage, Oct. 17, 1893, in the Church of the Annunciation, at Stony Point, to Miss Victoria Le Vesque, who was born in the Province of Quebec, Nov. 4, 1871, daughter of Laurent Le Vesque. They are the parents of five children, Ranol, Ludger, Yvonne, Leonie and Raymond. The family are all members of the Catholic Church. Mr. Chauvin is prominent in the Union of St. Joseph, at Ottawa, of which he is secretary, and also in the Catholic Order of Foresters at Stony Point. He is a man of great ability, which has been recognized by his fellow-citizens in their choice of him for responsible positions. His time and services have been at the command of those who needed them, and he is greatly esteemed by all who know him.

JAMES A. ASHBAUGH, M. D., C. M., one of the leading physicians and surgeons of Wind-

sor, and a man widely known in his profession, is descended from German and Scottish ancestry.

The first representative of the Ashbaugh family in the New World came from Germany in 1663, and settled in Maryland, where his descendants lived until the outbreak of the American Revolution. They were loyal to the King, and made what to-day would seem an enormous sacrifice for principle, inasmuch as they gave up 1,600 acres of land that was under cultivation, and moved to Canada. Locating in the County of Welland, Ont., they found a home in Bertie township, where the village of Ridgeway now is. Later the great-grandfather of Dr. James A. Ashbaugh, moved to Ancaster township, settling on the first farm west of Hamilton, on what is now known as the Dundas road.

William Ashbaugh, the grandfather of Dr. James A. Ashbaugh, was born on the farm near Hamilton in 1819. By calling he, too, became a farmer, passing all his life in the vicinity of his birthplace. His death occurred in 1853, in the prime of life. He married Elizabeth Urquhart, who bore him the following children: Roderick, a lawyer of Winnipeg; Helen, a widow; Frederick Alexander; Elizabeth, who died in California in 1874; and Catherine, who married David Malloy, of Detroit, Michigan.

Frederick Alexander Ashbaugh, son of William, was born in May, 1846, at Hamilton, Ont. Upon reaching manhood he removed to Aylmer, Ont., where he engaged in mercantile business for a number of years. In 1897 he was appointed postmaster, and now gives his entire attention to the duties of that office. Politically he is a member of the Reform party, and he takes an active interest in local affairs. His religious convictions make him a Presbyterian, and his wife is a member of the same denomination. Mr. Ashbaugh's marriage occurred in 1867. His wife, Mary, was the daughter of a sturdy Scot, who, with his wife came from Aberdeenshire, Scotland, in 1832, and settled in Hamilton where Mrs. Ashbaugh was born. Mr. and Mrs. Ashbaugh have become the parents of three children: Dr. James A.; Winnifred; and Thomas Gale, of Chicago.

James A. Ashbaugh was born in Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 7, 1870. His early literary training was received in the Hamilton Collegiate Institute, from which institution he was graduated in 1887. He immediately began the study of medicine in Trinity Medical College, from which he was graduated in 1891, with the degrees of



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M. D., C. M. In February, 1892, Dr. Ashbaugh located in Windsor, County of Essex, where he has since devoted himself to the duties of his profession, building up a large patronage among the best people of the city. In 1902 he was honored with appointment as medical health officer of Windsor, to succeed the late Dr. Coventry, and about the same time was made surgeon to the Grand Trunk and Wabash railroads.

In 1897 Dr. Ashbaugh and Miss Grace Kingston, daughter of J. J. Kingston, of Aylmer, were united in marriage. Dr. and Mrs. Ashbaugh are consistent members of the Presbyterian Church. Politically he is a Reformer, although his professional duties prevent him from taking an active part in local affairs. His medical affiliations are with the Physicians and Surgeons Association of Windsor.

A. G. BEDELL. Essex is essentially a county of farms, and among the many who have wrested much more than a mere livelihood from their tilling of the soil is A. G. Bedell, a farmer living on the Talbot Road South, Lot 276. Mr. Bedell was born in the County of Wentworth, July 17, 1851, son of George and Sarah (Kennedy) Bedell, prominent pioneers of that county.

George Bedell was born in 1814, son of David Bedell, who came from New Brunswick and settled and died in the County of Wentworth. George Bedell died, leaving a wife and four children, and the widow was later married to John Millen, who removed to Gosfield, County of Essex, in 1861. Mary Bedell, the only daughter by the first marriage, died in childhood, but the three sons accompanied their stepfather to Gosfield. William, the eldest of the boys, was born in 1840, and married Miss Sarah Howard, of the County of Wentworth, who died while they still resided there, leaving her husband with one son, Francis, now deceased; by his second union there have been no children. Peter, born in 1843, married Miss Ellen McCarthy, of the County of Wentworth, and on removing to Gosfield North they settled on wild land there which has now become a good farm; they have had seven children, Fannie (wife of Frederick Iler, of Gosfield), John (deceased), George, Harry, Frank (deceased), Ernest and Annie.

A. G. Bedell passed his boyhood in his native county, where he was sent to school and obtained a fair education. When only seventeen years of age he joined the North Ridge Rifles under Major W. H. Billing, and served for five years,

including the period of the Fenian Raid. As a reward for his services he received from the Government a medal and 160 acres of land. On returning home from the army Mr. Bedell learned the carpenter's trade, and for nine years followed it as contractor and builder. Since that time most of his attention has been given to farming.

On May 4, 1876, Mr. Bedell took as his wife Mrs. Leonard Wigle, the widow of one of Gosfield's prominent farmers. Her maiden name was Elizabeth Baltzer, and she was born and reared in Gosfield, daughter of Jacob and Mary Baltzer, natives of Germany and Gosfield North, respectively. After his marriage Mr. Bedell sold a small property, which he owned, on the Belle River Road, and the young couple took up their residence in the wife's old home, where they are living at the present time. No children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Bedell, but they have adopted a child, Frank Jones, who has grown to manhood in their home.

Mr. Bedell, while always faithful to the Reform party, has not been active in politics, but has manifested his principal interest in public affairs along the line of school work, and has filled the office of school trustee. In religious belief he is a Methodist, and one of the trustees of the church, while his wife is a member of the Baptist denomination. Fraternally he is a member of the Order of Orangemen. Mr. Bedell started life as a poor boy and has worked his way up steadily to his present position among the substantial men of Gosfield. He has always been ready to further everything promising benefit to the community, and is known as a good citizen.

WILLIAM BOYLE, a genial resident of Amherstburg and a man highly respected throughout the County of Essex, is descended from Irish ancestry. His grandfather, John Boyle, was born in Londonderry, Ireland, and died in the County of Essex, Ont. Between 1790 and 1800 he came to Ontario and established the Boyle family in the Dominion, locating in Amherstburg, where he engaged in the hotel business and also carried on merchant tailoring, making clothes for many of the soldiers during the War of 1812-14. He also owned much landed property in Malden township, on which he and his wife were buried, in their private cemetery. An incident of interest occurred at their home in Amherstburg which demonstrates that private hoards are sometimes as insecure as banking establishments. Mr. and

Mrs. Boyle were frightened from their home one time, and upon leaving Mrs. Boyle tied \$1,800 in gold in a handkerchief and secreted it under a stone in the cellar. When they returned the gold was missing, the house having been entered during their absence. The children of these pioneer people were as follows: Dr. James (deceased) was for many years a physician in New York City; Thomas is mentioned below; Richard is a farmer at Colchester South; Mary died unmarried; Elizabeth married Nehemiah Palmer; Nancy married Henry Dodge.

Of this family, Thomas Boyle, the father of our subject, was born May 10, 1807, in Malden township, where for many years he carried on farming, but during the latter part of his life he had an office in Amherstburg, where he loaned money and looked after his business investments. He married Martha Bruner, who was born in Gosfield South, May 10, 1810. Both Mr. and Mrs. Boyle died in Malden township, and were buried in the private cemetery on the homestead, the death of Mr. Boyle occurring in 1877 and that of his wife in 1852. The children born to them were as follows: George, a carpenter, now living retired in Malden township; John, an iron moulder of Detroit; Thomas, deceased, for many years a lawyer of Amherstburg; Rosana, who died at the age of ten; Robert, deceased, who was a moulder in Bay City, Michigan; William; Elizabeth, widow of Louis Hahn, Detroit; James, professor of music, residing in the States; and Abram, a farmer of Malden township.

William Boyle was born on the old homestead in Malden township, Oct. 13, 1840, and there resided until twenty-one years of age, when he went to Detroit, and for sixteen years was engaged in the foundry business, being a stockholder in the concern with which he was connected. At the expiration of this period Mr. Boyle returned to Malden township, where he looked after real estate interests until 1901, at which time he moved to his very pleasant home in Amherstburg, on the river front. From this residence the view is magnificent, all of the traffic of the Great Lakes being in sight and a very interesting spectacle is thus presented during the navigation season.

On May 31, 1870, Mr. Boyle married Miss Amanda Hahn, daughter of Louis Hahn, of Detroit; no children have come to this union. Mr. and Mrs. Boyle are consistent members of the Church of England, and politically Mr. Boyle is a Conservative. Fraternally he is a member of Thistle Lodge, No. 34, A.F. & A.M., of Am-

herstburg, and he is very popular in that organization, as he is throughout the country. Mr. Boyle takes a deep interest in the growth of Amherstburg and demonstrates his confidence by investing largely in real estate in the town and surrounding country, and he has not only been successful financially, but has gained a host of warm personal friends, by whom he is deeply esteemed.

JAMES L. REAUME, a successful manufacturer of hoops, staves and hardwood lumber in the township of Essex, was born in Tilbury East, County of Kent, March 8, 1859, son of Charles and Jeannette (Trudell) Reaume, old French pioneers of the County of Kent, whose grandparents came from France and settled in Detroit and Canada.

Charles Reaume and wife were both born in Tilbury East, County of Kent, he in 1821, and she in 1828. After their marriage, in 1856, they settled on a tract of wild land in Tilbury, and there for twenty-five years they made their home. Mr. Reaume then sold his farm and purchased an improved one at Comber, County of Essex, where he spent the balance of his days. Both Mr. and Mrs. Reaume were among the most highly-respected citizens of the Counties of Kent and Essex, and were held in high esteem for their many Christian virtues. They were consistent members of the Roman Catholic Church, and among its founders in both counties. Mrs. Reaume died at their Comber home in June, 1871, and Mr. Reaume survived until 1891. They were the parents of four sons: Vita, born in Tilbury, in 1857, married a Miss Dupuis, and has a family, and they now reside in Massachusetts; James L. is mentioned below; Anthony, born in 1860, married Appaline Castiner, has a family, and resides on the old homestead in Comber; William, born in 1863, married Justine Dupuis, has children and is engaged in the hardware business at Comber.

James L. Reaume received his early education in the district schools of Tilbury, while growing to manhood. He then entered a Canadian commercial school, where he received a business training. His first venture for himself was at St. Clair, County of Essex, where he engaged in the mercantile trade. Meeting with success in business he continued in this line until 1889, when finding the confinement injurious to his health, he sold his interests, and purchased his present lumber plant, in Essex, owned and operated at that time by Charles E. Naylor, who

is one of the leading mill men of Essex. Mr. Reaume has continued manufacturing hoops, staves and hardwood lumber, and is now doing a very extensive business, his shipments of manufactured lumber averaging six to eight cars per week. He employs about fifty men, and has only up-to-date machinery. The engine is a fine one of 75-horse power. He has bought a valuable property on Gordon Avenue, where he erected a fine modern residence, and there he makes his home.

In 1881 Mr. Reaume was married to Miss Georgianna Robert, of French parentage, who was born at Montreal, in May, 1863, daughter of Hypolite and Margaret (Proux) Robert, of prominent French families of Montreal, who came early to Windsor. Besides Mrs. Reaume, Hypolite Robert had three children: Hypolite, the only son, died when thirty years of age; Louisa died in young womanhood; and Jessie married Robert McDonald, of Windsor, and died leaving one son, Robert L., of Windsor.

Mrs. Georgianna (Robert) Reaume grew to gracious young womanhood in Windsor, where she received a classical education in the convent schools of that city, and for several years she was head clerk in one of the leading stores there, being well and favorably known. She is a lady of rare culture, and has a large circle of friends in Essex, as well as in Windsor.

Mr. and Mrs. Reaume are the parents of six children. (1) Otto, born in the County of Essex, was educated in the high school of Essex, from which he was graduated in 1900; he is a young man of more than usual ability, and is now employed by one of the leading art firms of Detroit, where he receives a large salary for one of his years. (2) Josephine, born in 1885, was graduated from the Essex high school, and later became a student of the Windsor convent; she is a charming young lady, very carefully and highly educated. (3) Lawrence was born in 1890. (4) Raymond was born in 1893. (5) Edward was born in 1895. (6) Marie was born in 1901. Religiously the family are all devout members of the Roman Catholic Church—the faith of their family as far back as it can be traced. Politically Mr. Reaume, as well as his father, has been identified with the Conservative party, although he has not aspired to office; he was, however, appointed a custom house officer, while a resident of Belle River, in 1886, which position he held until 1894. He is a member of the Order of Foresters.

Since first starting in business life Mr. Reaume

has steadfastly pursued one principle, that of strictest honesty. While a merchant every article of goods he sold was exactly as he stated, and upright methods were followed. As a manufacturer, he looks just as carefully after the interests of his customers, and has built up a business of which he is naturally very proud. As a public official he gave the utmost satisfaction, and may be justly called one of the most representative men of Western Ontario.

JAMES H. WHITE, a prosperous farmer and fisherman, and a member of the township council of Pelee Island, County Essex, was born in the parish of Hinton, Gloucestershire, England, Feb. 11, 1851, a son of William F. White.

William F. White, who was a native of the same parish as his son, grew to manhood in that locality, pursuing the calling of a quarryman and gardener. His death occurred in his native parish Jan. 1, 1873, and he was there buried. He was a member of the English Church. In his native home he married Sophia Augs, who died in 1880, and is also buried in Hinton Cemetery. They were the parents of eleven children, five boys and six girls.

James H. White was reared to manhood in his native country, and received rather limited educational advantages, acquiring such knowledge as was imparted at the parish school. Until the death of his father he followed market gardening. On Oct. 7, 1873, after his father's death, he married Elizabeth Carter, daughter of Job Carter, now a highly respected resident of Pelee Island. A brother of Mrs. White resided in Pelee Island, and the young couple, hearing such favorable reports of the advantages there offered, resolved to seek their fortunes across the seas, and therefore took passage from Liverpool on the Allan Line steamer "Caspian," and were landed at Quebec after a successful voyage. From Quebec Mr. and Mrs. White made their way to Pelee Island and William Carter. Mr. White immediately found employment with Thomas C. McCormick in the quarries, and continued with him for several years. During all this time he was very economical, and finally was enabled to begin farming for himself on a tract of twenty-five acres, which he purchased from Thomas C. McCormick. This property he cleared of the brush, and placed it under cultivation. On it he grows grapes and carries on general farming. Mr. White has made many improvements and has one of the finest pieces of property in the township. In addition to his farming inter-

ests he was quite extensively engaged in fishing for several years, owning three ponds, and he also did considerable gill-net fishing. He is one of the best known men on the Island, and takes a deep interest in all public matters relating to the Island and the county generally.

Mr. White was one of the strongest advocates of the drainage system of the marsh lands on the Island, and assisted very materially in accomplishing that wonderful work. He is a staunch Liberal and has been honored by election to many positions of trust and responsibility within the gift of the people. In 1893, 1894, 1896, 1898, 1899, 1902 and 1903 he was elected to a seat in the township council, and is now a member of that body. Like the good Liberal he is, Mr. White is a strong supporter of the school system, and in 1887 and 1898 served as one of the trustees of the board.

Fraternally Mr. White is a member of the K. T. of M. of Pelee Island, and has filled the office of commander of that organization. He is a member of the Joint Stock Co. of the lodge, and also a shareholder and trustee of the same. Religiously he is a consistent member of the English Church, and has been warden for three terms. During the Liberal administration he was appointed by the Provincial Government game warden of the Island, and has held that office for the past eleven years.

Children as follows have been born to Mr. and Mrs. White: Millicent married Hugh Hoper, who was accidentally drowned Nov. 6, 1898, on Lake Erie; Florence (deceased) married Fred Reh, of Pelee Island; Frederick was drowned on Lake Erie together with his brother-in-law Mr. Hoper, two other men and two women, who were crossing from Kingsville to Pelee Island; Margaret married Samuel Lucis and they reside on Pelee Island; Jackson died at the age of fifteen years; Edward resides with his father, fishing and farming.

Mrs. White embodies in her personality the highest ideals of a wife and mother. She is a most excellent housekeeper and homemaker and is revered by her stalwart sons and daughters, and beloved by her husband. By his honorable methods, his spotless record as a public official, and his general uprightness of living, Mr. White has won and retained the confidence and respect of his neighbors and is justly regarded as one of the most representative and prominent men of Pelee Island, and the County of Essex. The success which has followed his well-directed ef-

forts is but the natural result of sober, industrious and thrifty habits.

ANDREW WHITTLE, member of the council of the township of Mersea, County of Essex, Ont., and one of the most prominent farmers of that place, was born in the township of Gosfield that county, Sept. 5, 1848, son of John Whittle, and grandson of Thomas Whittle.

Thomas Whittle was a native of Ontario, and settled at Colchester, where he owned 100 acres of land, and where he spent several years, later removing to Mersea township. There he bought 160 acres on the 5th Concession, spending the remainder of his life engaged very extensively in farming and stock raising. His remains were interred in the beautiful Olinda Cemetery, Gosfield township.

John Whittle, son of Thomas and father of our subject, was born in Colchester township, and was four years of age when brought by his parents to Mersea township. There he grew to manhood, and received a fair common school education. After attaining his majority, he removed to Gosfield township, bought 300 acres of land, and became one of the substantial men of that section. He attained the age of seventy-nine years, and was deeply respected by a wide circle of friends. In politics he was a Liberal, but never sought or desired public office. In religious matters he was broad-minded, and a consistent member of the Universalist Church, being one of the first to join that denomination in his locality. He was a man well read on all subjects, and was thoroughly posted upon current events.

After settling in Gosfield township, John Whittle married Anne Thornton, a native of Pennsylvania, daughter of Richard Thornton, who came from England. The following children were born to the parents of our subject: Richard, a soldier in the Union army during the Civil War in the States, died at Nashville, Tennessee; Esther married Rado Orton, of Gosfield township; Harrison died in Illinois; George resides on the homestead of his grandfather; Isaac is a resident of Gosfield township; Andrew is mentioned below; Michael died young; Charles married Elizabeth McQueen, and died at the age of twenty-three, leaving a son, John; Mary Jane married Josiah Peterson, and resides on the homestead. The mother of this family died in Gosfield township, and is buried beside her husband. She, too, was a member of the Universalist Church.

Andrew Whittle remained upon his father's farm until he was eighteen years of age, attending school and assisting in the work of the place, but at that time he went to Michigan, and later to Illinois, and followed different occupations for about three years. He then returned to the County of Essex, and remained with his parents until 1870, when he came to Mersea township, and settled upon 100 acres of bush land, owned by his father. There were no buildings upon it, and he immediately built a small frame house in which he remained until 1881, when he replaced it with a comfortable modern brick home. After clearing off his original farm, Mr. Whittle added 100 acres, and made many improvements, being extensively engaged in stock and tobacco raising. A portion of this farm is now operated by his son, Ezra. The latter is, and always has been, a very enterprising and progressive man, ambitious and hard-working, and he has had the satisfaction of seeing his plans successfully mature, and himself becoming one of the substantial residents of Mersea township. By his honorable methods Mr. Whittle has won the respect of his neighbors, and few men stand higher in the community. For many years he has been a leading member of the Universalist Church, of which his wife and children are also members, and he holds the offices of secretary and treasurer in that body.

Mr. Whittle cast his first vote for a Liberal candidate, but later, becoming convinced of the soundness of the Conservative principles, he joined that party, and is now one of its most ardent supporters and faithful workers. In 1897 he was honored by election to the township council, which office he has held continuously ever since, discharging the duties with the conscientious faithfulness which is characteristic of him. Starting out in life a poor, unaided youth, by his own efforts he has accumulated a fortune, and is numbered among the most successful farmers of the township.

In 1870 Andrew Whittle married Mahala Batchall, and six children have been born to this marriage: (1) Harrison T. married Florence Upcott, and they are the parents of three children, Myrtle A., Andrew L. and Lela B. They reside in Dakota, where he is an extensive farmer. (2) Harriet A., twin sister to Harrison T., is the widow of Richard Upcott, and the mother of three children, Lena M., Esther A. and Andrew R. (3) Edith married Almer Reives, of Gosfield, and has four children, Lawrence E., Viola, Ethelbert and Clarence. (4) Earl is a

ranchman of Alberta; he married Letha Smith, and they have two children, Claud E. and Frank A. (5) Ezra operates a portion of the homestead; he married Laura Brown and has one son, Earl A. (6) Gordon is at home. All the children have grown into men and women of whom any parents might well be proud.

PASCAL REAUME, a retired farmer of Anderdon, River Front, County of Essex, is of the fourth generation of the family which has lived in the county. The first of the name to settle in Canada was Antoine Reaume, who came from France to Montreal in the latter half of the eighteenth century. His three sons accompanied him, all settling on the Detroit river.

Pascal Reaume, grandfather of his namesake, made his home at Amherstburg, and was one of the first three or four settlers of that place. He was a carpenter by trade, and a number of his buildings are still standing in the town, all over a hundred years old. By his wife Cecile P., a native of Montreal, he had three children, Margaret, Antoine and Charles, who survived him. Margaret Reaume (deceased) was the wife of Joseph Graveline, who settled on Anderdon River Front; she had one son, January, of that place. Antoine Reaume settled and died on the River Front in Anderdon, leaving a large family who live in the County of Essex. Charles is mentioned below.

Charles Reaume, father of Pascal (2), grew up in Amherstburg, where he received only a limited education. While still a young man he purchased land in Malden, near Amherstburg, on the River Front, where he remained some years before he purchased Grosse Island, on the Michigan side, where he lived fourteen years, clearing up land and erecting buildings. Later he sold his Island farm and purchased the present place, known as the Indian farm, on the River Front in Anderdon township. The land was purchased from Chief George Antside. Mr. Reaume, having remodelled some parts, is still living in the house erected by the chief. Here Charles Reaume and his wife Mary Lama lived from their marriage in 1827 until they died in 1877 and 1881, respectively. Mr. Reaume's death occurred very shortly after they had celebrated their golden wedding, at which time many handsome presents were made to the aged couple. Mr. Reaume had been a soldier in the Rebellion of 1837-38. He and his wife were the parents of the following children, who lived to mature years: (1) Scipio Reaume, the eldest, born in 1828, married

Mary Castel, and they settled at Wyandotte, Michigan, where she died. Giving up his business there, he returned to the old homestead, and died in 1889, leaving one son Frank, who was reared by his grandparents Reaume, and who married and settled at Windsor. His wife, Almira Langlers, of Anderdon, has borne him four children: Ascore, Leon, Beatrice and Rudolph. (2) Pascal is next in the order of birth. (3) Mary, born in 1832, the deceased wife of Eli Reaume, of Anderdon, left one daughter, Annie, who is the wife of John Goodeynee, of Michigan. (4) Jerusha, born in 1835, is the wife of Albert Bussay, who lives in Wayne County, Michigan. They have a large family: Charles, John, Thomas, Lewis, Frank, Judith, Josephine, Attie, Alice, Bell and Ida. (5) Kate, born in 1837, is the deceased wife of Robert Abbott, of Detroit, Michigan. She left two daughters, Lena and Eliza, who were raised by Mr. and Mrs. Pascal Reaume. (6) Agnes, born in 1840, is the deceased wife of Joseph Lappell, who settled at Delray, Michigan. She left children, Scipio, Joseph, Andrew, Richard, George, Hattie and Ida. (7) Hattie, born in 1842, died unmarried at twenty-six years of age. (8) Annie, born in 1844, is the deceased wife of Peter White, who settled at Windsor, where Mrs. White died, leaving three children, who have since died also. (9) Charles, born in 1846, married Miss Josephine Gastate of Amherstburg; they reside in St. Agnes, California, and have two children, Frank and Addie. (10) Thomas, born in 1848, is single and an engineer of Delray, Michigan.

Pascal Reaume, our subject, was born in Amherstburg, Jan. 15, 1830, and grew up at the old home, where he engaged in farming from boyhood up, receiving, however, a good education in the English schools of Amherstburg. He was the manager of his father's farm for a number of years before the death of the latter.

On Oct. 8, 1871, Mr. Reaume married Miss Mary Provincher, who was born at the Indian village of Anderdon, Sept. 27, 1836, daughter of Michael Provincher, a Canadian pioneer who was born in Lower Canada and settled first in Anderdon, in the County of Essex, but later removed to Illinois, where he died in 1864, aged sixty-two; his wife, a native of the County of Essex, died in Mr. Reaume's home in March, 1903, aged eighty-eight. Mrs. Reaume has three brothers living: Michael, of Illinois; Abram, of Duluth, Minnesota; and Joseph, of Dakota.

Mr. Reaume and his wife settled on the father's old homestead, where they have resided

to the present time, and where he has made many improvements on the place. There are no children in the family. Mr. Reaume and his wife, as well as his parents and early ancestry, were all members of and founders of the first Canadian Catholic Church built at Sandwich, later belonging to the old church at Amherstburg. Politically Mr. Reaume has always voted with the Conservative party; he was a member of the board of school trustees for six years, and also roadmaster for a long time. While Mr. Reaume and his wife have had no children of their own, they have given all the care and affection of parents to five children brought up in their home. Their nephew, Frank Reaume, and their two nieces, Lena and Eliza Abbott, have already been referred to, and another child, who received a son's training, was Joseph Vincent, who now manages Mr. Reaume's farm. He is married to Miss Rosa Caldwell, of Amherstburg, but they have no family.

Pascal Reaume is the eldest living member of the old family, and is one of the prominent and wealthy citizens of the county. He is esteemed and loved by all who know him for his kindly nature and upright character.

WILLIAM M. JESSOP, a prominent and substantial farmer of the County of Essex, Ont., located in South Sandwich, on Lot 308, North Talbot Road, was born Jan. 18, 1858, at the present home, son of John and Mary (Gunn) Jessop, one of this section's pioneer families.

The grandfather of our subject was George Jessop, who came from England to Canada in 1834, and settled on the Malden Road in Sandwich West, in a little log cabin in the woods. Here he cleared up a fine farm, made this his permanent home and reared a family of stalwart sons and beautiful daughters. His children were: James, deceased, born in England; George; Henry; Stephen; John; Mary, wife of Henry Takle, deceased; Sarah, wife of Thomas Johnson, deceased; Phylis, wife of John Moore, deceased; Eliza, deceased wife of Edward Bannell, of Sandwich West; and Emma, wife of William Johnson. All are deceased except Mrs. John Moore, who lives at Ruthven, County of Essex.

John Jessop, son of George, was born Feb. 19, 1823, in Buckinghamshire, England, and was a boy of eleven years when the family came to Canada. He was closely confined to the farm in those early days, as work awaited from the rising to the setting of the sun, the early pioneers

being able to lighten their labors by none of the machinery which has since been invented and introduced into every agricultural community.

John Jessop married Mary Gunn, who was born in Buckinghamshire, England, Christmas Day, 1825, the estimable daughter of George Gunn, who had emigrated from England about the same date as did the Jessops, but he settled in Michigan, and there Mrs. Jessop was reared. Some time after his marriage Mr. Jessop bought the home now occupied by our subject, building thereon a log cabin, and lived there until his son William M. married, when he made his home with his one daughter, Mrs. Estella Collins, dying there April 18, 1897. His wife had died at the present home in 1893. Both were consistent members of the Church of England, Mr. Jessop being one of the founders and builders of the first English Church established in Sandwich. In politics he always supported the candidates and principles of the Conservative party, while as a man of judgment and prominence he was called upon to serve in many local offices. For a number of years he was justice of the peace, much valued in his neighborhood on account of his even balance of judgment, was trustee and treasurer of the school board, and for a great many years was postmaster of the Wimbledon post-office in Sandwich. Of the eleven children born to John Jessop and wife, only three lived beyond childhood, two sons and one daughter, namely: (1) Frank, born Sept. 27, 1852, in Sandwich South, has followed farming on the old homestead up to the present time, now residing on a farm adjoining the old homestead in Sandwich West; he married Florence Findley, a lady of Windsor, and has children as follows: Mary, John, Olive, Charles, Walter, Sarah, Alice, Garnet, Harry, Annie and Leslie. (2) Estella, born in April, 1866, married Matthew Collins, of Woodstock, and they reside on Talbot Road in South Sandwich; they have two children, Edwin and William. (3) William M. completes the family.

William M. Jessop was reared on his father's farm, and in the open-air life grew to sturdy manhood. His education was obtained in the district schools of the locality. On Oct. 26, 1881, he was united in marriage with Annie E. Lounsbrough, born near Toronto, March 6, 1860, daughter of Edmund and Annie Lounsbrough, who came to Canada from England. The father still resides in Sandwich, but her mother died some years since in Anderdon township.

After marriage our subject and wife settled

in the old family home, where they reside until the present day, although Mr. Jessop is engaged in building a fine, modern residence, one which will be both ornamental and comfortable. He has made many very substantial improvements about the place, and now owns one of the excellent farms for which the County of Essex is famed. Mr. Jessop comes of an agricultural family, and his methods are those of the intelligent, practical farmer.

To Mr. and Mrs. Jessop a family of ten children has been born, namely: Stella and Iva, who both died in infancy; William, born in 1882; Edmund, born in 1884; Ernest F., born in 1886; Lillie, born in 1888; Henry, born in 1891; George, born in 1895; Percy, born in 1897; and Earl, born Aug. 28, 1904. These children are being given all the educational advantages available, and are growing up into bright, earnest young sons and daughters of the Dominion, who will be able to grapple with the great problems of the future. Mr. Jessop has never cared for political prominence, but has cast his vote according to his judgment and conscience, believing the best interests of the country can be served only by good and worthy men. In religious matters he has reared his family in his own church, having always been a consistent member of the Church of England. Fraternally he belongs to the Order of Orangemen, No. 552, Unity Hall, of which he has been deputy master for fifteen years.

WILLIAM R. ASH, a farmer and stock raiser of Gosfield North, has a splendidly developed farm on Lot 273, and is one of the influential men of the section. He was born in Devonshire, England, July 12, 1845.

The parents, Samuel and Mary A. (Raymont) Ash, were both born in that same shire, he in 1821, and his wife in 1825, the former being an only child. They never left England, but their children scattered widely. Of the family, five lived to grow up, and William R. was the eldest of these. (2) Selina, the eldest daughter, was born in 1849, and is the deceased wife of William Hedge, a native of Wales. They were married in Detroit, where he worked for the Canadian Pacific railroad. They settled later in the Northwest, where she died in 1900, leaving no family. (3) Samuel came to Canada and married a Miss Belinger, of the County of Essex. They reside on his farm on Concession 8, in Gosfield North, and have four children. (4) George came to Canada when a young man, but

after living there five years, moved to Australia, where he still resides, unmarried. (5) Richard also came to Canada in early manhood, and remained a short time, but then returned to England, where he married and resides at the old Ash homestead.

William R. Ash was given a good education in England, and there followed the occupation of farming until 1871, when he came to Canada, via Quebec. He brought with him his bride, Miss Mary Horn, also born in Devonshire, in 1842, the daughter of John Horn, of that county. On arriving in this country they settled first at Oshawa, Ont., on a farm, where they lived until 1873. For the two following years Mr. Ash was employed by the Great Western railroad, but in 1875 determined to resume farming and rented a place on the Tecumseh Road, in Sandwich East, where the family remained thirteen years. At the end of that time he bought 100 acres at his present location. When he took possession it was principally wild land, but it has now all been cleared, as well as eighty acres which he added later, and a number of good substantial buildings have been put up, making altogether as productive a farm, and as attractive appearing one, as there is in the county. Five children were born to William and Mary Ash, all of them during their residence on the Tecumseh Road: (1) Louisa, the eldest, born in 1875, was well educated in the schools of Essex. She is the wife of Norman B. Buckland, of Gosfield North, resides on his farm on Talbot Street East, and has two children, Clara and John R. (2) Mary A., born in 1879, is the wife of Lewis J. Orton, who resides on Talbot Street, near Cottam. They have two children, William L. and Alvin. (3) Lottie, born in 1881, is the wife of Herbert Read, lives in Gosfield North, on Belle River Road, and has one son, Glen. (4) William J., born in 1883, is at home, unmarried, as is also (5) Samuel J., born in 1885.

On beginning his life in America Mr. Ash had very limited means, and has made his way entirely by his own exertions. When he bought the farm on which he now lives it was mainly wild land, and he met all the usual experiences and hardships of the pioneer before he brought his place to its present form. It is now one of the most highly improved and productive farms in the county. Mr. Ash is also quite extensively engaged in stock raising, and has some of the finest horses and Short Horn cattle in that section. In 1882 he returned to England for a visit, and while there bought an English horse, known as

"Young Charmer," which he brought back with him to Canada. This horse is still in Mr. Ash's possession, and has a fine record behind him.

Mr. Ash has always been a Conservative in his views, and has supported his party faithfully at the polls, but has himself taken no active part in public affairs, further than to serve on the board of school trustees. He is a member of Windsor Lodge, I.O.O.F. As both Mr. Ash and his wife were born in England, very naturally they adhere to the Episcopalian faith, and are members of that Church. With an unyielding devotion to principle, strong in his convictions, devoted to his friends, and of the strictest honesty in all his dealings, Mr. Ash is one of the strong men of the community, and stands high in the esteem of his fellow-citizens, while many an unfortunate one has cause to bless his kindly charity.

GUSTAVE E. STRAUBEL, one of the well-known and much-esteemed citizens of Mersea township, and a substantial retired farmer, was born at Frieberg, in the Kingdom of Saxony, Germany, June 16, 1832, son of John Christopher Straubel, who was born in Saxony in 1798.

John Christopher Straubel learned the trade of cabinetmaking, and in following it he strayed far from home. In those days communication with absent ones was not so easily accomplished as at present, and eighteen years passed away before he returned and found out the changes which had taken place in his absence. His father had died, and the estate had been divided among the heirs at hand. He worked at his trade in Frieberg, and soon married Fredericka Home, of that place, and they had these children: Carl, who now lives retired in New York; Ferdinand, who followed the trade of harnessmaker in Pennsylvania, later came to Canada and located at Cartridge on Lake Huron, and from there moved to Toronto, where he died; Gustave E.; Minnie, wife of Bernard Herbert, of New York; Herman, who is a professor of music in New York; and August, who died in his native land.

The father of this family continued to work at his trade until 1854, when he came to America. His wife, who was the only daughter of a wealthy wine manufacturer, did not accompany him, as her father was getting old, and she remained to look after the vineyards pertaining to her father's estate. She never came to America, her death taking place in her native land in 1872. Several of the sons had established

themselves in New York, and Mr. Straubel joined them and worked at his trade in that city. Later he returned to Germany, but came to America a second time, some years after, settling in Eastern Pennsylvania, where he died at the home of his son Ferdinand, and was buried there. He was a consistent member of the Lutheran Church.

Gustave E. Straubel obtained a German education in the schools of his native land, and was fifteen years of age when he was apprenticed to the trade of locksmith, at which he continued three years. According to the rules of that craft, he received no wages during this time, and when he had become a skilled workman, he decided to seek better labor conditions in another land. At the age of eighteen years he left home and secured passage on the sailing vessel "Korelan," in 1850, and after a voyage of thirty-five days reached the city of New York. In the neighboring city of Elizabethport, New Jersey, he found employment in a foundry where he spent four and a half years working for seventy-five cents a day. Hoping for still better opportunities and wages for his skilled labor, he started west, stopping first at Buffalo, then at Detroit, finally going on to London, Ont. He tried one week of work in a gravel pit located not far from London, but gave that up in favor of farm work, which he soon secured in the County of Middlesex. In the following winter he was engaged in chopping timber, but in the following spring he went to Oxford township and there found farm work with William Land, with whom he spent two years, working for \$20 per month. This farm Mr. Straubel then rented and operated for twelve years, during which time he married Phoebe Land, daughter of his employer. He then purchased a tract of fifty acres which he operated for two years, improved it, and sold it advantageously in 1870.

Mr. Straubel then came to the County of Essex, and located on the Talbot Road, Mersea township, buying there a tract of 150 acres, a part of which was covered yet with natural growth. He worked hard to clear it, and also erected a comfortable dwelling house. In 1874 he sold a part of his land, operating the balance until he retired from active work, turning the farming over to his son-in-law, Gordon Gowman. The land has become doubly valuable since oil was discovered on it in 1903. Mrs. Straubel died on the farm Jan. 8, 1898, and was buried in Lake View cemetery. The two children of Mr. and Mrs. Straubel were: Amelia, who married

Gordon Gowman, and has three children, Carl, Lillie and Ada; and Maschal Edgar, who died young.

In politics Mr. Straubel has always been a Conservative, but has never been an office seeker, his interest in education making him consent to serve as school trustee of Section No. 2 for a long period. Fraternally he is an Odd Fellow, and is a charter member of the I.O.O.F. lodge which was organized April 15, 1883. For eighteen years he has served as chaplain of the order in this locality. He has been a very active member of the Methodist Church, and for twenty years has been a member of its official board in Leamington. While Mr. Straubel has been a farmer and a locksmith, he has, through natural mechanical ability, been able to turn his hand to anything, and there is probably no mechanical trade in which he would not have excelled if he had given attention to it. He is much esteemed in his locality for his sterling character, and stands as one of the representative men of Mersea township.

EDWIN D. WRIGHT, a prosperous farmer of the township of Colchester South, is a descendant of one of the pioneer settlers of South Essex, and he was born on the home farm April 7, 1850. He received an excellent common school education, assisting his father in the meanwhile upon the farm until he was twenty-seven years of age, at which time he located on his present fine property, purchasing it from Col. John Brush. At first he bought a sixty-acre tract, and three years ago added twenty acres adjoining. He himself has cleared about thirty acres, the property being now almost entirely cleared. Practically all the improvements in the way of buildings have been made by him, and upon the property recently purchased is a fine peach orchard of 1,200 trees. The dwelling is pleasantly situated near the lake, so that the home is a delightful one. In politics Mr. Wright is a Conservative, but has never sought office, his private affairs engrossing his attention. Fraternally he affiliates with the I.O.O.F., holding membership in Lodge No. 309, of Harrow, of which he is a charter member.

Mr. Wright married, in his home township, Sarah Lipps, a daughter of Henry Lipps, and to this union were born children as follows: May, who married Jacob K. McLean, and has two children, Irwin and Mildred; Bertha, wife of Charles Quick; and Lloyd L. Perry, Theresa, Clara and Joseph D., all at home. Mr. and Mrs.

Wright are very well and favorably known throughout the township, where they have a host of warm personal friends.

THOMAS LYPPS, one of the old settlers of western Ontario, is descended from German ancestry on the paternal side, and the first of whom there is any definite knowledge was his grandfather, who was born in Germany, and founded the family in Ontario at an early day. His children were: John; Hannah, who married Henry Wright; Elizabeth, who married William Wright; and Henry.

John Lypps, the father of Thomas, was born in Pennsylvania, where the grandfather first settled upon coming to the New World. He settled in Colchester South, where he died in June, 1831, at the age of forty-two years, from an injury received while going to mill, having been thrown from his cart. He married Hannah Lidwell, and they had the following children: Eliza, widow of Jeremiah Sissions, was born in 1821, and is now living in Michigan; Hannah married Gore Atkin, of Amherstburg; John is a farmer of Michigan; Thomas is mentioned below; Robert is a farmer of Colchester South; Abner died at the same time as his father, and they were buried the same day.

Thomas Lypps was born in Colchester South, Sept. 1, 1827, and grew to manhood on the old farm, where he remained until 1890, when he located in Amherstburg, although he still retains the old farm on Lots 84 and 85, on the Gore Road. Since locating in the town he has lived retired from active pursuits. In 1859 Mr. Lypps married Miss Janet Anderson, daughter of John and Mary (Brock) Anderson, and granddaughter of John Anderson, Sr. She was born in Scotland, June 10, 1828, and in 1835 came to Ontario, locating in Malden township, County of Essex, where the father followed farming and died at the age of ninety years, about 1875. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Anderson were: Agnes, deceased; John deceased; Margaret, widow of Wheeler Brush; Mrs. Lypps; and Robert, deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Lypps have no children. They are members of the Presbyterian Church. In politics Mr. Lypps is a Conservative, and is justly numbered among the responsible and representative men of the community in which he now makes his home.

JOSEPH ROBINSON, a farmer of Essex, County Essex, was born at the old Robinson

homestead in Essex, Nov. 28, 1849, a son of James and Sabina (Emerson) Robinson, old pioneers of the county, who came from England.

James Robinson was born in Huntingdonshire, England, Dec. 21, 1804, while his wife was born in Tedford, Lincolnshire, England, Jan. 15, 1809. They grew to maturity in their native land, receiving a fair common school education, and came to Canada before their marriage, in 1833 crossing the ocean in a sailing vessel and locating in Windsor, Ont. After reaching Windsor Mr. Robinson worked as foreman in a meat packing house for James Dougall for some years. During this time he married, in 1838, and remained in Windsor, still working for his first employers. In 1842 he came to Essex, where he purchased wild land and started life as a pioneer farmer. Upon this land he erected a log house and resided until his death, in July, 1870. His worthy wife died in July, 1887. The children had a re-union at this old home in 1888, since which time the log house has been removed.

Joseph Robinson, the seventh member of the family, resides on the west part of the old homestead. His early education was obtained in the district schools of Essex, and at the same time he worked upon his father's farm, until he was grown to manhood. On Dec. 3, 1874, he married Miss Louisa Squires, who was born in Gosfield township in 1849, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Pratten) Squires, pioneers of that locality, who came from England in 1828, locating on Long Island, New York, but after a few years coming to Gosfield and remaining until their deaths, which occurred in 1891 and 1886, respectively. They were the parents of twelve children, six of whom are living: William, of Windsor; John, a farmer of Harrow; Thomas, of Leamington; Elizabeth, who married Joseph Fox, of Amherstburg; Drucilla, who married Alfred Dowler, of Baltimore, Maryland; and Louisa, who married our subject.

Mr. and Mrs. Robinson settled on the old home and there resided for some years, until he erected his new brick house on the west side, in 1877; he also built large barns and outbuildings. The old homestead was torn down after the family held a re-union, in 1879. To himself and wife have come five children: Della, born in 1876, is unmarried and resides at the homestead; Miss Estella, born in 1879, is a milliner of Detroit; Roland, born in 1882, lives at the old homestead; Ernest, born in 1884, is unmarried and in the plumbing business in Detroit; Ara-

bella, born in 1888, is a student in the high school of Essex.

In religious matters Mrs. Robinson and her children are members of the Methodist Church. Politically Mr. Robinson has always been identified with the Reform party, and he has been a member of the town council for three years. Fraternally he has been a member of the A.O.U.W., Lodge No. 10, of Essex, in which he has held different offices. Mr. Robinson is one of the self-made men of Essex, having started out in life with but little, and is now one of the substantial men of the town.

JOHN HENNING, a well-known and popular educator and farmer of Pelee Island, and member of the township council, was born near Exeter, Devonshire, England, Sept. 25, 1836, son of William Martin Henning.

William Martin Henning was born in Cornwall, England, where he grew to manhood's estate. By occupation he was a farmer, and when a young man he removed to Devonshire, and there he married Mary Anne Prout, who bore him the following children: Mary Anne, who married Walter C. Parsons, a farmer of Haldimand, Ont.; William; Thomas, of Wisconsin; James; John; Nathaniel P., a physician; Emma, a resident of Michigan; and Clara, who died young. In 1837 the family emigrated to Canada, and located at Hamilton. Later the father acquired a tract of 100 acres, in the County of Norfolk, on which he made extensive improvements, and spent the remainder of his life peacefully engaged in farming. He lived to be eighty-four years of age, but lost his wife when she was only forty-eight years old. In politics he was a Liberal, and religiously he was a member of the Church of England. Both parents are interred in the same cemetery.

John Henning was only one year old when brought by his parents to Canada. Like other farmers' sons, he was given the limited education afforded by the public schools of that day and locality, and afterward attended the grammar school at Port Dover. When only nineteen years of age he taught his first school, at Hagersville, and so successful was he that for over thirty years he followed that vocation, becoming one of the best-known instructors in western Ontario. For fourteen years he taught in the public school in Jarvis, County of Haldimand, and near Ancaster, County of Wentworth, and at Villanova, and Kingsville, County of Essex, he was principal for six years. In 1881 he came to

Pelee Island, and for six years taught, and at the same time improved a tract of land which he purchased. In addition to general farming he began the culture of grapes, for which the Island is so well suited, and became the owner of sixty-six acres of as fine land as can be found in the county. Mr. Henning holds an A1 certificate, and he is entitled to teach in any school in the Province of Ontario. Although largely interested in farming and grape growing, Mr. Henning has not retired from the profession he has followed for so many years, but is still one of the Island's most esteemed teachers. He takes great pleasure in his work, regarding his profession as one of the noblest and most exalted.

Mr. Henning has also taken an active part in local affairs as a staunch Liberal, and he has served as a member of the township council. For one term he was assessor, and he has been called upon to act as school trustee, the people of his district feeling that no one was better fitted to represent the educational interests of the community than he. In religious matters he is broad-minded and liberal, strongly advocating entire freedom to everyone in such affairs.

In 1861 Mr. Henning married, at Lundy's Lane, Sarah Cecilia Lemon, born near that place, a daughter of Wilson and Abigail (Pew) Lemon. Mrs. Henning is a worthy helpmate of her husband, and a gentle, devoted mother to her children, whom she has reared to honorable lives. She is a devout member of the Methodist Church, and carries her faith into her everyday life. Children as follows were born of this marriage: Jessie married Albert Bess, and resides in Hamilton, Ohio; James Albert E. is a lake captain; Lillian Eva (deceased) married Ernest Iler, of Colchester, Ont.; Wilson Lemon died at the age of seven months; Walter Parsons is a machinist of Dayton, Ohio; Henry is a machinist in Pennsylvania; Stella (deceased) married Albert Burchiel, of Essex; Robert is at home; Ella May married Dr. H. Lounsbery, of Detroit, Michigan; Maude Alice married Edward Lounsbery, of Wheatley; Edith Pearl is at home, and two others died in infancy.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Henning possess in the highest degree the respect and confidence of their neighbors, and occupy an enviable social position. Mr. Henning is a notary public, and is frequently called upon to act in capacities calling for a thorough knowledge of literature and kindred branches of learning, and he is justly regarded as one of the representative men of Pelee Island, as well as of the entire county.

DANIEL HOLMES, one of the highly-respected residents of Leamington, County of Essex, and a retired railroad man, was born at Granton, Lincolnshire, England, June 23, 1825. His parents, Joseph and Catherine (Holmes) Holmes, were both natives of Lincolnshire, and the former died in England, the latter at Simcoe, Ontario.

Daniel Holmes spent his boyhood in his native land, where he received a good practical education and learned the trade of miller, working at same from 1841 until 1847, when he was engaged on the Great Northern railroad as a guard. In 1851 he emigrated to America, locating first at Brooklyn, where he worked in a mill for six months, and in the fall of the same year came on to Canada, stopping at St. Catharines, where he was employed in the mills of Newcastle, Carington and Peffalo, as well as those at Georgina, Ont. He placed the machinery of those mills, and served as superintendent of each for about a year. In 1854 Mr. Holmes removed to Toronto, having on May 3d, 1853, entered the service of the Northern railroad, then known as the Ontario, Simcoe & Huron. He served as brakeman for three months, later becoming baggage-master, and filling that position for six months. In August, 1856, he moved to Brantford, where he was employed by an English company in the reconstruction of the Buffalo & Lake Erie railroad, and he was later appointed conductor of a passenger train. He was in the railroad service for forty-four years. After remaining two years with the Northern he found employment on the Buffalo & Lake Huron railroad, where he remained seven years, going thence to the Grand Trunk, from whose service he retired in 1898, purchasing a home in Leamington, where he now resides. Upon this property he has made many improvements, and has a very comfortable and delightful home. At one period Mr. Holmes ran twelve years without a lay-off. For thirty years his run averaged 165 miles every day in the week, and during his service he traversed 2,000,000 miles, equal to a journey around the world eighty times. During all this time he never injured a passenger, and he had but one accident, which was caused by the negligence of an operator.

Mr. Holmes has been twice married, his first wife having been Mary Bentley, a native of Newark, Nottinghamshire, England, by whom he had six children: Henry, born in 1853, resides at Acton, Ont.; he married Sarah Nolan. Charlotte married James Robertson. Emma mar-

ried William Hazlewood, of Toronto. William is an engineer on the Grand Trunk railroad, and lives at Toronto. Howard and Ann died in childhood. The mother of these died in Goderich, Ont., about 1884, and in 1890 Mr. Holmes married at Syracuse, New York, Dorothy Sills, widow of Dorland Hough. By this marriage there is no family. Mrs. Holmes belongs to an old United Empire Loyalist family.

GEORGE W. VAN DYKE (deceased), for the last ten years of his life a property owner of Anderdon, River Front, in the County of Essex, was a wealthy real estate man of Detroit, who divided his time between that city and his summer home in Canada. Mr. Van Dyke was a true son of Detroit, where his birth occurred in January, 1840.

The Van Dyke family was a prominent one in Detroit for many years, and the early ancestors in America were among the first builders of New Amsterdam. After its surrender to the English, in 1664, they went to Maryland, and subsequently settled in Pennsylvania.

William Van Dyke, grandfather of George W., married Nancy Duncan, whose paternal ancestors came from Scotland and settled in the mountainous county of Cumberland, Pennsylvania. William and Nancy Van Dyke had a family of six children, namely: Lambert, who settled and died in Red River County, Texas; Ellen, who lived and died in her native county; William R., who also lived and died in the county of his birth; John H. (a lawyer) and Samuel W., both of whom settled in Wisconsin, where they died; and James Adam.

James Adam Van Dyke, father of George W., made his home there in 1834, and almost at once stepped into a leading place at the Bar. He was born in Mercersburg, Franklin county, Pennsylvania, Dec. 10, 1813, and was reared and educated there among the mountains of Union county. He was fitted by private tutors for Mercer College, Pennsylvania, which he entered in 1828, graduating with high honors in 1832. He commenced the study of law with Hon. George Chambers, of Chambersburg, with whom he remained a year, continuing his preparation for the Bar under Hon. William Price, of Hagerstown, Maryland, who fought a duel with Hon. Frank Thomas, father of Gov. Thomas, of that State. Completing his legal studies with this gentleman, he went to Baltimore, where he remained until 1834, the year of his settlement in Detroit. He started West with the intention of

locating in Pittsburg, but that place proving uncongenial he came on to Detroit. He had a letter of introduction to the late Alexander D. Frazer, and was persuaded to enter his office, being admitted to practice at the end of the six months' period required by law. In 1835 he became associated in practice with Hon. Charles W. Whipple, which connection lasted until 1838, when Mr. Whipple was called to the Bench of the Supreme Court of Michigan. Mr. Van Dyke then formed a partnership with E. B. Harrington, which was dissolved by the death of that gentleman in 1844, at which time the firm of Van Dyke & Emmons was formed. This association continued until both members practically retired from general practice. In 1840 Mr. Van Dyke was honored with appointment to the office of prosecuting attorney of Wayne County, and in that incumbency proved so fearless and efficient in the discharge of his duty that his name was a terror to criminals in both the city and the county. In 1843 he was elected alderman, and during his term of service in that position was chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, a most important position at that time because of the distressing condition of the city's finances. By unceasing work, good judgment and unflinching tact, Mr. Van Dyke succeeded in saving the corporation from bankruptcy and restoring its credit, and later, as mayor, to which office he was elected in 1847, he originated and established the system which has prevented a recurrence of such a state of affairs. For many years he was a member of the Board of Water Commissioners, and as such was an able factor in the promotion of the system which has made that branch of the municipal government notably efficient. Everything that pertained to the good of his adopted city, and contributed to its welfare, received his hearty support and co-operation. For several years he was a working fireman, with Protection No. 1, whose brakes he managed seven years, and he served four years as president of the fire department. It was through his efforts that the department came into possession of the bell and property which brought in revenue and sold for enough to provide substantial aid for indigent firemen and their families.

As a man Mr. Van Dyke was respected, admired and beloved by all with whom he came in contact. His strong will power, and the energy and industry he displayed in carrying his plans forward to completion, compelled the admiration and good will of everyone. His enterprise kept him at the head of progress, but he was never

an advocate of the selfish policy which advanced him at another's expense. His friends were numerous, and included men of worth and standing from all over the United States who were proved to be included in the circle of his acquaintanceship. His name was a synonym for honor, integrity, sagacity, civic virtue, fidelity, and defender of the law. In the latter connection we may quote a paragraph which serves as an index to the character of the man and his love for the profession of his choice:

"All we possess on earth, is the reward of labor protected by law. It is law alone which keeps all things in order; guards the sleep of infancy, the energy of manhood and weakness of age. It hovers over us by day, it keeps watch and ward over the slumbers of the night; it goes with us through the trackless paths of the mighty waters. The high and the low, each are within its view, and beneath its ample folds. It protects beauty and virtue, punishes crime and wickedness, and vindicates right. Honor and life, liberty and property, the wide world over, are its high objects. Stern, yet kind; pure, yet pitying; steadfast, immutable, and just, it is the attribute of God on earth. It proceeds from His bosom, and encircles with its care, power and blessings. All honor to those who administer it in purity, and reverence its high behests."

In December, 1835, Mr. Van Dyke was united in marriage with Elizabeth Des Noyers, who was born in Detroit, daughter of Hon. Peter Des Noyers, and a member of a prominent family of French descent. Mrs. Van Dyke passed away in 1893. She was the mother of eleven children, eight of whom survived Mr. Van Dyke. George C. and William died in childhood. George W., the eldest son to reach maturity, is mentioned below. Marie, widow of William Casgrain, lives in Chicago, Illinois. Philip J. D. was distinguished as an office-holder in Detroit, where he served as district attorney, etc. Rev. Ernest is priest of St. Aloysius parish of Detroit. Josephine married Henry F. Brownson, a prominent writer of Boston, Minnesota, now residing in Detroit, Michigan, who was a major in the United States army during the Civil War. Victoria is a nun of the Sacred Heart Convent, in Nebraska. Elise became the wife of William B. Moran, who was a distinguished man in Detroit, and both are deceased.

In his domestic life the father of this family exhibited a depth of love and affection which it was said he inherited from his mother, whom he idolized, and whom he is said to have resembled

in form as well as in disposition. He revered and obeyed his father, who was somewhat stern and conservative in his ideas of home training, but his mother's memory was always associated with the most tender recollections. His home life was ideal, unselfishness and wise tenderness actuating his every motive. His gentleness of manner made him a favorite in social circles, and the greatest enjoyment he obtained from the wealth which came to him was derived from the pleasure he took in providing for those he loved, and the tastes he was able to indulge in the lines of art and literature. His pictures and books gave substantial evidence of his good judgment in this respect. Though the greater part of his means was acquired in the practice of his profession, he was also extensively interested in real estate, his property holdings being quite valuable. His death occurred when he was in the very prime of life, May 7, 1855.

George W. Van Dyke received his early education in Detroit, and later attended the schools of Emmitsburg, Maryland, where he completed his education. On the death of his father he returned to Detroit and took his place as the head of the family, beginning at that time his career as a real estate man. He continued to reside exclusively in Detroit until 1888, when he purchased the fine residence of James Mott Williams, in Anderdon, on the river front; this became his summer home henceforth, and many improvements were made on the place until it became one of the finest in this section.

In September, 1881, Mr. Van Dyke was married to Mrs. Fannie E. (Pearly) Piquett, of Detroit, who was born in Portland, Maine, and was educated in the high schools of that State and New Haven, Connecticut. In 1874 she married Charles Piquett, a prominent business man of Detroit. During a three years' pleasure trip abroad Mr. Piquett died, in Paris, in July, 1876, leaving his widow with two children, Marie and Charles. Marie is with her mother, and the son is superintendent of the Delray Dry Dock Works.

Mrs. Van Dyke's father, Jonas H. Pearly, was born in Maine, with her mother, Fannie (Smith), was a native of Massachusetts. Jonas Pearly later made his home in Michigan, where he was for many years a lumberman and one of the wealthy and influential citizens of Detroit. His wife's family also had removed to Detroit and were prominent people there. Mr. and Mrs. Pearly have both passed away, after many years of truest service to the world about them. The

Pearly ancestors were of English stock and were represented among New England's first settlers who came over in the "Mayflower."

To Mr. and Mrs. Van Dyke have come eight children, namely: James A., born in 1882, and Francis G., born in 1884, both educated at the Notre Dame University, Indiana; Maude E., born in 1885, who was educated in the convent at Grosse Point; Catherine Pearly, born in 1887, a student at the Grosse Point Convent; Margaret and C. Alice, twins, born in 1889, the latter now deceased; Harold Pearly, born in 1891; and Marion A., born in 1893.

Politically Mr. Van Dyke was an ardent Democrat and an active worker in the ranks. In his religious convictions he was a Catholic, and with his family belonged to that church. He was a man of great ability, and held a foremost position in the social and business circles of his native city. His death, which occurred June 24, 1898, was a distinct loss to the community and was greatly regretted. Mrs. Van Dyke is a woman of great culture and refinement, a leader in her circle, and is very justly proud of her descent from an ancestry which includes not only the first settlers of the United States, but also those who fought in the Revolution and in the War of 1812.

WILLIAM SHEPPARD, a prominent retired farmer, of Talbot Road, Gosfield North, County of Essex, was born April 29, 1832, in Sussex, England, son of Stephen and Ann Sheppard, natives of England, where their entire lives were passed. They left a family of ten children, but all have passed away but our subject and his brother John, who resides near Brighton, England, and has a family of seven children.

In 1850 William Sheppard and his brother Thomas came to Canada. Thomas married a Miss Stephens, of England, and they settled first in Haldimand County, but some years later removed to Michigan, where he died in 1881, leaving four children, Robert, David, Stephen and Thomas, all residents of Michigan.

William Sheppard was educated in the common schools of his native land, and he engaged in farm work until 1850. The voyage to Canada was made by way of New York, the sailing vessel taking six weeks to make the trip. Crossing the State of New York, Mr. Sheppard reached Buffalo, crossed Lake Erie, and thus made his entrance into the Dominion. He settled in County Haldimand and soon after married Mary A. Harvey, born in Devonshire, England. They

settled first on rented land but with the intention of being frugal and careful, and in time being able to purchase a farm of their own, which he later accomplished. In addition to farming he worked several years in the sawmill business, and in 1879 sold his farm there, and removed to County Essex, purchasing land in Gosfield North, on the Cottam Plains. Here he found a desirable tract of 200 acres which he bought of Mr. Broadwell, and settled down to its cultivation.

In 1891, the first Mrs. Sheppard died, leaving a family of seven children, as follows: Ann J., born in County Haldimand, is the widow of William Vickers, who settled in Gosfield North, on Concession 9, and left two children, Edward and Ethel. Maria, born in County Haldimand, is the wife of John Billings, who lives on the Talbot Road, in Gosfield North. James W., born in County Haldimand, resides on a part of the old homestead in Gosfield, and is a prominent man in his locality, having served efficiently as councillor; he married Lucy Dewhurst, of Gosfield, and they have two children, Edith M. and Wilbur. Miss Harriet, born in County Haldimand, resides on the old homestead, as does also Miss Emily. Elien is the wife of William Montgomery, who lives on Concession 7, in Gosfield North, and has six children, namely: John, Hattie M., Isabel, Glenn, Archie and Mary A. John, the youngest son, resides on the old homestead in Gosfield township, unmarried.

In 1892 Mr. Sheppard was married (second) to Mrs. Eliza A. June, widow of Reuben June, and daughter of Samuel and Electa (Jackson) La Marsh, an old county family. Mrs. Sheppard was born in 1848, in Ohio, but was educated in the schools of Mersea township, County of Essex, where her parents died. She has four sons of her first marriage, namely: Nelson married and settled at Cottam, and has two children, Sophia and Wilson; George I. married and lives on Concession 9, in Gosfield, and has one daughter, Ruby; Crawford, born in the County of Essex, is unmarried; and Robert, married, resides at Olinda and has one son, Henry.

Mr. Sheppard, in addition to his other property, purchased a farm on Concession 5, in Gosfield, and in 1897 his present home on Talbot Street, where he lives retired from business, merely interesting himself in a general overseeing of his property.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Sheppard are members of the Church of England. In politics he has always been identified with the Reform party. Mr.

Sheppard's two sons, James and John, are both progressive farmers and reliable men. James has erected a handsome brick residence and large bank barn on his section of the farm, and has there a very desirable home. During the summer of 1903 Mr. Sheppard and his estimable wife spent three delightful months visiting relatives and old friends in England, meeting everywhere with a warm reception. It was his first visit in fifty years, and he found the old home still standing as it did in his boyhood.

Mr. Sheppard has ever been one of Gosfield's most public-spirited citizens, and he is everywhere held in the highest esteem. He has devoted his attention to the upbuilding of all that has made this section of the county rich both agriculturally, intellectually and morally, has reared a family which reflects credit upon his training, has been liberal in the support of public charities and most generous in private benefactions, and has lived an upright and honest life. Such a man deserves, as he receives, the respect and esteem of all who know him.

ALEXANDER O'NEIL, a well-known farmer and stock dealer of Sandwich South, South Talbot Road, County of Essex, was born Nov. 9, 1843, in this township, son of Alexander and Ann (Shuell) O'Neil, both of whom were born in Ireland, the father in 1819 and the mother in 1821. She was the daughter of John and Mary Shuell who came to Canada at a very early day.

The grandfather also bore the name of Alexander O'Neil. He came to Canada in 1821, and settled in Sandwich South, where he engaged in farming, and lived and died on his home. He left a family of four sons and four daughters, as follows: Alexander (2); John, deceased; William, of Michigan; James, on the old homestead; Mary, deceased, wife of Eugene Sullivan, of Minnesota; Jane, wife of Daniel Flynn, of St. Paul, Minnesota; Kate, deceased; Margaret, wife of Patrick Lavin, of Sandwich South.

Alexander O'Neil (2) settled for a time on the old homestead where his parents died, but later moved to a farm which he purchased on Talbot Road, Sandwich South, where he lived up to the time of his death, in 1891. His estimable widow still resides on this homestead, and has six living sons of her family of nine children, those deceased being: James, Mary and Maggie. The survivors are: John, William, Edward, Albert, Herbert and Alexander, all residents of

Sandwich South, except Albert, who resides in Windsor.

Alexander O'Neil (3), son of Alexander O'Neil (2), and the esteemed subject of this sketch, remained on the homestead farm, and in 1868 he married Miss Barbara Vollans, who was born in March, 1847, daughter of George and Miriam Vollans, an old pioneer family of Sandwich; she was educated in the local schools and instructed in housewifely accomplishments by a careful and competent mother.

After marriage Mr. and Mrs. O'Neil settled on their present home farm, which at that time was but a tract of wild land. His present farm of 360 acres includes the original tract, and also an additional 250 acres which he purchased at a later date. In viewing the fine state of cultivation which the land displays, and the comfortable, appropriate and substantial buildings and improvements, it seems almost impossible that so few years ago this was but a wilderness. It shows conclusively what may be accomplished by the industry and energy of an enterprising man.

Mr. O'Neil has not confined himself to the cultivation of his land, but has been also extensively engaged in the buying and selling of cattle, and also in butchering for the Windsor and Sandwich markets. He has also dealt in lumber to a large extent and has been interested in a sawmill business and in other enterprises. Mr. O'Neil leads a busy life, and is a very prominent man in his locality.

A family of ten children has been born to our subject and wife who are among the leading and representative citizens of the township, reflecting credit upon the locality and their parentage. They are: George, born in 1869, married Grace Webb, of Sandwich, and they reside on a neighboring farm and have one daughter, Muriel; Frank O., born in 1871, married Bertha Church, of Sandwich, and they reside on another of our subject's farms in Sandwich South, and have one daughter, Lillian D.; Harry, born in 1873, unmarried, resides at home; Maggie, born in 1875, is the wife of Henry Banwell, a farmer of Sandwich West, and they have two children, Earle and Myrtle G.; Fred, born in 1878; Lionel, born in 1880; Millie, born in 1881; Mamie, born in 1883; Eugene, born in 1884; and Elmer, born in 1886.

Politically Mr. O'Neil has always voted with the old Conservative party and has been called upon to serve his fellow-citizens in a number of the local offices. He served one year as assessor

and sixteen years as trustee, treasurer and secretary of the school board. Religiously he is a member of the Church of England. He is a Master Mason of Lodge No. 47, a fraternity of which he has been a member for thirty-eight years. He also belongs to the Maccabees of Windsor.

Mr. O'Neil stands as one of the most substantial citizens of his township, although he began life with limited resources. His intelligent interest in the advancement of the agricultural interests of the township has been continual, and all progressive movements have found in him a helper when they promised to be of practical benefit. His careful husbandry and his intelligent handling of cattle have been examples to his locality, and many of his methods have been successfully adopted and followed by others. Although immersed in business, Mr. O'Neil finds time for recreation also, taking a month every autumn to indulge his love of sport in the Rocky Mountains. Many trophies of his skill adorn his handsome residence at Sandwich, while gifts to friends have been numerous.

RICHARD PRESTON, one of the "grand old men" of Mersea township, where for almost a half-century he has been identified with its growth, progress and development, was born May 25, 1824, in the East Riding of Yorkshire, England,

John Preston, his father, was a laborer who passed all his honest, useful, busy life in Yorkshire. He was a consistent member of the Church of England. His marriage was to Elizabeth Oxley, also of Yorkshire, who became the beloved mother of nine children: Robert, Anna, Mary, William, Henry, Davison, Richard, Rebecca and Ann, all of whom have passed away except the subject of this sketch.

Richard Preston, being the son of parents in humble circumstances, was obliged to be contented with limited educational opportunities and to begin to be a wage earner at the age of eleven years, his compensation being at the rate of a sixpence per day. He continued to work as a laborer until 1859, when, finding his family increasing faster than the small wages of his native land would permit him to rear them properly, he decided to cross the ocean and settle in a farming locality. His uncle, Robert Preston, was residing in Mersea township, and his objective point was that neighborhood. The family left Liverpool on the steamer "Anglo Saxon," and ten and one-half days later arrived at Quebec. He

was welcomed by his aged uncle, who desired some one to take charge of his property in his declining years, and Mr. Preston and family settled down on the farm. They cared tenderly for the uncle during his remaining years of life, at the latter's death inheriting 185 acres of land. Here Mr. Preston erected a comfortable residence and made many improvements, and here he has resided for the past forty-six years. His occupation has been farming and stock raising, and he has taken a deep interest in these matters. His experiments have been successful and his methods have commended themselves to his neighbors and the result is shown in an intelligent and progressive township agricultural society of which Mr. Preston has been president. In politics Mr. Preston is a staunch Liberal, and served most usefully in the town council for five years. Fraternally he is a Mason.

In 1848, at the age of twenty-four years Mr. Preston became particularly interested in the subject of Christianity, and was one of the organizers of the Methodist Church in his locality, serving as Sunday School superintendent. He has never lost his deep interest in religious matters, year after year becoming more and more impressed with the great truths of Christianity. For some years he has been a local Methodist preacher, serving in Gosfield, Mersea and Romney townships, his exemplary life setting an example of strict morality. He is well and widely known and has endeared himself to all who know him by his unselfish devotion to his work, and his deep concern to help all those in distress. He is also a powerful worker for the cause of temperance, which he believes goes hand in hand with morality. His estimable wife is still spared to him, and, although in her eightieth year, is still active and able to co-operate with him in his chosen field of usefulness.

On Feb. 11, 1847, Mr. Preston married Alice Barron, born in Yorkshire, Oct. 27, 1824, daughter of James and Mary (Sharp) Barron, and to this union eleven children were born, namely: (1) A son died in infancy. (2) Mary Ann, wife of William Adams, lives at Fresno, California, and has five children, Thomas, Charlotte H., Rose A., Nettie L. and John W. (3) Elizabeth, wife of Peter Ford, a fruit grower of Leamington, has three sons, Albert J., Harry S. and Clarence H., and an adopted daughter, Lula. (4) Jane, wife of James Hodgson, of Romney township, County of Kent, has five children, Julia, Rose, Alice N., Thomas J., and Charlotte I. (5) Charlotte Ellen married Charles Wilkeson,

and they have the following children: John W., Richard A., Charles L., Stanley, Gordon N., Preston N., Grace V., Myrtle F. and Frank. (6) Isabella and (7) John W. are both deceased. (8) Catherine Alice is at home. Three sons died in infancy. Although his family was large, Mr. Preston has no surviving sons, and hence he adopted a grandson, giving him the name of Robert D., who resides on and operates the homestead. On Feb. 11, 1897, Mr. and Mrs. Preston enjoyed the celebration of their golden wedding anniversary, when, in addition to their children, their twenty-four grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren, a large number of friends gathered with them. In the course of the enjoyable entertainment the following address was read: "We, your friends, assembled to honor you on the occasion of the anniversary of your wedding day, desire to extend to you our heartiest congratulations and to wish you many happy returns. A wedding day or an anniversary of a wedding day are pleasing incidents, but a fiftieth anniversary, or Golden Wedding, such as we have been invited to help you celebrate to-day, is a rare and highly felicitous event. It is our sincere hope that your days may be long in the land, and that the blessings of health, prosperity, goodness and mercy that have followed you through all these years that are past, will be with you to the sunset of your lives." The signatures attached to this beautiful and touching document were: Rev. G. Baker, Michael Malott, Albert Evans, George Robinson, William Simpson and Solomon Malott, and the date was Feb. 11, 1897, Leamington, Ontario.

JAMES S. MERRITT, who owns a farm in Gosfield North, on Concession 6, Lot 8, Talbot Road South, is of American parentage but a Canadian by birth, and has passed his whole life in the Province of Ontario, where he was born Nov. 6, 1825, in the County of Lincoln. His parents, Elijah and Mary (Hopkins) Merritt, were natives of Fishkill and Catskill, New York, born in 1782 and 1790, respectively.

The paternal grandparents, Joseph and Mary (Parker) Merritt, were Americans, of English descent. Joseph Merritt was one of the U. E. Loyalists who came from the United States to Canada not long after the close of the Revolutionary war, and he settled in the County of Lincoln, Ont., where he lived and died. He was the father of a family of twelve children, as follows: William, who died in the County of Lincoln; Moses; Isaac; Sarah, wife of Benjamin

Johnston; Susan, wife of Caleb Traverse, deceased; Polly, wife of Henry Johnston; Elijah; Margaret, deceased wife of Richard Hinton, also deceased; Plura, wife of Isaac Shaw; Joseph, deceased; Daniel, deceased; and Charlotte, who died in childhood. This family all settled and died in the County of Lincoln.

Elijah Merritt married and settled on a part of the old homestead, where he remained until his death, in 1867; his wife died in June, 1839. They were consistent members of the Methodist Church. Six children survived them: (1) Alpheus, the eldest, settled and died in the County of Lincoln, and left six children, Ferris, Adelaide, Jane, Valmer, Charlotte and Angeline. (2) Hester A. married Daniel Awrey, of the County of Lincoln; later they moved to Gosfield, where she died, leaving two children—Elgin, of California, and Fletcher, of Detroit. (3) James S. was the third child. (4) Harvey (deceased) never married. (5) Robert died unmarried, and (6) John, also a bachelor, is residing in the County of Lincoln.

James S. Merritt grew up in the County of Lincoln, where he received a limited education. Brought up to farm work, he followed that occupation for a time before attaining manhood, and also traded nursery stock. After his marriage, in 1855, he settled down regularly as a farmer, and has followed that vocation ever since. In 1862 he left the County of Lincoln, and removing to Essex bought wild land in Gosfield, on Concession 4. He lived there, busied in developing his property, till 1878, when he purchased his present place, and again began the task of taming the wilderness. At first he lived in a small log house, but in 1882 he put up the commodious brick house which he now occupies, and other farm buildings, possessing a most desirable estate.

Mr. Merritt's first wife, to whom he was united in November, 1855, was Miss Mary A. Dean, who died six years afterward, leaving him with two daughters, Mary and Inez, both now living in the State of New York, unmarried. In January, 1868, occurred his second union, to Miss Alwilda Wigle, who was born in May, 1848, daughter of Theodore and Barbara (McKenzie) Wigle. The Wigles were among the pioneer families of Canada, Loyalists from Pennsylvania, who settled and died in Gosfield South. Mrs. Alwilda Merritt passed away Aug. 19, 1902, the mother of six children. The eldest of this family (1) Theodore, was born Nov. 8, 1868, and grew up at home, where he received a fair

education. He has always remained with his parents, unmarried, and is the manager of the farm. (2) Sabina Eugenia, born in 1871, is the wife of Walter Motley, of Talbot Road, Gosfield, and has three children, Mina, Orvil and Alvin. (3) Esther, born in 1875, married George Motley, of Gosfield South, and has one daughter, Grace. (4) James, born in 1880, lives at home. He is a member of the First Hussars (militia) and served with the Canadian Mounted Rifles in South Africa. (5) John, born in June, 1882, lives at home. (6) Hulda, born Sept. 7, 1887, also living at home, is a young lady of culture and refinement. All the sons are members of the First Hussars, of Kingsville Cavalry, D Squadron, and John served as Corporal in that organization. The father, James Merritt, was a member of the old militia in the County of Lincoln.

Mr. Merritt's political opinions have been those of a Conservative, and he has sought no public position, but has served three years as a school trustee. Religiously he is in sympathy with Methodist teachings, and with his wife belonged to that church, in the work of which he has always taken an active part. Interested in religious work of whatever nature, he has helped to build several churches in his section of the country. A pioneer whose life has been identified with Gosfield for many years, Mr. Merritt has by his upright conduct and many excellent qualities won the respect of all who know him, and now in his old age is living surrounded by the sons and daughters whom he has reared both to be a comfort to his declining years and to carry on the honorable prestige of his name.

ALANSON ILER, one of the leading prosperous farmers of Colchester South, is a representative of one of the pioneer families of this locality.

John Iler, his father, was born in Grosse Ile Aug. 15, 1806, and was six years old when the family came to Colchester, where he grew up. He learned the trade of shoemaking, and for a time had a small shop on the front of Lot 41, where he worked at his calling. Later he came into possession of about 136 acres on Lot 40, and assisted by his sons, did the clearing. He continued his shoemaking for some years, and after a long and useful life, died Feb. 19, 1877, aged nearly seventy-one years. On March 23, 1830, he married Susan Wigle, who was born in Gosfield Nov. 18, 1813, and who died March 25, 1889. When the family located on Lot 40 the

father was obliged to cut down trees to make a place for the house. The present home, which has been entirely rebuilt by our subject, stands some five or six rods from the first house, built of hewed logs. John Iler became one of the very successful farmers of the county. In politics he was originally a Reformer. He was a very prominent member of the Baptist Church, which he served as deacon for many years, and for a long time he led the church singing, a position now filled by his oldest son, Peter. To John and Susan (Wigle) Iler came children as follows: Peter, born Sept. 10, 1831, is a farmer of Colchester; John, born March 17, 1833, died in Australia, Dec. 18, 1873; Jacob, born April 3, 1835, is a farmer and Baptist minister of Osawatimie, Kansas; Henry, born Aug. 27, 1837, is a farmer and former Baptist minister of Clayton, Michigan; Sarah, born Jan. 16, 1840, married H. H. Julien; Elizabeth, born June 30, 1842, is the widow of Timothy Shay, of Harrow; Julia Ann, born Oct. 30, 1843, died Oct. 26, 1870 (she married Rev. Amos Baldwin); Susan, born Nov. 11, 1847, married Capt. Bassett, of Harrow; Jane, born Dec. 30, 1849, married Francis Fox, a prosperous farmer of Colchester South; Linnie, born March 6, 1852, married Robert Fair, of Chicago; Alanson was born Dec. 29, 1854; Eliza, born April 30, 1859, died April 30, 1859.

Alanson Iler was born on the home place, Dec. 29, 1854, and he received a good, common school education. At the age of twenty-two years he began his business career on the homestead of 136 acres, and since coming into possession of the property he has entirely cleared some thirty acres, rebuilt the house, and put up all but one of his barns and outbuildings. Everything about the premises denotes that a masterhand is at work. He is a very successful farmer, one of the most enterprising in the County of Essex. In politics he is a Conservative, but has not taken any very active part in local affairs, aside from his supporting the candidates of his party, his personal matters absorbing his attention.

Fraternally Mr. Iler is a member of the I.O.O.F. and the Workmen at Harrow, of which latter lodge he is a charter member. All the members of his father's family have given their support toward the Baptist Church, and our subject is one of its most liberal contributors as well as zealous workers.

On Oct. 8, 1878, Mr. Iler married in Colchester South, Miss Emma Wright, who was born on the old homestead in Colchester South Dec. 5, 1853, a daughter of Joseph Wright. The chil-

dren of this happy union are as follows: Asa Wilcox, born July 3, 1881; John Wigle, July 13, 1886; Annie Evadne, July 24, 1889; and Allen Clarence, Sept. 21, 1892.

Mr. Iler, as has already been stated, belongs to one of the old families of the locality. Its members have nobly borne their part in the development of County Essex, and endured hardships of which we of this day can have no adequate realization. Yet, among the great forests, surrounded by savages both brute and human, were born men and women destined to take places with the mighty of earth. The stern realities of life early came to their notice, and were overcome. There was much good in the rough, hard life of the pioneer, which called out all that was best and strongest. Many of the old pioneers themselves, in looking back upon those days, and contrasting the upright lives the majority led with the evils of to-day, feel that there was much to be thankful for in spite of hard work, many discouragements and seemingly insurmountable obstacles.

EDWARD WARDROPER, SR. Almost every locality has its "grand old man," one who is held in universal esteem and is deserving of all the reverence and affection given by his fellow-citizens. Such a character is found in the venerable Edward Wardroper, Sr., of Pelee Island, who has resided there for forty years and is one of the pioneer wine growers of the section.

Mr. Wardroper was born in Arundel, the seat of the Duke of Norfolk, in Sussex, England, Dec. 29, 1820. His father, also named Edward, was born in Sussex, where he became an eminent physician, and lived and died in his native county. He married a Holmes. Both were members of the Church of England, and they now lie at rest, side by side, in the parish churchyard. They had children as follows: Woodland, who was a practicing physician for many years at Arundel; John H., who died Jan. 14, 1901; Frank, who died in Kentucky, in the United States; Fannie, deceased; Edward: Laura, who died unmarried, as did her sister; and Robert. The latter died during the Civil war in the States, in an army hospital, while a colonel in the Confederate army. He married Miss Elizabeth Peebles, and they had three children, namely: David; Edward, who is a resident of Pelee Island and married a daughter of the late Thaddeus Smith, of Pelee Island; and Bettie, who married Rev. W. J. Little, a minister of the Methodist Church, who died in London,

Ont., in 1892, leaving one child, Murry. Mrs. Little is housekeeper for her venerable uncle.

Edward Wardroper received his education in his native land, where he remained until maturity, when he gratified a long-felt desire to come to America. At London he took passage on a sailing vessel bound for New Orleans, and after a voyage of forty days' duration reached his destination. From that city he went to Alabama, where he remained until the outbreak of the Civil war. During this time he travelled over a great part of the Southern section of the United States, and found much enjoyment in fishing and hunting, possessing a love for out-door sports and the means with which to gratify his tastes. When the unhappy differences between the North and the South terminated in Civil strife Mr. Wardroper, believing in the justice of the claims of the Confederate forces, entered the Southern army and served as a member of the First South Alabama Regiment, Company F, until the close of the war, when he came to Pelee Island. His trip was undertaken with a view of settling here, and after finding plenty of game and excellent fishing he decided to remain and make this charming place his permanent home. So he bought twenty-three acres of land and took possession in 1866, immediately planting vineyards and becoming a pioneer in the wine industry. He occupies a fine home and is one of the most prominent citizens of the Island in many respects, and probably one of the oldest, as he is in his eighty-fifth year. Time, however, has touched him lightly, and he retains the vigor of a much younger man. Never having married, he has fewer domestic ties than many, but no child could be dearer to him or more tenderly solicitous for his welfare than his estimable niece, Mrs. Little. All his life he has cherished Conservative principles, and for some years since settling on the Island he has held official positions, having been clerk and township treasurer ten years. When he first located here there were ten voters, but now there are more than 200. Like his venerated parents he has always been a member of the Church of England.

W. D. BEAMAN, Esq., police magistrate and insurance agent of Essex, County of Essex, Ont., was born in the County of Carleton, Ont., May 7, 1851, son of Joseph and Ann (Pettypiece) Beaman, who were born in the township of Marlborough, County of Carleton, the former on May 24, 1822, and the latter in 1826.

James Beaman, grandfather of W. D., was

born in Ireland, north of Dublin, and came to Canada as a soldier in the English Riflemen. He was discharged at the close of the war of 1837-38, and, receiving one of the reserves, reared his family in Carleton, where he died. He left seven children: Thomas, Andrew, James, John, Joseph, Mary and Jane.

Joseph Beaman, father of our subject, died in the County of Carleton, Canada, where he farmed during a useful life, passing away in 1887. His widow, Ann Pettypiece, survives, and lives on their old home in Marlborough township, aged ninety years. Both were members of the Methodist Church. They were the parents of eight children: W. D.; James; George; Joseph; Eliza, who married Alexander Powell, of Carleton; Margaret, deceased, who married William McCulla, of Carleton; Hattie, deceased, who married a Mr. Dixon, of Ontario; and Susan, who married John M. Hicks, of the township of Essex.

Squire Beaman received his early education in the County of Carleton, and later attended the Richmond Grammar School, and still later the Toronto Normal School, where he fitted himself for the profession of teaching, and followed his vocation in the public schools of Kentville, Ont., four years, and the public schools of the County of Carleton four years more.

In 1877, Mr. Beaman married Miss Lizzie Coleman, of the County of Grenville, Ont., daughter of Robert and Jane Coleman, old pioneers of Ontario. In 1877 Mr. and Mrs. Beaman came to the township of Essex, where he engaged in the grocery and feed business for twelve years, and was later a scrivener and conveyancer of land. In 1895 he received the appointment of police magistrate, which office he has ably filled to the present time. In 1880 he was appointed justice of the peace, thus having been upon the Bench for nearly a quarter of a century.

Mr. Beaman purchased real estate in Essex, and as this has increased in value, he is now one of the substantial men of the place. Politically the Beamans have always been identified with the old Liberal party. Religiously Mrs. Beaman is a member of the Methodist Church, and he is very liberal in his support of same. Children as follows have come to Mr. and Mrs. Beaman: A. Dill, born in Essex in 1880; W. Edwin, born in Essex in 1889; Lillian, born in 1889, and Elsie, born in 1892. Needless to say that Mr. Beaman is one of the well and favorably-known men of his locality, and that he has many friends who

esteem him at his true value. His fraternal connections are with the Foresters.

EDWARD W. HONNER, now living retired at Amherstburg, is one of the early settlers of that locality. The Honners were originally Huguenots.

Edward Honner, the grandfather of Edward W., was born in 1763, in Ireland, was a military captain there, and died in 1828. He married Sarah Waldron, who was of Jewish extraction, and they reared a family of seven sons and seven daughters to maturity, losing one son in infancy. The seven sons were: Edward, James, Frank, Thomas, Joseph, William and Frederick, all of whom were born in Ireland, and all of whom took part in the Rebellion of 1837-38, having come to Ontario in 1833 from the United States, where they settled a short time previously.

Of the above family, Edward, the eldest, was the father of our subject. He was born in 1798, and in his native land married Maria Howard, a native of Ireland, whose brother, John Howard, was a quartermaster in the English army. On coming to Ontario Edward Honner and his wife settled in Kingston, where they remained for a time, but later moved to a farm near the city, on which they lived until 1846, when he located on Lot 2, Concession 4, Anderdon township, County of Essex. Here both Mr. Honner and wife passed the rest of their lives, his death occurring in 1871, and hers in 1874. During the Rebellion of 1837-38 Mr. Honner was drill sergeant, under Capt. Lowe, with headquarters at Niagara Falls. Politically he was a Conservative, and for many years he was collector of Anderdon township. Both he and wife belonged to the Church of England. To this worthy couple were born the following children: Hon. John St. George, deceased, formerly State Senator of Minnesota, married Antoinette Green and had a family; Edward W. is mentioned below; Christina is the widow of Thomas Hackett. Charlotte is the wife of Edward Pette, of Grand Rapids, Michigan. Elizabeth married James Clegg, of Sandwich, and both are deceased. Sarah is the wife of Capt. John Sunderland, of Wyandotte, Michigan. Capt. Thomas, of Grand Haven, is inspector of lake vessels and issuer of marine licenses. Maria is the wife of Arthur Wilson, of Portland, Michigan. Frederick is deceased. Annie is the widow of James Pett, of Muskegon, Michigan. Fanny is the widow of

Hon. William Kennedy, formerly of Montana, now of Oregon.

Edward W. Honner was born June 3, 1833, at Kingston, Ont., and came with his parents in 1846 to County Essex. In 1855 he began life on his own account as head sawyer in the large lumber mills of Michigan, working at Muskegon and other places, and continued thus for eight years. He then returned to County Essex and purchased the northeast quarter of Lot 2, Concession 5, in Anderdon township, living in this place for five years. A favorable opportunity offered and he sold his property and purchased one in Malden township, about one mile below Amherstburg. Here Mr. Honner engaged in farming until February, 1902, when he sold a part of his farm and settled at Amherstburg, where he is now living retired from very active labor. Mr. Honner still retains his twenty-acre peach orchard in Malden township. He has lived a long and active, industrious life and is entitled to the ease which he now enjoys.

On June 18, 1863, Mr. Honner was united in marriage with Miss Mercy Bailey, a daughter of the late John Bailey. She was born in Sussex, England, in 1834, and came to this country when very young. To Mr. and Mrs. Honner have been born two sons, Charles Franklin and George W. The former is now deceased. He married Rosa Weaver, but left no children. George W. is a mariner and resides at Grand Haven, Michigan. He married Agnes Marr and they have three children, George Edward, Winifred and McKinley, who was named for the much-beloved President of the United States, William McKinley, who was shot on his birthday, Sept. 6, 1901.

Politically Mr. Honner is a Conservative. Fraternally he is a member of the I.O.O.F. Mr. and Mrs. Honner belong to Christ Church at Amherstburg, which was erected by the early members of the Church of England here, in 1818, and since then the following rectors have officiated: Rev. Fred Mack (he was the second rector); Rev. Wey Des Bar; Rev. William Brookman; Rev. Sidney Falls; Rev. John Berry; and present rector, who took charge in 1902, Rev. James F. Park—all clergymen of great learning and notable gifts both as preachers and pastors.

THOMAS E. QUICK, one of the leading farmers and successful stock raisers of Mersea township, County of Essex, located on the north part of Concession 1, Lot 1, was born May 23, 1840, on this farm, and is a member of one of

the old and honorable families of this section of Canada.

The Quick family is of German extraction, and its early members came from Germany, settling in Pennsylvania, where Alexander G. Quick, the grandfather of our subject, was born and where he grew to manhood. During the Revolution in what is now the United States, this Alexander Quick showed his devotion to England by refusing to take up arms against her, preferring to sacrifice many material benefits for the sake of principle. When he came to Canada he located in Colchester township, County of Essex, Lot 8 of the Gore, at which time but a couple of families were established there. Indians were very troublesome, and it is even declared that three daughters of Mr. Quick were carried away by the savages, held for ransom and only two were ever recovered. Alexander Quick was already advanced in life when he came to Canada, and he lived but a few years afterwards. His sons, however, survived, five in number, as follows: John, a resident of Colchester; Cornelius, of Mersea; Elijah, who returned to the States; John, who spent his life at Ironton, Michigan; and Alexander, who lived and died in Colchester township.

Cornelius Quick, second son of Alexander G., was born Sept. 12, 1785, in Pennsylvania, and accompanied his parents to Colchester township, County of Essex. In young manhood he came to Mersea township, and bought a tract of 100 acres of land east of Leamington, on which the remainder of his life was spent, and there he died at the age of eighty-five years, and was buried on Malott farm. About 1802 he married Elizabeth Knapp, born March 10, 1795, who died at the age of eighty-eight, and was buried in Lake View Cemetery. Their children were: Joseph, born Jan. 30, 1803, died in Ohio; Cornelius (2), born Dec. 12, 1806; Elizabeth, born Dec. 12, 1808, married Theodore Malott, Esq.; Catherine, born Jan. 31, 1810, married (first) Henry Tufflemire, and (second) Isaac Riley; Benjamin, born Jan. 6, 1812, died in Mersea township; John, born Jan. 21, 1814; Thomas, born Feb. 11, 1816; Rachel, born May 4, 1818, married Thomas Wiper; Mary Alice, born Nov. 12, 1820, married George Middleton; Martha, born June 9, 1822, married William Mills; Alexander, born Sept. 21, 1825, died in Mersea township; Mary Jane, born June 4, 1828, married John Wales; and Isaac, born Oct. 5, 1830, died in Mersea township. The parents of this family

were both leading members of the Methodist Church.

Cornelius Quick (2), son of Cornelius, was born Dec. 12, 1806, and grew to manhood at the homestead, obtaining the best schooling the district school afforded at the time. At maturity he began farming for himself, first on a ridge farm from which he removed to the one now operated by his son, Thomas E., a tract of seventy-five acres on Concession 1, where he spent his life. During the Rebellion of 1837-38, he served as a volunteer soldier in the British service, being promoted to the rank of sergeant. On account of his practical good sense and honorable upright life, Mr. Quick was well known in politics and in educational matters, where his judgment was consulted and his ideas carried out. He was a member of the Loyal Orange Association of Leamington. For a long period he was a member of the Methodist Church. He suffered for twenty years from a cancer, which terminated his life on July 2, 1884, after a long period of intense pain, which he bore with Christian fortitude.

Cornelius Quick (2) married in Gosfield township, Catherine Malott, daughter of Theodore Malott, and she died in February, 1888, aged seventy-five years, and was buried by the side of her husband in Ruthven Cemetery. She had been a faithful and loving wife, and the devoted mother of these children: Cornelius, who lives in Gosfield township; Zenis, who perished on Lake Erie with his son; Joseph, a resident of Windsor; Thomas E., of this sketch; Julia, wife of George Fox, of Gosfield township; Elizabeth, wife of James Fox, of Gosfield township; and Eliza, deceased wife of Samuel Randall.

Thomas E. Quick was reared on the family homestead, and remained with his father until the latter's death. He had been educated in the common schools of the locality and had grown up with a complete knowledge of all the details of farming. He took charge of the farm after his father's retirement, and has been cultivating it ever since, meeting with success in his efforts. Mr. Quick owns very fertile land, adapted to the growing of excellent crops of all kinds, and very suitable for the culture of tobacco. He has devoted considerable attention, also, to the breeding of first-class stock. His substantial buildings and other improvements mark the home of a thrifty and capable agriculturist.

In 1860, in Mersea township, Mr. Quick married Elizabeth Ives, daughter of Francis and Angeline (Clukey) Ives, and eight children were

born to them, namely: Mariah became the wife of Alexander Gow, of Leamington, and has three children, Lester, Layton and Elizabeth. Oscar died in young manhood, in Illinois. Jeanette is the wife of Peter Bussey, of North Ridge, and has four children, Loyal, Frederick, Bertha and Jennie M. Orville, of Marine City, Michigan, married Lydia Arnold, and has two children, Nellie and Lucy. Stafford, a farmer in Leamington, married Annie Bailey, and they have three children, Eber, Flossie and Olive H. Ambrose, of Mersea township, married Alice Beatty, and they have three children, Walter, Ross and Glenn. Almira, wife of Ephraim Stockwell, of Leamington, has one son, Everett. Everett is at home.

Although Mr. Quick does not consider himself a politician, he is a staunch supporter of the Liberal party. He has served as school trustee, and is always willing to turn his influence in the interest of local improvements and educational progression. Fraternally he is a Mason and an active member of the Loyal Orange Association, No. 290, of Leamington. He attends the Methodist Church, and bases his religious creed upon the teachings of the Golden Rule.

PETER BEDELL. The fine farms which constitute so large a part of the County of Essex are in almost all cases enduring testimonials to the worth and ability of their owners, who have reclaimed the land from a wilderness, and by their own personal labor gained their present positions of affluence and ease. Such a one is Peter Bedell, who began life as a day laborer for others, but is now a well-to-do landowner in Gosfield North, Lot 272, Concession 9, on the Talbot Road North. He was born in the township of Saltfleet, County of Wentworth, Nov. 30, 1842.

The first of the name in Canada was his grandfather, David Bedell, who belonged to a French family living in the United States. When the United Empire Loyalists emigrated at the time of the Revolution David Bedell was among them. From Staten Island he went to New Brunswick, and thence removed to the County of Wentworth, Ont. He died in Ontario, leaving two sons and two daughters, as follows: Charles, of Iowa; George, father of Peter; Mary, who married a Mr. Jones and died in the County of Wentworth; and Fannie, deceased wife of Joshua Knight, a lumberman of the County of Wentworth.

George Bedell was born in 1808, and his wife, whose maiden name was Sarah Springstead, in 1819, both in the County of Wentworth. After their marriage they settled in that county, where Mr. Bedell followed his trade of stonemason. His death occurred in 1895, while his wife lived until March, 1900. Their family consisted of three sons and one daughter, namely: William, born in March, 1841, who married a lady from Hamilton, where he resided with his family and worked as a stonemason; George, born in 1847, who married Mrs. Elizabeth (Balser) Wigle, of Gosfield, and lives on the Talbot Road South, in Gosfield; Mary, who died in girlhood; and Peter.

Peter Bedell attended the schools of the county during his boyhood, and early in life started out to make his way in the world. He worked by the day until his marriage, in 1866, in which year he removed to the County of Essex and settled on the Belle River Road. He engaged in contracting for square timber and also took contracts for ditches in the county, following these occupations and lumbering for some ten years, when he finally purchased his present home. He has developed the land into one of the desirable farms of the county, and the farm buildings and family dwelling all wear a most comfortable look.

Mr. Bedell was married, in 1866, in the County of Lincoln, to Miss Ellen McCarthy, who was born there Jan. 1, 1844, daughter of John McCarthy, one of the pioneers of that section, and was reared and educated there. She bore her part bravely in their earlier struggles, and was indeed a helpmate to her husband. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Bedell: (1) Fannie, born in 1867, married Frederick Iler, son of Rev. Jacob Iler, a Baptist minister of the county, and they reside in North Ridge, Gosfield township. They have two daughters, Elizabeth and Lena. (2) John died in childhood. (3) George, born in 1872, educated in the district schools, lives at home, unmarried. (4) Henry, born in 1876, is a farmer in Gosfield. (5) Frank died at the age of four. (6) Ernest, born in January, 1883, and (7) Annie, born in 1886, are at home.

On political questions Mr. Bedell always votes the Reform ticket. With his family he is a member of the Belle River Methodist Church, of which he is a trustee, while he was also very active in founding the North Woodslee Church. He belongs to the Order of Orangemen. Mr. Bedell is one of Gosfield's best citizens, standing

for all that conserves the interests of the community, is upright in character, and highly esteemed by his neighbors.

ERNEST BONDY, a farmer on Lot 14, Concession 2, on Malden road, County of Essex, is a prominent resident of this locality, and comes from one of the old pioneer families. Mr. Bondy was born Aug. 6, 1863, in Sandwich West, son of Israel and Emily (Renaud) Bondy, both of whom were born on the river front in Sandwich West, the former in 1839, and the latter in 1840.

The mother of Ernest Bondy was a daughter of Charles and Elizabeth Renaud, who were both born in Sandwich West, members of old French families who settled there after the Revolution.

Israel Bondy was a son of Laurent and Kitty (Tanrango) Bondy, both of whom were born in Quebec, of French parentage. Grandfather Bondy came to Sandwich from Quebec in 1774, and as he was a miller by trade, he erected a grist mill here, which was the first one in Sandwich West. In the War of 1812 he served in the army under his father, Captain Bondy, and they loyally furnished flour to the British army during the Rebellion. Laurent Bondy died at his home in 1849, leaving three sons and six daughters, as follows: Gilbert, now deceased; Joseph, living in Sandwich; Israel, still living on the old homestead; Florence, deceased wife of Joseph Renaud, late of Sandwich West; Matilda, wife of Antoine Reaume of Amherstburg; Tharcile, wife of Peter Cadarette, of Amherstburg; Agnes, widow of Joseph Monforton, of Anderdon township; Madeline, widow of Joseph Chappus; and Lenore, wife of Dennis Lucier, of Anderdon township.

Israel Bondy was the youngest son of his parents, and in January, 1860, he married Emily Renaud, and they settled on the old Bondy homestead, where they took care of the aged parents until their decease, and this has continued to be their pleasant home. Mr. Bondy has made many substantial improvements about the old homestead, making it still more an attractive and comfortable home. A family of nine children were born to Israel Bondy and wife, and all have been spared to them, namely: Lauren, born at the old home in 1861, married Josephine Langlois, of Sandwich West, and they reside on Lot 7, Sandwich West, and have children; Ernest; Alexandrine, born in 1864, married Albert Ouellette, of Windsor, Ont., and has one son, Joseph; Emma, born in 1867, resides at home; Albert,

born in 1873, married Eleanor Knapp, of Anderdon township, and they live on a farm in Sandwich; Adolphus, born in 1875, married Nora Renaud, resides in Sandwich West, and has one son; Rosie, born in 1877, married Albert Dupuis, a carriage builder at Sandwich West; Mary, born in 1880, is at home; and Dennis, born in 1870, married Julia Girard, of Sandwich West, and they reside at the old homestead.

Ernest Bondy attended the public schools and in 1878 became a student, under Ernest Girardot, of Sandwich, in French, with the idea of preparing himself to become a teacher of the language. In 1880 he entered the Park street school of Windsor, where he studied one year, and then entered Goldsmith University of Detroit, where he was graduated in 1882. Thus thoroughly educated, Mr. Bondy was well enough prepared to enter upon the duties of almost any position, and he accepted that of bookkeeper for J. Rocheleau, with whom he remained nine years, the last two years at Detroit. He then became bookkeeper for the Sault Ste. Marie General Store Co., and continued with that corporation a year and a half. After his marriage he and wife settled on the present farm which his father gave him in 1893. Here he has continued to reside, and has made a great number of fine improvements which have contributed materially to the attractiveness and value of his property.

On May 16, 1893, Mr. Bondy was married to Miss Julia Predhomme, born in Sandwich West, in March, 1872, daughter of Hector and Theresia Predhomme, the former born in September, 1822, and the latter in February, 1829. She came of a very old and prominent family. Two children have been born to our subject and wife, namely: Clarice, born Oct. 4, 1895; and Hector, born May 24, 1897, both bright, intellectual children who in their health and intelligence reflect credit upon their parentage.

Mr. Bondy has always taken a lively interest in local politics, but he reserves the right to vote independently, supporting the men and measures which seem best to him. Since August, 1893, he has been serving as the clerk of Sandwich West, performing the duties in a most satisfactory manner. Fraternally he is connected with the Mutual C.O.F. order of Windsor. The family are all consistent members of the Catholic Church, and consider its support one of the imperative duties of existence, giving generously and freely and reaping benefits in return.

Mr. Bondy is a young man of scholarly

attainments and of intellectual ability. He is not only esteemed and respected on account of his honorable family, but also for his own sterling traits of character.

SAMUEL B. GREEN, a successful grain, seed, wool, dressed-hog and live stock dealer of Essex, County of Essex, was born at Niagara Falls, Sept. 24, 1857, son of Jonas S. and Laura E. (Partington) Green, old pioneers of this section of country.

Reuben Green, father of Jonas S., was born in Pennsylvania, as was also his wife Mary. They came to Canada as United Empire Loyalists, and settled at Niagara Falls among the early pioneers of that county, and there they endured all the privations of those times. The family moved to Canada before the war of 1812, and several members were engaged in the several campaigns. Reuben Green had a family of fourteen children: Reuben, deceased; George, deceased; Leonard, of Port Huron; Jonas S.; Joseph, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Alem, residing on the homestead; Nancy, who married Samuel Londy, and both are deceased; Abigail, who married Mr. Robinson, of California; Edith, deceased, wife of a Mr. Pugh, of Niagara Falls; Sarah, who married John Pugh, who died at Lundy's Lane; Betsy, who married James Snyder, of the County of Welland; Beckey, deceased, who married James Douglas; Catherine, who died, leaving a daughter, Mrs. Menzie, at Niagara Falls; and Patty, deceased.

Jonas S. Green was born at Lundy's Lane, near the Falls, in 1823. He was reared in the County of Welland, where he followed farming. He was first married in 1847 to Miss Mary Thompson, daughter of Archie Thompson, one of the pioneers of this locality, and one son, Richard, now a stock speculator of Chicago, was born to this union. Later Mr. Green married Laura E. Partington, who was born in England in 1823, daughter of Rev. Josiah Partington, a Presbyterian divine, who came to Youngstown, New York State, when his family was young, and there they grew to maturity. Mrs. Green, being a school teacher, finally secured a school in Canada, where she met and married Mr. Green. They settled on his own farm, which he had cleared himself, and upon which they resided, although he died in Chicago, in 1886, while visiting his son; Mrs. Green died in 1885. Both were consistent members of the Presbyterian Church. Three sons and two daughters were born to them: Sarah, born in the County of

Welland, married James Malone, who lives at Belle River, County of Essex, and has had children, Mary, Charles (deceased) and Ettie; Jennie, born in the County of Welland, married Charles E. Garrett, of Windsor, and has three sons, Earl, Clayton and Charles; Alem, born in the County of Welland, is a grain merchant of Windsor, is married, and has no family; J. Frank; and Samuel B.

Samuel B. Green was born, reared and educated in the County of Welland. When a young man, in 1875, he came to the County of Essex, and worked for his brother Richard, who was engaged in the grain business until he removed to Chicago. Samuel B., however, continued the grain business, and is now one of the largest merchants in his line in Essex.

In 1879 Mr. Green married Miss Elizabeth Walker, of Niagara Falls, daughter of John Walker, of Niagara Falls, on the American side. Mr. Green purchased a pleasant home in Essex, to which he brought his wife, and to their happy union have been born children as follows: Brodie B., 1880; Grace B., 1882; Nellie B., 1884; Samuel P., 1886; Jennie M., 1888; Vera M., 1890; Beatrice, 1893; Alem, who died young; and Florence, born in 1902.

J. FRANK GREEN, born in 1863, brother of Samuel B., grew up at Niagara Falls, and came to Essex in September, 1881, where he engaged with his brother in the grain trade. On Aug. 4, 1886, he married Miss Jessie M. Dochstader, a native of the County of Welland, and brought his young wife to Essex where he has made his home until the present day. Three children have come of this congenial marriage: Hazel, born Jan. 26, 1888; Minnie M., January, 1889; Margery E., June 4, 1894.

These Green brothers are both Reformers in politics, although none of the family have ever sought office. These two, as well as all the family, are Presbyterians. The Green family possess in marked degree those qualities necessary to success. The father and grandfather both did well, and the sons are excellent representatives of the prosperous descendants of Canadian pioneers. Every member of the family is respected and honored, and the success which attends their efforts is but the just reward of untiring industry, an unusual amount of ability and excellent management.

JOHN BRATT, who departed this life April 5, 1902, was one of the old settlers of Amherstburg and a highly respected citizen of that place.

He was descended from English ancestry, the first of the family of whom there is any data being Thomas Bratt, who was born in England, where he followed farming, and was there married to Elizabeth Gould, also of English birth. Their children were Joseph, Olive, Thomas, William, John and Ann, and all of the sons were over six feet in height. Of them, Joseph, the father of our subject, was the only one who emigrated to Canada. His birth occurred in England in 1794, and he there married Anna Moss, a native of England, born about 1800, who died in 1876. In 1842 they located with their family at Detroit, and for four years rented a farm there about four miles from the city hall, but now within the limits of the municipality. At the expiration of the four years the father rented a farm in Colchester South, County of Essex, Ont., from Mr. McCormick, and moved his family to the new home, where they resided for some years, thence going to Sandwich West, where he followed farming and fishing and was quite successful. The next change was to Colchester South, where Mr. Bratt still made his home at the time of his death, in 1883, although he died at the home of his son John, in Malden township. His wife passed away some time prior to this date. In politics he was a Liberal, and died firm in the faith of the Methodist Church, of which he was a local preacher. To himself and wife were born the following named children: Elizabeth married Dr. Hall, and both died in England; Thomas, a farmer, died unmarried; John is mentioned below; Joseph is deceased; William is deceased; George is a farmer of Malden township; Charles is a farmer of Malden township; Hannah is the wife of William Burnley; James is a resident of Amherstburg.

John Bratt was born in England April 1, 1824, and was eighteen years of age when he came to Ontario. When about twenty-five years of age he started in business on his own account, and followed farming all his life, owning much farm property in Colchester South and Malden townships. In 1889 he went to England on a visit, and took keen delight in visiting the scenes of his childhood home. He made the voyage both ways on the steamship "New York," and had a most delightful trip. After returning to Ontario he lived for a short time in Windsor, where he still owned property, but in 1893 he settled in Amherstburg, where he resided, retired from active life.

In 1854 Mr. Bratt was married to Mary Anne Innes, a relative of Capt. Innes, of whom an

account is given elsewhere in this volume. Mrs. Bratt was born in Chatham in 1837. To her union with Mr. Bratt have come the following children: Alfred, a farmer in Malden township, married Elizabeth Topping, and they have two children, Ethelwin and John Edward; George, who lives in California, married Ida Boyce, who is now deceased, and they had six children, Bella, John, Louisa, Mary, Wilfred and Roxy; Miss Emma resides in California, where she is a governess; Louisa married Albert Golden, and has four children, Percy, Mildred, Myrtle and Cecil; John Edward is deceased; Annie is deceased; Ida is at home; Ellen is deceased; Edmund is deceased. Mr. Bratt was a consistent member of the Methodist Church, and took an active part in its good work. In politics he was a Liberal, and served as deputy reeve of Colchester South and as assessor of his township for two years. He was a man of high principles and uprightness of life, and at the end could look back with pride upon an unblemished record, both as a public official and a private citizen, in whose death Amherstburg lost one of her most highly esteemed residents.

SQUIRE LORENZO HICKSON, a well known farmer, citizen and justice of the peace, in Mersea township, County of Essex, is a native of the township, where he was born amid pioneer surroundings. He is a self-made, self-educated man, who has wrested success from difficult conditions and adverse circumstances.

Joseph Hickson, father of Squire Lorenzo, was born in Lincolnshire, England, where he spent his boyhood, leaving home when a young man to try his fortune in the New World. He came over in a sailing vessel, the voyage occupying eight or ten weeks, and landed in New York, where he remained for some time. Later he went to Vermont, where he married Wealthy Davis, and soon after brought his bride to Canada, settling in Mersea township in 1836. He bought a tract of 200 acres from the Col. Talbot grant, on Talbot street, at twelve shillings an acre, and settled down to farming in the wilderness. He built a small log house, and began clearing the farm, he and his young wife being subjected to all the rigors of pioneer life; their nearest town or market was seventy miles away through the forest, and their means of transportation, an ox team. Mr. Hickson spent the remainder of his life on this farm, which he and his sons, as they grew up, cleared and brought into a high state of cultivation. A frame house replaced the origi-

nal log cabin, and the pioneer became a successful general farmer; one of his best crops was tobacco, of which he was one of the first growers in that part of the country. He died on the farm, at the age of eighty-five, and was buried in the cemetery near Wheatley. In politics he always supported the Reform party, of which he was a loyal adherent, and among the first of that party in Mersea township. Although a man of but limited education, he was well read, and of excellent judgment, one who was widely known and highly respected, and who did his whole duty in his home, in his business, and in public affairs. He was a member of the Methodist Church, and one of the organizers of that church in his part of the county. His faithful wife, who shared with him all the trials and privations of pioneer life, was a member of the Baptist Church. They were both true Christians, and gave their children the best of Christian homes and training. Mrs. Hickson died on the farm at the age of seventy-five, and is buried beside her husband. They had three children, as follows: Lorenzo, who is mentioned below; Adeline, who married William Hatt, and lives in Mersea township; and Hiram, who lives on the home farm.

Lorenzo Hickson was born on the farm on Talbot street, July 22, 1838, and there grew up, attending the little log school house, with wooden benches, in Mersea township, from four to six months in the year. This school was maintained by subscriptions, from the settlers, but Lorenzo had small opportunity of attending, his help being needed on the farm. His lack of schooling, however, has been supplemented by keen observation and much reading, and he is a man of intelligence, sound judgment and wide information. Until he was eighteen he remained on the home farm, assisting his father in its management, and then went to Morpeth, Romney township, County of Kent, to learn the trade of wheelwright. He spent three years in Morpeth, learning his trade with Charles Shaw, and then returned home. His father offered to set him up in the wagon-making business in Leamington, then a small village, or to give him 100 acres of land adjoining the home farm. He chose the latter, preferring the life of a farmer to that of any other, and at once settled on the tract which is now known as Lot No. 221, Talbot street South. Twelve acres of the land was cleared, and there he put up a log house, 18 x 24 feet in dimensions, consisting of two rooms, to which he brought his young wife. He then began to clear

the remainder of the farm, and by much hard work and unflagging application brought it into a high state of cultivation, becoming one of the most successful farmers of the region. He has built a fine frame dwelling in place of the old log house, put up substantial barns and other farm buildings, and acquired much additional land. He is now the owner of 100 acres at the Four Corners, 100 acres in Lot 16, Concession 1, fifty acres in Concession 8, eighty acres in Lot 5, Romney township, County of Kent, and thirty-six acres adjoining the homestead, all of which are under cultivation, some of it under the care of his sons. Squire Hickson has been engaged in farming for himself for nearly forty-five years, forty-two of which he has been a tobacco grower, and stock raiser. He is one of the largest landowners in the township.

On Sept. 22, 1859, Squire Hickson married, in Mersea township, Ruth Coulter, daughter of the late Charles Coulter. She is a woman of domestic tastes, and is devoted to her home and family. She shared all the trials of the pioneer life with her husband in their early married days, and is now enjoying some well earned ease surrounded by her children and grandchildren. She and her husband are members of the Baptist Church at Wheatley, of which the Squire is a trustee. The twelve children born to this union were as follows: (1) Joseph, a farmer in Mersea township, married Sadie Dean. (2) Orzilla married William Lounsbury of Mersea township, and they have nine children. (3) Leonard, who is also a farmer of Mersea, married Nellie Stockwell, and they have five children. (4) Elizabeth, who married Wesley Coals, of Mersea, has three children. (5) Amelia, who married William Wales, of Mersea, has three children. (6) Charles, who is a farmer of Mersea, married Alice Getty, and has two children. (7) William, also a farmer of Mersea, married Orie Bunning. (8) Robert, who lives in Pontiac, Michigan, married Viola Keys, and has two children. (9) Eva married Joseph Imerson, of Mersea. (10) Milton, and (11) Gurdon live at home. (12) James, also at home, married Lillie Boan. All the family are well-to-do, having received a fine start from their parents. They also reflect great credit upon their father and mother, who reared them carefully under the best Christian influences, and have their reward in a family of men and women of fine character.

Squire Hickson has battled successfully with the wilderness, and may well be proud of his success, when he looks back from his present

broad, well-cultivated acres, to the little log cabin in the clearing, where he and his brave young wife began their life together. In public, as well as in his private affairs, he has been successful, and has an enviable reputation as justice of the peace. He has filled that position since his appointment in 1888, with general satisfaction, meting out justice with an even hand and sound judgment, his decisions invariably being sustained by the higher courts. Like his father, he has always been a member of the Liberal party in politics, and has been for some time one of the township council. In his habits and temperament he is domestic, devoted to his home and family, for whom he spares no pains. His children, who are all well settled, are his chief pride, and the best part of his success.

EDWARD S. IRWIN, a prosperous farmer of Gosfield North, Concession 9, Lot 25, has long been a prominent figure in township affairs, and has seen many years' service as a councilman. He was born in Mersea township, County of Essex, Ont., June 14, 1849, son of George and Sarah E. (French) Irwin, who lived on a farm there on Concession 7. His maternal great-grandfather was Rev. Nicholas French, who came originally from England, lived first in Vermont, and went thence to the County of Oxford, Ont., about the close of the Revolution. There his son, Edmund French, was born and there, too, the latter's daughter, Mrs. Irwin, whose birth occurred Feb. 11, 1824. John Irwin, the paternal grandfather, was born in Ireland and died there. All of his children came to America. His family, all deceased, were as follows: William, a farmer of Mersea; Thomas, a farmer in Wisconsin, where he left a family; Joseph, who lived with his family on a farm in Maidstone; Maria, who married Jacob Fox, of Mersea, and left children; James, who was drowned in Michigan; and George.

George Irwin was born in County Armagh, Ireland, in 1809, and was reared and educated in that country. He came to Essex in 1835, and settled in the woods on land drawn from Col. Talbot. In time he developed the place into a fine farm, and his widow still makes her home there. Mr. Irwin's death occurred in 1881. He belonged to the Church of England, and his wife was a Baptist. Ten children were born to George and Sarah Irwin, as follows: (1) John, who married Miss Hilda Ralston, has a large family and lives on the homestead. (2) James, unmarried, is a lumberman in Otsego, Michigan.

(3) George, born in 1853, married Miss Eliza Ryall, has one son, Charles, and is a retired farmer of Leamington. (4) William, born in 1856, married Miss Elizabeth Ryall, of the County of Essex, and resides in Leamington. (5) Eli, (6) Sarah and (7) Clarissa, all died young. (8) Samuel, a farmer in Mersea, married Miss Eliza Gulliver, of Mersea, and they have one daughter, Myrtle. (9) Joseph, who married Miss Edna Ryall, of Gosfield, lives on a farm in Mersea, with his six children, Sarah, Ezra, George, Charles, Albert and Maud. (10) Edward S. is the subject proper of this sketch.

Edward S. Irwin grew up on the old homestead, working on the farm and going to the district school. He continued to work on the farm until 1872, when he married and removed to a farm in Gosfield North, Concession 10. After four years there he bought his present farm on Concession 9.

Mrs. Irwin was a Miss Linda C. Whittle, born in Mersea June 1, 1853. Her parents were Aaron and Susan (Reve) Whittle, born in the County of Essex and Romney, Ont., respectively. Both are now deceased, and of their children, only Mrs. Irwin, and a son, George, on the home place, are still living. To Mr. and Mrs. Irwin only one child has come, a daughter, named Edna, who was born May 15, 1875. She is the wife of Eli Cowles, an engineer on the Michigan Central Railroad, lives in St. Thomas, and has two children, Thomas E. and Joseph W.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Irwin were brought up in the Church of England. Politically he has always been a Conservative, and has been prominent in the councils of the party. In 1883 he was elected councillor for Old Gosfield, and served ten years consecutively, while in 1903 he was again chosen for the office. He has also been secretary and treasurer of the school board for several years. In fraternal life he is a member of the Orangemen, in Mersea Lodge. Mr. Irwin comes of an old pioneer family, most favorably known in Mersea, where they have always been highly respected and in prosperous circumstances, and Mr. Irwin is a worthy representative of his line.

ALBERT LAFFERTY, county councillor of the County of Essex, and a prominent farmer located in Sandwich West, was born there, June 6, 1873, the second son of Louis and Anna (Caldwell) LaFferty, of old pioneer families of that township.

Antoine LaFferty, grandfather of Albert, was a son of a French emigrant who came from France prior to the Revolutionary War in the States, and settled in Michigan, members of his family clearing and owning part of the land which is the present site of the city of Detroit. Antoine LaFferty, who was a son of Antoine, purchased land from a Mr. Buford, prior to the war of 1812, and there Louis LaFferty was born, and there Antoine, the grandfather, died in 1860, aged eighty-four years, his widow, Phyllis Bourassa in her maidenhood, dying at the same age in 1877. They left a family of two sons and one daughter, viz.: Louis; Samuel, who died a prosperous farmer of Anderdon township, leaving a family; and Julia, who married the late Mathew Adam, one of the pioneer school teachers of this section, and she and her children reside on his farm in Sandwich West.

Louis LaFferty, father of our subject and the eldest son of Antoine and Phyllis, was born on the present family homestead, Nov. 18, 1827. He settled there and purchased additional and adjoining land until he owned 300 acres at the time of his death, Feb. 25, 1902. In July, 1870, he married Anna Caldwell, daughter of Capt. William and Ruth (Johnston) Caldwell, the former being an early settler at Amherstburg, where he reared his family. Louis LaFferty and wife settled on the old homestead, and there he spent the greater part of his life. His interests were mainly centered in agriculture, and in the improvement of his large estate. In 1898 he erected a handsome, modern residence, and in this home his death took place Feb. 25, 1902. Mr. LaFferty was one of the leaders of the Conservative party in this locality, and for twenty years he ably served as reeve of Sandwich West, and for twenty-five years was a valued member of the council. He was a man of the highest integrity, and he held the love and esteem of all who knew him, while his excellent judgment made him a most efficient public official. In religion he was a devout member of the Roman Catholic Church, and was liberal in his assistance in furthering her charities and extending her influence. The four children born to Louis LaFferty and wife were: William, born in 1871, graduated at the Assumption school at Sandwich, where he taught one year, then studied pharmacy, and he is now employed in one of the largest drug stores in Detroit; Albert; Adaline, born in 1877, died in 1899; and Anna Bell, born in 1875, remains at home.

Albert LaFferty was reared on the old home-

stead, and was afforded excellent educational advantages. After graduating with credit, in 1896, at the Collegiate Institute at Windsor, he taught school for three years in the County of Essex, and then entered the Toronto University, from which he was called in 1902, by the death of his father. He immediately assumed charge of affairs, and entered upon the management of the home farm. He was a school trustee, but resigned in 1903, when he was elected county councillor by the largest vote ever polled in the County of Essex, a grand testimonial to the high esteem in which he is held by his fellow citizens. He is a member of the Foresters. Mr. LaFferty possesses all the qualifications for a long and useful life, and he is a worthy representative of honorable pioneer farmers—the LaFfertys, the Caldwells and the Johnstons, who have been among the makers of history in this part of the Dominion.

Captain William Caldwell, maternal grandfather of Albert LaFferty, was born in 1778, a son of Col. John Caldwell, who was a British officer during the Revolution and lived and died at Amherstburg. Col. John Caldwell left five sons and three daughters, as follows: Frank Caldwell, deceased, a distinguished member of Parliament; James and William, farmers of the County of Essex; Thomas, a surveyor; John, a farmer in the County of Essex; Susan, wife of Capt. Hunt, of Amherstburg; Fanny, who died unmarried; Betsey, wife of James Cavil, who for many years was postmaster at Amherstburg.

Captain William Caldwell settled in Malden township, on Lake Erie, after the war of 1812, in which he had taken part, and for gallant service received from the English Government a grant of 600 acres of land. This land he improved, and thus secured good homes for himself and children. After a life of prominence and usefulness, he died in 1872 at his home. His wife, Ruth Johnston, who was born at Chatham, County of Kent, in 1806, daughter of Jonathan Johnston, died in 1860. Both William Caldwell and wife were consistent members of the Roman Catholic Church. They left a family of seven daughters, namely: Susan, who married John Bray of Anderdon township, and both are deceased; Theresa, deceased wife of Albert Le Pain, of Sandwich West township; Marie A., who married A. Moran, of Amherstburg, and both are deceased, survived by two children; Jane, widow of Dominick Marentette, of Malden; Philome, widow of John McBride, of the

County of Essex, and the mother of three children; Adeline, who died in young womanhood; and Anna, who married Louis LaFferty.

THOMAS COOKE was at the time of his death a prosperous and highly respected farmer of Colchester North, living along the Malden Road, at the town line, on the place now occupied by his widow.

Mr. Cooke was born in July, 1846, a son of Thomas and Jane Cooke, who came from England and settled in County Carleton, Ont. In 1872 he married Jane Donley, who was born in Carleton County, Nov. 15, 1848, a daughter of Edward and Margaret Donley, natives of Ireland, who came to Canada when young. They were married and settled in Carleton, where the father led the life of a farmer until his death, in 1893. His wife passed away in 1855. The following children were born to them: Hugh, who lives on the old homestead, is married and has three children, Lula, Fleeta and Clifford; Jane is the widow of Thomas Cooke; Annie married Charles McVee, of Montana, and has two sons, Delmar and Verne; Elizabeth married Alfred Robinson, and has two children, Millie and Bower; Bella married Robert Moor, of County Oxford, and has two sons; Maggie married George Hurley (they have no children); Charlotte married James Paddon, of County Carleton, and has two sons, Mansel and Norman. Jane, Mrs. Cooke, was reared to womanhood in Carleton, where she received a fair education. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cooke settled near the home of his father, where they remained until 1891, in which year the present home was purchased. At that time there had been but few improvements made upon the farm, but he rebuilt the house, in 1894 erected a large barn, and made many other desirable improvements before his death, which unhappy event took place Dec. 12, 1894. In his religious belief Mr. Cooke was a consistent member of the Church of England, and he was an officer in the church. His political opinions made him a Conservative. While a resident of County Carleton he served as a member of the school board and council for a number of years, and was always prominent in local affairs. The following children were born to himself and wife: Maggie, born in County Carleton, married Isaac Kay, a farmer of Maidstone township, Essex County (they have no children); Ernest, born in County Carleton, is unmarried and resides with his mother, managing the farm; Hugh, born in

County Carleton, studied at the Essex high school, for three years was a teacher at Woodslee, County Essex, and is now a student in his third year at the Toronto University, preparing for the practice of medicine; the youngest of the family, Clara B., born in County Carleton, has been finely educated, and is one of the home circle.

Thomas Cooke was the eldest son in his father's family, and the only one who removed to County Essex, where, although not long a resident before his death, he made many friends, by whom he was deeply mourned. He was a man who inspired trust and confidence, and he was often called upon to represent the people in various positions of public preferment. In private life he was a genial, courteous gentleman, an excellent farmer and a kind-hearted and stanch friend, who could be counted upon. In all of his enterprises he had the firm and ready co-operation of Mrs. Cooke, who possesses an unusual degree of business ability. When his life ended Mr. Cooke left behind him a good record, both as a man and a public official, and died firm in the faith of his church, his loss being felt in religious circles as well as among his business and social associates. His widow and children were left in very comfortable circumstances, and they are important factors in the life of their locality, where they stand very high in public opinion.

WILLIAM L. STOTTS, a retired farmer of Gosfield South, on the Talbot Road, was born in Little York, which is now Toronto, Ont., Aug. 22, 1814, and passed all his early life in that section of the country. His parents were both natives of the United States, John Stotts, the father, having been born near Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and his wife Nancy (Press) Stotts, in Rochester, New York.

The maternal grandfather, Samuel Press, left New York for Lower Canada, at a very early day, with the United Empire Loyalists. Philip Stotts, the paternal grandfather, born in Germany, was stolen from his parents when a child, and later brought as cook on an English war vessel to Boston, previous to the Revolution. His brother, Cooper Stotts, who had shared the same fate, was separated from Philip at Boston, and the two did not meet again till years after the close of the war, when they were reunited at Broadville, near Kingston, Canada. Thereafter they both settled as farmers in Pickering town-

ship, County of York, where they passed the remainder of their lives.

John Stotts, father of William L., married and settled on his father's farm in Pickering township. He left a family of five children, as follows: Philip, who settled in the County of York, and died there a few years ago, leaving a family; William L.; Peter, who remained for a while after his marriage in the County of York, and then moved to Petrolea, Ont., where he died leaving three children; Ellen, who married John Kennedy, and died near Toronto, leaving a family; Jemima, who married Patrick Seymore, later removed with him and their children to Petrolea, and there died.

William L. Stotts grew up on the homestead receiving a limited education. When only fifteen years old he took up the trade of painting and chairmaking, thus enabling him to get a start in life. After marriage he settled on a farm at Markham, County of York, and remained there until 1885, when he sold out and moved to Gosfield in the County of Essex. He purchased the Zenas Malotte farm of 150 acres, on Talbot Road, which has continued to be his home to the present day.

Mr. Stotts was first married, in 1842, to Miss Eliza Clarey, of the County of York, who was born in New York State, daughter of Henry Clarey. Mrs. Stotts died at Markham, in November, 1876. She was the mother of the following five children: (1) James, born in 1846, married a Miss Hunter of Canada, resides in Pontiac, Michigan, and has a family of six children, Joanna, Leslie, Wellington, Burton, Mariah and Eva. (2) Mariah, born in 1848, died at the present home, unmarried. (3) Henry, born in 1849, married a Miss Mary Ebie, lives in Pontiac, Michigan, and has two children, Laura and Henry. (4) Jane, born in 1852, the wife of J. C. Morris, who resides in the County of York, has eight children, Annie, Louise, Carmen, Maud, Delos, Pearl, Francis and Orpha. (5) Wellington, born in 1854, from boyhood has studied on the violin, is one of the instructors of music in that section and is considered one of the finest musicians of Canada. Wellington Stotts married Miss Ruby Bruner, of Gosfield, and resides on a part of his father's homestead; he has three children, Murray, Lottie and Pearl. Mr. Stotts has lived to number eight great-grandchildren among his descendants.

In 1877, at Hamilton, Ont., Mr. Stotts married for his second wife Miss Lizzie Hammill, daughter of the late Capt. R. and Mary (Smith)

Hammill, of Markham, who was born in the County of Wentworth, in 1846. To this last marriage a daughter and a son have been born. Wilhelmina, born in the County of York in 1883, grew up at the present home, was sent to the district school and to the Essex high school, and is a bright and scholarly young lady. John, born in 1885, has charge of the farm.

Politically Mr. Stotts has always been identified with the Reform party. While living at Markham he served as trustee of the schools, and has held a similar position in Gosfield. For a number of years he has been a judge of the Agricultural Fair of Essex, and holds badges of honor for his services in that capacity. Mrs. Stotts, who is of English parentage, is a member of the Church of England, but her husband has always filled a prominent place in the Methodist Church. Mr. Stotts, while eighty-nine years old, is even yet a splendid physical specimen of manhood, six feet in height, straight and active, and while not the giant of strength that he was in his earlier years, is still one of the strongest men in Canada. Intellectually and morally he is also powerful; his mind is as clear and bright as ever, and few men are better informed on all current events, while his honesty and integrity of purpose, together with his kindly nature, have ever endeared him to all with whom he has been associated. Throughout his long life he has been constant in his industry, and by his honorable toil has won the wealth which now enables him to pass his last years free from care or effort.

GEORGE THORNTON, a prosperous retired farmer of Essex, County Essex, was born in Gosfield township, this county, Feb. 10, 1834, son of Richard and Esther (Harrison) Thornton, who were among the first settlers of Gosfield.

Richard Thornton was born in Yorkshire, England, while his wife was born in the city of Philadelphia, where they met and married. After their marriage they resided in Philadelphia some years, engaged in farming near the city, and there four of their children were born. They then came to Canada, about 1822, and settled for a few years in Mersea, near where Leamington now stands, then removing to Gosfield, where Mr. Thornton received a grant of land through Col. Talbot. Upon it he started life as a pioneer in a little log cabin in the woods. In time he cleared up a large farm, prior to his death owning 500 acres of land in one body. His wife died at their home in 1874, and he in 1879. They were among the early founders

of the English Church in this locality, and are still remembered for their many good and kindly deeds. They were the parents of ten children, of whom but two survive: (1) Ann, born in Pennsylvania, now deceased, married John Wittle, who settled and died in Gosfield; they left a family. (2) Thomas, born in Pennsylvania, was reared in Gosfield and married Miss Almyra Latam; they settled in Gosfield, where he died leaving a family. (3) Harrison, born in Pennsylvania, married Mary Jones, who survives him and lives in Gosfield; they had a family. (4) Eliza, born in Pennsylvania, now deceased, married Solomon Wigle, who settled and died in Gosfield, leaving a family. (5) Jane, born in Canada, now deceased, married George Wigle, now also deceased, who settled in Colchester North; they left a family. (6) Caroline, born in Canada, married Benjamin Dale, who resided for some years in Gosfield before moving to Texas, where they still reside; they have a family of eight children. (7) George is mentioned below. (8) Isaac, born in Gosfield, there grew to manhood and married Emma King, and they settled on one of the farms given him by his father, where he died leaving a family. (9) Mary, born in Gosfield, married John Fulmer, who resides in Gosfield, and she died leaving a family. (10) Esther, born in Gosfield, now deceased, married John Robinson, who settled and died in Maidstone; she left a family.

George Thornton obtained his early education in the district schools of Maidstone and Gosfield. When a young man he learned the trade of carpenter, at which he was engaged as a contractor and builder. On May 21, 1862, he married Miss Emily Jane Fulmer, who was born in Colchester in 1845, daughter of George and Elizabeth (Moody) Fulmer. George Fulmer was born in Mersea, Canada, and his father, John Fulmer, came from Pennsylvania, being one of the United Empire Loyalists who migrated to Canada during Revolutionary troubles.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Thornton settled in Gosfield, residing there until 1886, with the exception of one year when they lived in Mount Clemens, Michigan. In 1886 they purchased a farm in the town of Essex, but a few years ago he purchased the present home on Brien avenue, where he lives retired. Of the children born to Mr. and Mrs. Thornton six reached maturity: Florence E. V., born in Gosfield in July, 1863, died at the Gosfield home when she was a young lady; Sylvester, born in 1867, died in November, 1899; Iona L., born in

1865, married John G. Kolfage, who resides in Essex town (they have three children, Gerald, Beulah and Herman); Lillie S., born in January, 1869, married Francis Thomas, who resides in Anderdon township, County Essex, and they have two children, Florence and Mildred E.; Lauretta A., born in 1875, married William Conklin of Kingsville, County Essex, and they have one daughter, Lucile; Oscar Leroy, born in 1879, is unmarried and residing with his parents.

The religious doctrines of Mr. Thornton and family are those of the Church of England, they being consistent members of that body. Politically Mr. Thornton has always been identified with the Conservative party. He has never aspired to office. His father was a member of the county council, and during the Rebellion of 1837-38 was a brave and gallant soldier. Our subject is one of the veterans of the North Ridge Rifles, organized in 1862 during the American war, and served five years in that body, which was called into service in the Rebellion in 1866.

The only surviving son of Richard and Esther Thornton, first settlers of Gosfield township, Mr. Thornton has lived to see many changes effected. All of the members of that family became prosperous, and bore their part in the upbuilding and development of the county. A few years ago Mr. Thornton retired from active life, and is now enjoying a well earned repose, surrounded by the comforts his honest and steadfast labor has obtained. Very naturally he is ranked among the representative men of Essex town, as well as of the county, and his advice is sought, both as a practical farmer and loyal citizen, and those who follow it seldom have cause to regret their action. Long experience and careful observation have taught him that there is only one way and that the right one, the one pointed out by every precept of honor and sense of justice.

CAPT. JOHN T. HUTTON, one of the oldest mariners of the Great Lakes and a stockholder in the steamer "John Oads" (which he once sailed), a grain vessel plying between Chicago, Duluth and Buffalo, has been a resident of County Essex since 1851, coming to Ontario at the age of ten years, and since the age of twelve has been almost continuously on the water.

The Hutton family is of English extraction and the Captain's father, John Hutton, was born in England and lived to the age of ninety-nine years and seven months, passing away at Amherstburg. In England, in 1838, John Hutton

married Catherine Campbell, who was born in 1812, in Ireland. John Hutton was a soldier in the English army and came in 1838 to Ontario, very soon after his marriage, to take part in the Rebellion of 1837-38. He first located in Toronto, but soon after removed to London. After a service of twenty-one years he was honorably discharged from the army and in 1851 settled on Bois Blanc Island. Later he moved to Amherstburg, where he lived retired, a pensioner, until his death. Both he and wife belonged to the Catholic Church. In politics he was a Conservative. The following children were born to John Hutton and wife: Elizabeth, wife of Capt. David Gerardin, of Amherstburg; Kate, wife of J. D. Gibb, of Malden township; Rosa, deceased; and John T., of this sketch.

Capt. John T. Hutton was born in 1849 at Brockville, Ont., and attended school at Amherstburg, his books being put aside at the age of twelve years, since which time Capt. Hutton has been a student in the school of experience. He naturally drifted to the water and his first engagement was on the scow "Idea," shipping brick from Detroit to Amherstburg. This was in 1861, and his services brought \$4 per month. His next position was as mess boy on the revenue cutter "Floyd," where he remained two years, and he was then "boy" on the schooner "Brick," then on the "Naragansett," under Capt. John Hackett. From this vessel he went before the mast on the schooner "Johnston," and in the fall of 1864 went to sea from New Orleans on a vessel plying between that city and Mobile. Here he remained two years and then returned to the lakes as second mate on a boat with which he remained two years. He then served as mate on "The Jane Bell" for two years. In 1871 he sailed on "The Eagle Wing," with which he continued until 1874, after which he sailed the schooner "John Wesley" until 1877, when he transferred to the steamer "Ann Smith," which he sailed for eight years. One year he sailed the "B. W. Blanchard" and then spent four years on the "Minneapolis." From this position Capt. Hutton took charge of the steamer "A. A. Parker" for ten years, and then transferred to the "Yosemite," which he sailed two years, at the end of that time taking his present position on the steamer "City of Paris."

The fact that Capt. Hutton has been with one firm, that of A. A. Parker & Bro., of Detroit, for a period of twenty-six years, is excellent proof of his capacity and efficiency as a mariner and his integrity as a man. In 1878 he took the first

boat load of grain ever shipped from Washburn, Wisconsin, on the "John Shaw," in tow of the steamer "Ann Smith."

Although the main part of Capt. Hutton's life has been spent on the water, he made a very valiant soldier at the time of the Fenian Raid, as a member of the Brockville Volunteers. He belongs to the fraternal societies of Chosen Friends, the Shipmasters' Association and the A.O.U.W., in all of which he is a valued member.

In 1871 Capt. Hutton was married to Miss Mary Meloche, and children as follows have been born to this union, namely: Laura, wife of Dr. G. G. Hackett, of Detroit; Lillian, wife of James S. Cook, of Rochester, New York; Parker, whose death at the age of eighteen removed a brilliant young man; and Milton, who sails with his father, a resident of Amherstburg. The religious connection of the family is with the Roman Catholic Church.

ANDREW JACKSON, a farmer of Gosfield North, on Concession 10, Lot 19, has been a resident of the County of Essex since 1895, and in that brief period he has won a host of friends by his genial nature and unaffected manliness. The family originally settled in the United States, but three generations have lived in Canada. Andrew Jackson was born in Grimsby, County of Niagara, Ont., March 2, 1844.

Alexander Jackson, his paternal grandfather, came to Canada during the Revolution, and was known as a United Empire Loyalist. His home had been in Pennsylvania. He located first in the County of Niagara, but later went with his sons to Kent, and settled in Howard township, near Morpeth. Of his family, Smith, the eldest son, was a farmer in Morpeth for some years, but later returned to Pennsylvania and there died. William was the father of our subject. Andrew C. resided near Morpeth for some time, but is now living retired near London, Ont. Willison, born in the County of Niagara, was a farmer in Howard, but is now living retired in Toronto. Mary A., deceased wife of James Downey, died at her home near Ridgetown, County of Kent, leaving four children, William, Martha, Isaac and Andrew.

William Jackson, father of Andrew, was born in the County of Niagara in 1820; his wife, Sarah (Carrow), was born in Simcoe, Ont., in 1824. They settled on a farm in the former county, and there Mrs. Jackson died in 1850. Later her husband moved to Howard, County of Kent, and bought a farm, on which he lived

until his death in 1886. He married again, but had no children by his second wife. He was an ardent Methodist and a great church worker. Politically he was a Reformer. The children born to William and Sarah Jackson were: (1) George, born in the County of Niagara, married Phoebe Sterling, of Howard. He was a hotel keeper at Vienna, and then in Windsor, where he died in 1900. His four children were: Cecil, Walter, Norman and Cora, all of Windsor. (2) Mary, late wife of Henry Gillam, lived at Princeton, Ont. She had a son and a daughter, Joshua and Martha. (3) Betsey was the wife of Adam Bennett, who moved to Michigan, where his wife died. (4) Joseph, unmarried, lives in Gladwin County, Michigan. (5) John died when a young man. (6) Amanda is the wife of Samuel Francis, of Houghton Center, and the mother of William, Edwin, Hannah, Herbert and Jane. (7) Mercy married Martin Wood, of Gladwin County, Michigan, where she died, leaving five children, George, James, Sarah A., Amanda and Maud. (8) Andrew, our subject, is the youngest.

Andrew Jackson acquired most of his education in Howard, and remained there on the home farm until he was twenty-one. The next year he married, and has since been occupied in buying one farm after another, developing it and then disposing of it advantageously. He began on the Jewell farm, near the lake in Howard, where he erected a good house and barn, made extensive improvements and lived until 1876. In that year he moved to the Shippy farm, the property of his wife's family, cleared it up and erected new buildings. Later he bought the Johnston farm, in Harwich, where he lived three years before selling it, and buying the John Teitzel farm on Talbot street. In 1895 he sold that and bought his present home in Gosfield North, County of Essex. This was a place of 275 acres, mostly wild land, of which he has brought ninety acres under cultivation, besides erecting a large house and barn, and making many general improvements.

In 1866 Mr. Jackson was married to Miss Mary J. Shippy, who was born in Howard in 1847, daughter of John and Jane Shippy, pioneers of the County of Kent. There are eleven children in their family: (1) Emma J., born in 1868, married George Snyder, of Concession 9, in Gosfield, and has three sons, Verne, Cecil and Leonard. (2) Ada, born in 1869, is the wife of George Higgs, of Morpeth, and is the mother of Bruce, Katie and Madge. (3) Eli, born in Kent, in 1871, married Miss Eliza

Jones, of the County of Essex. They reside on Talbot street in Maidstone with their only daughter, Verda. (4) Amanda, born in 1873, married Reuben Perkins, has one son, Merwin, and lives at the "Soo" on the Canadian side. (5) Wheeler, born in 1876, is unmarried, and a farmer in Rochester, County of Essex. (6) Norman, born in 1878, is unmarried, and a ranchman in Montana. (7) Mabel, born in 1880, married Ora Rawlings, of Gosfield North, and has two children, Katie and Earl. (8) Alice, born in 1882, is a student in the Detroit Business College. (9) Edwin, born in 1885, (10) Olive, in 1887, and (11) Elva, 1889, are all at home.

Mr. Jackson, as well as his wife and family, is a member of the Methodist Church. Politically he has always voted the Conservative ticket, but has not concerned himself actively with politics. Since coming to Kent, he has become a member of a Kent County Lodge of Orangemen. Starting in life with but little except his determination to succeed, Mr. Jackson has by unceasing labor and good business judgment acquired a competence. During his long residence in Kent, he earned an assured place for himself in the affection and respect of his lifelong friends there, while since he settled in Gosfield his manifest integrity and nobility of character retained the friends whom his gentlemanly bearing attracted.

GEORGE GRAY, one of the representative men of Sandwich, is descended from Scotch-English parentage, and his grandfather, Thomas Gray, was a native of Scotland, where he lived and died. His children were: George, James B. and Helen.

George Gray, Sr., moved from Scotland to England, and there married Mary Vickers, a native of England, who was born in 1798, daughter of William Vickers and his wife, whose maiden name was Singleton. In 1850 the family moved to New York, and later settled in Akron, Ohio, where they lived until 1856, in which year they moved to Sandwich, County of Essex, Ont. To George and Mary Gray were born the following children: Thomas, Elizabeth, William, George, Jr., Mary Ellen (all of Sandwich), and John (formerly a member of the militia, who was drowned in the Detroit river). The father of this family, who was born in 1795, died in 1850. The mother passed away in 1876.

George Gray was born in Lancashire, England, in 1838, and was about twelve years of age when the family came to the New World. On

June 9, 1856, he located in Sandwich, which has since been his home. He owns a fine farm on Lot G, Concession 1, formerly known as the Hand's Farm, and here he raises large quantities of grapes, from which he makes a high-grade wine. By trade Mr. Gray is a carpenter, and has borne his part in the construction of some of the finest buildings in the township and throughout the entire locality. Mr. Gray has served in the council of Sandwich, was also assessor of the town, and was a trustee of Sandwich West.

In 1868 Mr. Gray married Miss Hannah Vollans, a native of Sandwich South. To Mr. and Mrs. Gray have been born the following children: John Vickers, who married Elizabeth Wells, daughter of George Wells, an early settler of the County of Essex, a sketch of whom is given elsewhere; George William, who married Susan Ridsdale; Miriam Winnifred, at home. The family are members of the Church of England, and take an active part in its good work. Mr. Gray is one of the best known and most highly esteemed men of the County of Essex, and the success which has attended his efforts is well merited.

JOHN WEST, a well-known farmer and much-esteemed citizen of Mersea township, in the south part of Concession B, who for a number of years was engaged as a carpenter and builder, was born May 15, 1837, in County Kerry, Ireland.

The West family was originally of England, but for some generations has been established in Ireland. Joseph West, grandfather of John West, was born in County Kerry, Ireland, whither his father came from England, and grew up to be a fine type of Irish yeomanry and also an excellent farmer. He married Elizabeth Leslie, a native of Scotland, and children as follows were born to them: John; Fanny; William; Joseph; Thomas; James; Roland, who died at Wellington, Ont.; Sarah; Stephen, who died at Wellington, Ont.; and Mary.

William West, second son of Joseph West, was born in County Kerry, and grew up on the home farm. He was afforded excellent educational opportunities in the government schools. He married Mary Griffin, who was born in County Kerry, though her parents were from Wales, and the following children were born to them: John, born in Ireland; William, born in the County of Wentworth, Canada, who resides at St. Louis, Missouri; Fanny, who resides at

Detroit, Michigan; Joseph, a soldier during the Civil war in the States, serving three years in the Union army; Michael, a ranchman in the North-West Territory; James, also of the North-West Territory; Julia, a resident of Detroit; Jeremiah, of Paris, Ont.; and Robert, of North Dakota. John was the only child born in the old country.

In 1843 William West, and his wife and one child, set their faces toward Canada, taking passage on a sailing vessel from Tralee to Quebec, which city they safely reached after a passage of forty-five days. They then went to Hamilton, and Mr. West soon secured work on a farm in Binbrook township. After spending three years here in farm labor he removed to Guelph, where he carried on a rented farm for three years. He then purchased a farm of 100 acres in Garafraxa township, County of Wellington, on which he made many substantial improvements, remaining on his land until the cares of age began to be felt, when he gave one-half of his farm to our subject and removed to the town of Paris. There his life closed at the age of ninety-two years. His wife died, while the family lived at Guelph, at the age of seventy-four years. Both were buried in the Paris cemetery. They were members of the Church of England and the Catholic Church, respectively, and in politics he was a Conservative.

John West was reared a farmer and has been interested in that business all his life. He obtained his education in the public schools, and subsequently learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed until 1865, when he removed to Venango County, Pennsylvania, spending about seven months in the oil fields. He then moved to Windsor, where he was employed by the old Great Western Railroad Company, and in the fall of 1866 he removed to Detroit and entered the car shops, buying a lot of ground there and building a comfortable home. In 1873 Mr. West sold his property in Detroit and returned to Windsor, where he built another comfortable home, working at his trade in that city until 1878, when he removed to Mersea township, where he purchased a tract of 100 acres. In 1882 he rented his farm and worked for two years at his trade in Leamington, returning a second time to Windsor, where he had many friends, in 1884, and remaining in that city, all the time working at his trade, for the succeeding ten years. Mr. West's specialty was the building of churches and schoolhouses. When he decided to settle down on a farm he returned to

Mersea township and located on his present property, where he has enjoyed much prosperity in farming and stock raising.

On April 18, 1868, Mr. West was married, at Detroit, Michigan, to Miss Catherine Thompson, who was born in County Kerry, Ireland, in March, 1847, daughter of Robert and Susan (Neil) Thompson, and a family of six children came to this union, as follows: William, an employee of the Michigan Central Railway Co., now living at St. Thomas, Ont.; Robert, who died at Atlanta, Ga.; Joseph, an employee of the Grand Trunk Railway Company; John L., who was thoroughly educated and has taught school for some time; and Albert J. and Frances Irene, both at home.

In politics Mr. West votes independently. He is a man who commands the respect of all who know him, and is a representative citizen of his section of the township.

DAVID NOBLE, one of the leading farmers in Gosfield North, and one of the public-spirited citizens of the township, who has advanced its interests by every means in his power, is a native of the locality, born near Ruthven, Gosfield South, in the County of Essex, Sept. 7, 1843.

John and Mary (Hill) Noble, his parents, were both born in Lincolnshire, England, the father in 1801, and the mother in 1806. They remained in England sometime after their marriage, and when they came to Canada, in 1836, brought a family of five children to share in the experiences awaiting them in the New World. They took a sailing vessel for New York, from there went to Buffalo by canal, and then kept on to the County of Welland, Ont., where they settled, making their home there until 1838. They then came to the County of Essex, where Mr. Noble bought wild land, which he cleared, and had a fine farm of large extent when he died, in June, 1884. His wife survived until Aug. 3, 1893. Both were Methodists in their creed, while politically Mr. Noble was a Conservative. Thirteen children were born to this couple: (1) John, born in November, 1827, married Miss Caroline Neville, and lived on a farm in Gosfield North, where he died in 1882, leaving a family. (2) Sarah, born in 1829, is the deceased wife of Benjamin Jones, of Gosfield North, to whom she bore four children, John, of Mersea; Annie, Mrs. Roach; Thomas, also of Mersea; and Mary, Mrs. Thomas Squires. (3) William, born in 1831, married a Miss Clark, settled in Mersea township for a time, and then

moved to Iowa, where he died, leaving a family of children. (4) Benjamin, born in 1833, was married and lives with his family in Mersea township. (5) Thomas, born in 1835, is a farmer of Gosfield South, where he lives with his wife and four children. (6) George, born in Tilbury, County of Essex, in 1837, married and settled in Gosfield South, but later took his family to their present home, Van Diemen's Land, Australasia. (7) Joseph, born in Gosfield in 1839, was killed when a young man by the fall of a tree. (8) Barbara, born in 1841, married a Mr. Russell, of the County of Essex, and moved to Idaho, where he is engaged in mining. They have five children. (9) David is our subject. (10) Shem, born in 1845, is unmarried and lives at Maidstone. (11) Frederick, born in 1847, married Miss Margaret Taylor, of Colchester, has nine children, and lives on his farm in Gosfield South. (12) Mary J., born in 1849, died when six years old. (13) Henry, born in 1851, married Miss Buckingham, of Colchester, and now lives with his family in Vancouver, British Columbia.

David Noble grew up at the old Gosfield home, and was given but a limited education, as good, however, as was available there at that time. He continued to work on the farm until his marriage in 1870, and then he started out for himself in the place where he is still living. It was wild land, but Mr. Noble worked energetically to get it under cultivation, built a fine house and large barns, and now has one of the finest and most productive farms in the township.

Mrs. Noble was a Miss Mary Wright, born in Somersetshire, England, in 1851. She was a daughter of Ephraim and Elizabeth Wright, the former a pioneer merchant of North Ridge, who came to Canada in 1855. Mrs. Wright died in England, when Mrs. Noble was but a child, leaving one other daughter, who became a Mrs. Ford, now deceased. Mr. Wright died in 1889. To Mr. and Mrs. Noble have come four children, namely: Arthur, born in August, 1871, who is at home unmarried; Roland E., born in 1874, also at home; Henry Burton, born in 1876, who died at the age of fourteen; and Elizabeth, born in 1878, who married Allen Newman, a farmer near Cottam, and has four children, Harry, Bertha, Mary M. and ———.

Mr. Noble has a long and creditable record as a soldier, having served in the British army for twenty-one years. In the Fenian Raid he was one of the famous North Ridge Rifles, and

for his gallant conduct holds a medal, while 160 acres of his property was a grant from the Government to him as a soldier. Seven of his brothers also served in the army, and his father served in the War of 1837-38. Politically Mr. Noble has always been a Conservative. Public-spirited and energetic, he has always been foremost in every enterprise that promised to better the community. Equally desirous of helping in church work, Mr. Noble, as well as his wife, has been a valuable member of the Methodist Church where he is one of the trustees and stewards. He is also an active worker in the ranks of the Orangemen of Cottam.

Mr. Noble is one of the county's best citizens. Self-made, he has won by his honest industry alone, and is to-day enjoying the bountiful fruits of his labors. Of exemplary character and unspotted integrity, genial and kind, he is deservedly popular, and his wife, a lady of great culture and refinement, and of a beautiful nature, is a worthy companion to her husband.

ALEXANDER NORTHWOOD, whose connection with the Michigan Central Railway mail service dates from Nov. 26, 1883, is a native of Chatham, Ont., and a resident of Windsor. He is a son of the late Senator Joseph Northwood, and a grandson of John Northwood.

Joseph Northwood was born in 1811, in Ireland, and came in young manhood to Ontario, locating near London. About 1834 he went to Chatham, where he followed the tailor's trade for a number of years, and there he married Ann Wilson. Their children were the following: Andrew married Catherine Allen, and they have two children, Allan and Mabel; Charles (deceased) married Emma Sheehans, and they had one son, Reginald; Joseph married (first) Hannah Bench, by whom he had one son, George, and for his second wife he married Elizabeth Wilson; John M. married Harriet King, and they have had five children—Fred, Arthur (deceased), Joseph, Edith and Jack; Richard married Louisa Knight; Eliza married C. A. Pace, of Windsor; Alexander is mentioned below; Annie is the wife of James Ronald. Joseph Northwood, the father, was prominent in public life, was a member of the Chatham Council, and later was elected to the office of senator in the Dominion Parliament.

Alexander Northwood was born Nov. 25, 1850, at Chatham, and his education was pursued in his native town, in London and in Toronto. On reaching his majority he engaged for

a time in the grain business with his father in Chatham, but in 1883 turned his attention to an entirely different line of work, that of the Canadian mail service. In entering this service, however, Mr. Northwood was obliged to make careful preparation, which will be easily understood when it is stated that, in order to be eligible, an applicant must be so well acquainted with every country, State, county, town, village and hamlet that the merest glance will tell his trained eye the destination of a mail package. In this feature of the work Mr. Northwood is an expert, and is as well acquainted with the geography and postal facilities of the country included in his distribution as is a schoolboy with his alphabet, being a perfect encyclopedia of postal information. Since 1883 he has been the efficient employee of the Government in this capacity, his runs being between London and Windsor, on the Michigan Central.

On Dec. 16, 1874, Mr. Northwood was married to Mary Jane Moore, who was born July 12, 1853, in the city of Kingston, Ont., a daughter of William and Mary Jane (Scouse) Moore, and a granddaughter of William Moore. The Moores are of Irish extraction. Mrs. Northwood was educated in her native city, and while visiting a sister in Chatham made Mr. Northwood's acquaintance. Six children have been born to this union, namely: Charles Wilson, who married Elizabeth Markison; Alexander B.; John; Ronald; Wallace; and Florence. Of this family, John is the fourth John Northwood to serve in the English army. He was one of the brave and loyal Dominion soldiers in the South African war, and he treasures a medal on which are inscribed the names of the battles in which he fought and a precious souvenir presented to him by Her late beloved Majesty Queen Victoria, whom he had the pleasure of seeing at the last review of her troops. While absent he remembered those at home, and his letters to the local papers were valuable and interesting. The other John Northwoods were as follows: John Northwood, grandfather of our subject, who fought in the Peninsular War and was at Waterloo; John, brother, was in the volunteers; John, an uncle of our subject.

Mr. Northwood and his wife are devout members of the Church of England. In politics he is a Tory. Fraternally he is a member of the K.O. T.M. His long and faithful service has won him the confidence of the Government and the approval of the public. He stands very high in public esteem in Windsor for his reliability and

sterling traits of character. His name is one which has long had weight in the County of Kent.

H. PETTIT, one of the leading citizens of Comber, County of Essex, whose enterprise and progressive ideas are well known throughout that section of the county, was born in Scofield township, County of Wentworth, Aug. 15, 1855, son of Sylvester Pettit.

Sylvester Pettit was born in Binbrook township, in the County of Wentworth, Ont., in 1829, and he was a son of Aaron Pettit, who was also a native of the Province and a very prominent man in Binbrook, being one of its pioneers. In religious affiliation Aaron Pettit was a Methodist, and he was a member of the Reform party. His son Sylvester received an excellent common-school education in the County of Wentworth, and taught school for six years. Later he took up land in Dorchester, County of Elgin, and commenced farming, continuing that occupation the remainder of his life, and becoming a very wealthy man. He is now, however, living somewhat retired at Aylmer, aged seventy-four years, although he is still active, and takes great pleasure in long drives. For many years he has been an important factor in the workings of the Liberal party, although he has never been an office-seeker. He has always strongly advocated the cause of temperance by example and words, and is a man of the highest moral character. Domestic in his habits, he has always been devoted to his family, and his religious home is in the Methodist Church, of which he was class-leader and Sunday school teacher for many years.

In 1852 Sylvester Pettit married Miss A. De Witt, a native of New Brunswick, daughter of John De Witt (deceased), and ten children were born of this marriage: Hiram is a fruit farmer in Fresno County, California; our subject is mentioned below; Almeda married Alexander Gracey, and resides in Fowler, California; Sarah (a graduate of the Cleveland Homeopathic Medical College) married Oscar Roberts, a civil engineer, of New Britain, Pennsylvania, and they reside in South Africa (he is a Quaker); Melvin is a resident of Fowler, California; Lois married R. F. Holtermann, and they reside at Brantford, Ont.; Rachel B. resides in New Britain, Pennsylvania; Jane died after attaining womanhood; Esther is a kindergarten teacher at Simcoe, Ont.; Morley, who is at home, is engaged in bee culture. The mother of these children is

still living, aged seventy years. She is a consistent member of the Methodist Church, a devout Christian woman, and one deeply beloved by a wide circle of friends outside her home circle.

H. Pettit was reared upon the homestead, and educated in the public schools of the County of Elgin, remaining at home until he was of age. In 1877 he came to Tilbury West, County of Essex, locating on a tract of 100 acres in Concession 8, which he cleared, building first a log house, and later replacing it with a commodious modern dwelling. In 1882 he and his brother Melvin embarked in a new business, that of the manufacture of sorghum syrup, and at the same time he commenced encouraging the people to grow the cane. This business they worked profitably for two years, and then merged it with the manufacture of barrel heads. The firm did business under the name of Pettit Brothers until 1893, when Melvin went to California, and H. Pettit became sole proprietor. He enlarged the plant, and is now turning out 800,000 sets of barrel heads per year, with a constantly increasing volume of trade, and a territory which is expanding annually. Constant employment is given to twenty-five experienced workmen, and the machinery and appliances are all of the most modern kind. In addition to his manufacturing interests, Mr. Pettit is one of the largest land owners in the township, owning and operating over 450 acres, which he has cleared and put under cultivation. He is also engaged very extensively in sugar beet growing, and raises considerable wheat, in addition to carrying on general farming. Mr. Pettit conducts his large estate upon scientific principles, firmly believing in rotation of crops, and as a result reaps large returns from his investments. His enterprise and advanced ideas upon farming have gained him a widespread reputation, and he is a recognized authority upon all matters pertaining to agricultural affairs, and his advice is often sought and never in vain. Probably he has done more than any other man in the county to advance the interests of the farmers, and has practically demonstrated what can be accomplished by persistent and intelligent effort properly directed. His milling enterprise is also an important factor in the industrial life of the township, and its success is entirely due to the excellent management of Mr. Pettit, who really accomplishes remarkable results. Every detail of all his business affairs comes under his personal attention, and yet he has so systematized

his work that he not only keeps matters in smooth running order, but finds time to support the candidates of the Liberal party, of which he is a stanch member, although he has never been induced to accept office.

In habits, like his father, Mr. Pettit is a family man. He is strictly temperate, and advocates the cause of temperance upon every occasion, believing that one of the greatest curses of the times is drunkenness. In the Methodist Church he is an earnest worker, and he holds the office of steward in that body. Fraternally he is a member of the I.O.O.F.

On July 4, 1888, Mr. Pettit was happily united in marriage at Walkerton, County of Bruce, with Miss Beatrice Bruce, daughter of John Bruce. Mrs. Pettit is a woman of high attainments, well educated, and possessing a dignified grace of manner which is very winning; at the time of her marriage she was one of the most popular teachers of Comber. She is an honored member of the Methodist Church, and is one of the favorite Sunday school teachers. The following named children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Pettit; Marion B.; Ora R.; Doris E.; Walter M., and Isabel C. The beautiful home of the Pettits is one of the most hospitable in Comber, and the friends of the family are made welcome by the host and his wife upon all occasions.

JOHN SMITH. The productive farms of the County of Essex have made the fortunes of many whose only capital in starting life was a willingness to work, and their own sturdy strength. One of those who are now enjoying in their later life the ample rewards of their earlier years of toil is John Smith, a retired farmer of Gosfield North, on the Talbot Road South. He was born in Lincolnshire, England, in 1816, but has lived in Canada the greater part of his life.

Mr. Smith was the son of Richard and Ann Smith, whose lives were passed in Lincolnshire, and he was the only one of the family to come to America. He received a fair education in his native country, and after leaving school learned the trade of brick making, which he followed as long as he remained in England. Mr. Smith was married when he was about twenty-nine years old, and for some years after kept on in the old way, but in 1852 he brought his wife and child to Canada, coming on the sailing vessel "Waterloo," by way of New York. After six weeks on the ocean they landed, went at once to

Montreal, and from there to the County of Essex, where they have lived ever since. Mr. Smith bought land near Cottam, which was then not improved in the least, but which he soon brought under cultivation. He put up good buildings, and added one improvement after another, until the place is now one of the best developed in the region. In 1871 he gave the old homestead to his son, John, and himself bought the farm on Talbot street, where he has since lived.

Mrs. Smith was Miss Mariah Whyers, also a native of Lincolnshire, born in 1824. She was married to Mr. Smith in 1845, and they have had eight children, seven of whom are living: (1) Thomas, born in England, died in 1883. (2) Richard, born in Canada, in 1854, was last heard of as working for a railroad in the United States. (3) William, born in 1856, married Miss Jennie Ellis, of Montreal; they now reside in Detroit, where he is engaged in manufacturing. They have no family. (4) Jennie, born in 1860, is the wife of Oliver Noble, who lives on Talbot Road, in Gosfield North; she has six children—Orvie, Lida, Scott, Elmer, Frank and Mark. (5) Nellie is the wife of Palmer Dilse, of the County of Essex, and is the mother of one son, Leo. (6) John, born in Gosfield, married Miss Sabina Orteen, lives on the old home farm, and has had four children, Roy, William, Edward and Cora Grace, the last deceased. (7) Fannie is the wife of Malcolm Small, resides on Talbot Road, in Gosfield North, and has two children, Everett and Cora. (8) Cora was educated in the Essex schools, and is a refined and talented young lady. She has remained at home to care for her aged parents, and her devotion to them has greatly eased their declining years. Having many virtues and attractions, Miss Smith is deservedly popular, and is held in warm regard by her neighbors and friends.

In his political affiliations Mr. Smith has been classed among the old Conservatives, as he has generally voted that ticket. Their religious belief has led the family to connect themselves with the Methodist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are both far along in years, and can now look back upon long lives well spent, and brightened by the affection and respect which they inspired in those who knew them.

CHARLES FITZGERALD. The history of any locality can be best told in a record of the lives of those men who have developed the natural resources of the place, and made possible

the prosperity of to-day. Among the men who have been prominently identified with the County of Essex, is Charles Fitzgerald, of Rochester township, who was born Feb. 11, 1860, upon the farm which is now his home, in an old log house, the first residence built on the property. He is a son of Michael and Mary (McCarthy) Fitzgerald, and a member of a family of twelve children, eight of whom survive: Mary married Edward Fitzgerald, of Brantford, Ont.; Honora married Thomas Cronin, of St. Louis, Missouri; Johanna married Joseph Cotter, of Cleveland, Ohio; Jennie married Frank Hogan, of Windsor, Ont.; Agnes, unmarried, of Fillmore, New York; Catherine, housekeeper for our subject; Thomas, of Rochester township; and Charles.

The father and mother were both born in Ireland, he in Limerick, she in Cork, and both came to America when young, she in about 1846, and he in 1850. By trade, Michael Fitzgerald was a brick and stone mason, and when he landed in New York City after a voyage of six weeks, he went directly to Syracuse, where a cousin was employed in the construction of the Hoosac tunnel. There he secured employment, and he became associated with his cousin, a contractor and builder, their operations extending to Toledo, Cleveland, Chicago, Detroit and Buffalo, thus continuing for nine years. Michael Fitzgerald then moved to Buffalo, and in 1859 he came with his wife and three children to Rochester township, County of Essex, purchasing 250 acres in Lot 4, south of the Middle Road, the present homestead. Here he built the log house before referred to, and began clearing off his land. When he died in May, 1903, aged seventy-seven years, he had the satisfaction of seeing all of his land under cultivation. In 1874, he erected a substantial brick residence on his farm, doing the work himself. In politics he was a Reformer, and served ably as township treasurer. In religious matters he was a Roman Catholic.

The mother of our subject was three months on the voyage; the vessel—"The Black Warrior"—on which she took passage from Cork, had to put back to the port, after having been three weeks out, by reason of damage to the cargo by heavy seas encountered. This venerable lady is still living, and makes her home with our subject, bright and active in spite of her seventy-eight years.

Grandfather Fitzgerald was a contractor under the government, and was a noted builder

of roads. One of his sons, John, was a hotel man, while Thomas and Patrick followed their brother Michael to Canada, Thomas being associated as a brick mason with Michael in his operations at Buffalo, and all of the family have been noted for their efficient work and honorable dealings in all transactions.

Charles Fitzgerald was reared upon his father's property, and acquired a fair education in the common schools. As he was the eldest son, the burden of the work fell upon his shoulders, when he was almost too young to perform the heavy tasks assigned him. As early as 1890, Charles and Thomas had charge of the farm, and when Thomas married, in 1896, and left the homestead, Charles did all the work, and took complete charge, although his father remained active until the time of his death. Since then Mr. Fitzgerald is sole manager and owner, and is one of the best known and very highly respected farmers of Rochester township. In politics he is independent, voting rather for the man than the party. He is a member of the Catholic Church. As yet he is unmarried, his mother and sister making a pleasant home for him. Mr. Fitzgerald can always be counted upon in the future, as in the past, to lend his efforts toward the betterment of the general prosperity of the community, and he is a great favorite with all who know him.

MICHAEL J. MALOTT, a prosperous farmer of Mersea township, was born on the farm he now occupies, which is a part of the original Malott homestead, Lot 237, Talbot Road, May 3, 1838, son of Joseph and Barbara (Fox) Malott.

Joseph Malott was born in Gosfield township, in 1801, son of Theodore and Catherine (Wigle) Malott, and there he received the education and rearing of a farmer's boy. After reaching manhood's estate, he purchased 200 acres of bush land in Mersea township, and building himself a log house, removed there, and began putting his land in a state of cultivation. At the time of his death he had the satisfaction of knowing that he and his sons had cleared 125 acres of this large property, and that it had greatly advanced in value. A portion of the estate was laid out in fruit trees, which now yield abundantly. He died in 1878, after a happy and useful life. Both he and his wife were consistent members of the Methodist Church, and she died at the age of sixty-seven years. Their children were: Jonas, deceased, married Miranda Crittington; Theodore; Henry, deceased, married

Mary Middleton; Ann, deceased, married Wesley Sheldon; Jane, deceased, married William Watson; John W. married Jane Healy, and resides in Romney township, County of Kent; George W., deceased, married Ellen Pickle; Catherine, deceased, married William Sheldon; Michael J.; Solomon; Susannah, deceased, married John White.

Michael J. Mallot attended the old log school house of the township, and has spent his entire life upon the homestead, to which he is very much attached. His life has been spent in developing his property, and building up his community, and he is naturally regarded as one of the leading men of the township. Mr. Malott has taken an active part in public affairs, having served a year as deputy reeve of Mersea township, eleven years as a member of the township council, and two years as assessor, also holding other lesser offices. He and his family attend the Methodist Church, in which they are very popular.

On Jan. 8, 1858, Mr. Malott was married in Mersea township to Lydia Wiper, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Wilkinson) Wiper. Mrs. Malott was born in Mersea township, Feb. 23, 1840, and is a most excellent housekeeper and devoted wife and mother. The children who came of this marriage were: Clara, born July 8, 1859, married Samuel G. Roach, and had eight children, Stanley, Eva, Harry, Willis, Jay, Ada, Loa and Iva. Clarence, born March 31, 1860, married Eliza Collison, and has three living children, Mary, Howard and Harold. Mary, born May 10, 1863, died in 1880. Alma, born May 19, 1865, married James Lindsay, and has one son, Clinton R. Flora, born April 27, 1867, married Adolphus Roach. Rebecca, born March 24, 1869, married Sylvester Roach, and had children, Lillie (deceased), Reuben, Dessie, Mildred and Eva. Jessie, born April 11, 1871, married Davison Preston, and had three children, Harry, Clifford and Mary. Nettie, born July 15, 1873, married Wesley Derbyshire, and had five children, Dora, Vera, Clinton, Letha and Stella. Cornelia was born Dec. 25, 1876. Mary and two other children died in infancy.

Thomas Wiper, the father of Mrs. Malott, was born in England, but came to Canada in early manhood, locating in Mersea township, where he engaged in farming. He was twice married, Mrs. Malott being a child by the second marriage. The other children by the second marriage were: Robert, Rachel and William (twins), Henry, Margaret and Francis, all living

except William. By his first marriage Mr. Wiper had children as follows: Dorothy and Mary; Thomas, Hannah, Charlotte and Caroline, deceased. Mrs. Malott's mother was also twice married, and by her first marriage, to James Campbell, she had one son, John James, deceased. Both parents of Mrs. Malott died in Mersea township, and their remains were interred in the burying ground on the homestead.

Mr. and Mrs. Malott are both members of old pioneer families, and they have themselves borne their part in the development of the town and county, having witnessed and participated in many changes. Mr. Malott is a man widely known and highly respected, not only as a farmer, but also as an official, and as one of the solid, reliable men of his community, well-informed upon current topics, and well able to bear his part in the conduct of affairs. His wife has many friends throughout the neighborhood, and both make their friends welcome at their pleasant home, where they are exceptionally good hosts.

WILLIAM BROOKER, a retired farmer of Gosfield North, in Concession 9, is the eldest son of Stephen and Elizabeth (Barrow) Brooker, and was born in the County of Kent, England, Aug. 24, 1828. His parents were born, reared and married in Kent and lived there till 1840, when they came to Canada, settling first in the Province of Quebec and later in Ontario, Gosfield township, in the County of Essex. There Stephen Brooker bought a farm on which he lived until his death, in 1854, in his forty-eighth year, caused by being thrown from a buggy. He and his wife belonged to the Church of England. Mrs. Brooker died Sept. 8, 1877.

Stephen Brooker's death left his wife with eight children, some of them, however, already grown. (1) William, the eldest, was followed by (2) Stephen, now postmaster of Cottam. He has four children, Ida, Durosia, Sophia and Una M. (3) John, of Rochester, is deceased. (4) Caroline married William French, of Michigan, and had five children. (5) Harriet married first Leonard Williams, of Gosfield South, who died, leaving his wife with one daughter, Callie, now Mrs. John H. Gammon. Mrs. Williams afterward married Edward Arnold, of Gosfield, and now resides with her son William. (6) James, born during the family's brief residence in New York State, is a farmer in Concession 10, in Gosfield, and has six children, Wesley, Christina, Isabel, Frederick, Margaret and Ada. (7)

Stapley, a resident of Edmonton, in north-western Canada, had a family of twenty-three children, nineteen of whom are living. (8) Emma married William Dewhurst, of Gosfield, and has three daughters, Laura, Lovia and Edith, all married.

William Brooker left home in 1852, in company with his brother Stephen, and went to Gosfield, where he settled on Concession 9. They took up wild land, built a log cabin, and gradually cleared up farms, being the first settlers in Gosfield North. As he got his farm more under cultivation and was prospering, William Brooker erected better buildings, and when he sold the place, in 1893, had a fine farm. His present home was purchased that year.

Mr. Brooker was married in 1849 to Miss Lodemia Tryon, of Rochester, whose father was a pioneer of Essex Center. They settled down on his first farm, and it was there in her old home that Mrs. Brooker's death occurred, in April, 1889. She left no family. Both Mr. and Mrs. Brooker were members of the Baptist Church, and for many years their home was the center for the religious work done in the "Brooker settlement" by that denomination, the services being held in their log cabin.

Politically William Brooker has always been identified with the old Conservative party, but has not taken any very active part in its work, or held office. He is, nevertheless, a man of prominence in the community, for he has made a position for himself among the substantial men of the place, working his way unaided from his modest beginning to his present affluence and is connected with several of the old and leading families of Gosfield. His integrity of life and consistent Christian character have won the respect and esteem of all.

COLIN WIGLE, owner and proprietor of the Riverside Flour Mills at Amherstburg, is a descendant of one of the pioneer families of County Essex. His grandfather, Windle Wigle, was born in County Essex and there married. Of their children, Daniel Wigle, the father of Colin Wigle, born in County Essex, followed farming and milling (flour and lumber) during his active business career. He owned two mills in Kingsville and also two sawmills in Gosfield and Colchester townships. In political matters he was a very prominent Reformer, and he served some time as deputy-reeve of Gosfield township and, ex-officio, as a member of the county council. Mr. Wigle was twice married,

and by his first wife, Augustine, had the following children: Dolores, deceased; Colin; Eli, deceased; A——, deceased; David, a merchant of Amherstburg; and Herbert, deceased. Mrs. Wigle dying, Mr. Wigle married Mrs. Emma (Westaway) Guillott, by whom he had three children: Clifford, born Feb. 23, 1874, died April 4, 1900; Stanley, born Nov. 8, 1876, died March 19, 1894; Melvin, born April 20, 1880, resides in Windsor. Mr. and Mrs. Wigle are both deceased.

Colin Wigle was born Aug. 28, 1851, in Gosfield township, and was educated in the public schools of Kingsville. Upon reaching his majority he engaged in a sawmill business in his native township for nine years. He and his father constructed the first roller process flouring mill in that section of the county, and this they operated in partnership for two years, when Colin sold his half interest to Solomon Wigle; later his father sold his interest to Alfred King. This mill was later destroyed by fire. In 1887 Colin Wigle moved to Amherstburg and built the Riverside mills, this plant being now one of the best equipped in that line in the county. Through honest endeavor and strict integrity Mr. Wigle has met with marked success, and plays a very important part in the commercial life of Amherstburg. In addition to his milling business Mr. Wigle is a member of the firm of F. P. Scratch & Co., merchants, of the city. Politically Mr. Wigle is faithful to his own principles rather than to the tenets of any party. He has served as a member of the council of Amherstburg for two years, was deputy reeve of the town and could always be counted upon for good work.

Mr. Wigle has been twice married, first in 1878 to Harriet Russel, a daughter of George Russel. She bore him four children, Ray, Sylvia, Walter and Annie. After the death of the mother Mr. Wigle married Miss Susie Dobb, and they have two children, Russel and Hugh. Mr. and Mrs. Wigle are consistent members of the Methodist Church, in which Mr. Wigle has held official position since 1892. Fraternally Mr. Wigle is a Royal Arch Mason, and he is very popular in that organization.

ISAAC ELFORD, a well-known and prosperous farmer of Colchester North, located on the town line, Concession 8, Lot 21, in County Essex, was born Feb. 27, 1841, in Cornwall, England, a son of Thomas and Nancy (Austin) Elford, both of whom were born in Cornwall.

In 1845 Thomas Elford and his family came to Canada and settled at Darlington, County Durham, Ont. The long voyage was made on a sailing vessel which drifted on the ocean for sixteen weeks, safely arriving at last at Quebec. After settling at Darlington he engaged at farm work, later removing to Mitchell, where his wife died, leaving children as follows: Mary (deceased) became the wife of Asket Harris, of Cornwall, and they settled at Exeter, where she died leaving two children, Richard and Mary Harris. William, born in 1833, in England, married in Darlington, settled for a time in County Durham, and then removed to Concession 8, Colchester North, County Essex; he has children—John, Elizabeth, William, Maurice and Lawrence. Thomas is deceased. Edward died at Mitchell, Canada. Jonathan died, leaving a family, in Minnesota. Jane Ann married Thomas Clark, and died in Rochester, Minnesota, leaving a family. Peter, born in Darlington, resides east of Toronto in County Grey, with his family. Isaac is our subject.

Isaac Elford received his early education at Darlington and went to live with his uncle William, remaining with him until grown to manhood. He learned the carpenter's trade and followed it after coming to County Essex. In 1872 he purchased 134 acres of wild land, where he settled, and out of which has been developed his present comfortable home and fine farm. He was the first settler in the township of Colchester North. For seven years he lived and worked alone, but in 1879 he was united in marriage with Miss Mary McKinzie, who was born in 1861 at Walkerville, County Essex, daughter of William and Mary (Henderson) McKinzie, both of Scotland.

In 1900 Mr. Elford erected his fine new house, and he also put up commodious and substantial barns, the improvements on his property ranking with the best in the locality. A family of four children has come to Mr. and Mrs. Elford, namely: Thomas W., born in June, 1880, was educated in the local schools, and lives at home; Elizabeth A., born in 1883, resides at home; Ida E., born in 1886, is a student in the high school; Albert A. was born in 1888.

Politically Mr. Elford is identified with the Reform party, and he has most efficiently filled the office of councilman. It was through his efforts that a post office was established at this point, much to the accommodation of the residents, and it was given his name and he was appointed its first postmaster in 1881, serving

in that capacity for eighteen years. For many years he has also been school trustee. Religiously he is connected with the English Church.

The life of Mr. Elford teaches many lessons. He started out early entirely dependent upon his own resources and has earned every dollar he possesses, and now reaps the natural reward of industry and persevering effort. He has been nobly supported by his most estimable wife. Mrs. Elford was reared and educated at Walkerville. She lost her mother in childhood, and her father died in 1898. By a second marriage, with Margaret McCullen, he reared children as follows: Albert, now of Alberta; Norman, of Pennsylvania; Frederick and Herbert, of Alberta; Alice, wife of Maurice Elford, of Colchester; Eva, wife of Samuel McFarland, of Colchester; Annie, whose husband is a ranchman of Alberta; and Della, at home.

Mr. Elford is one of the very popular men of Colchester, possessing a genial manner and many sterling characteristics. He is much and very justly esteemed by all who know him. Unassuming in manner, he passes along the path of duty doing every kind act he can, following the Scriptural injunction to conceal from his right hand the good his left may do.

JOHN McLEAN, a wealthy farmer and retired sea captain, is spending the evening of his days quietly at his home in Gosfield North, still continuing, however, the efforts to make the world more endurable for the poor and discouraged, that have been his main purpose in life. Capt. McLean was born in County Antrim, Ireland, in October, 1825, to John and Jane McLean, both natives of that same county.

John McLean and his wife came to Canada in an early day, and settled for the rest of their lives in Grafton; their family were with them, with the exception of John, Jr., who was left in Ireland with his grandparents. The boy was educated there in the public schools, and remained till early manhood, when he, too, came to Canada, and made Kingston his first stopping place. He became a sailor on the lakes, sailing from Quebec to Chicago and Milwaukee, but Kingston continued to be his headquarters, and after his marriage he bought property there, and made his permanent home in the city for many years.

In 1873 Capt. McLean sold his property in Kingston, and purchased a tract of wild land in Gosfield North, which he has gradually had developed into the present well cultivated farm.

He established his family there, while he himself continued his life on the lakes; at that time he made the voyage from Detroit to Buffalo, Cleveland and other points, and found Gosfield a more convenient place to make his home than Kingston had been. His life on the lakes did not prevent his taking care to have the farm well cleared and tilled, and good buildings put up, and when he retired from active life, ten years ago, he had a good estate to which he returned.

Capt. McLean's marriage occurred in 1852, when he was united to Miss Catherine McCauley, who was born in Ireland in 1835, and accompanied her father, Patrick McCauley, to Kingston, when he was an old man. Of the ten children born to Capt. McLean and his wife four have died, Mary J., Bridget, Catherine and Cecilia. Patrick, the eldest son, married Isabella Hammond, and had five children, John, Mary, Agnes, Patrick V. and Francis (deceased); they are living in Gosfield in Concession 10. John married Catherine Morand, and has two children, Daniel and Margaret M.; he makes his home in Maidstone. Archie, unmarried, lives on his farm in Gosfield, and is also the manager of his father's estate. Henry is unmarried and staying at home. George, the first of the children born in Gosfield, is a carpenter at Windsor; he married Emma Thronshee, and has one son, James E. Daniel is also a carpenter in Windsor; he is unmarried.

In his political sentiments Capt. McLean has always been a Liberal, but his occupation has naturally made it impossible for him, for the greater part of his life, to concern himself actively in politics. In religious belief he has ever adhered to the faith of his parents, and is a devout Catholic. Starting as a poor man, Capt. McLean earned his first money on the lakes, and from that beginning has by his honest industry built up a comfortable fortune. Few men in Gosfield are more beloved than the Captain, for perhaps the most prominent among his many virtues is his sympathy for those less fortunate than himself, and he has always endeavored both by kindly words, and by more tangible expressions of good will, to lighten the burdens of others.

JAMES H. HEDRICK, member of the township council of Rochester, County of Essex, Ont., and a man of prominence in the community, was born on the farm where he now resides, Jan. 20, 1864, son of Conrad and Electa (Tilden) Hedrick. He was one of a family of four chil-

dren, the others being Anna L., who married James McCauley, of South Woodslee, Ont.; Rachel, who married Nathan Louchs, of South Woodslee, Ont.; Barabara E., who married George Wass, of Rochester township.

Conrad Hedrick was born July 30, 1838, upon the same farm as James H., his father, Henry Hedrick, having come to Ontario from Hessen Cassel, Germany, in 1835, and settled upon this property. Conrad Hedrick grew to manhood on the farm, and received a common school education of the most primitive character. The services of the sons were required in clearing off the land, and idle moments were few. In the fall of 1862, Conrad Hedrick married, and took charge of the old homestead, and operated it until his father's death. Being given the farm by his father's will, he resided upon it, and in 1879 he bought another farm of 100 acres, the south half of Lot 8, Middle Road, to which he removed some years prior to his death. The latter property was in bush when he bought it, and had to be cleared off and improved by him and his son James H. In January, 1898, after a long and useful life, this old pioneer passed away, firm in the faith of the Methodist Church, of which he had been a member and trustee for many years. When the Wesleyan Methodist Church was erected in Rochester township, he was one of the most generous contributors, and he took great interest in its growth. In politics he was a Liberal, but never sought office. His widow survives, and lives at South Woodslee. She, too, has long been connected with the Methodist Church, and is much beloved.

James H. Hedrick was reared at home, and acquired a somewhat limited education in the common schools. Upon reaching his twenty-first year, he determined to see something of the world, and took a trip through the States as far south as Texas, and after a very pleasant time, he returned home, delighted with what he had seen and heard.

The fall following, October, 1885, Mr. Hedrick married Miss Emily Dornton, of Rochester township, daughter of George Dornton, a native of Germany, who emigrated to Ontario from Pennsylvania where he had resided for some seven years after his arrival in America. After his marriage, Conrad Hedrick deeded the homestead to James H., and a year later the father removed to the new farm. Left to himself, Mr. Hedrick, our subject, continued to farm it and make improvements, and in 1898 he bought 100 acres in the east half of Lot 27, 3rd Concession,

Rochester township, which property is quite valuable.

In politics Mr. Hedrick is a Liberal, and in 1901 he was elected a member of the council of Rochester township. In religious matters he is a consistent member of the Methodist Church. Fraternally he is a member of the A.O.U.W., and of the A.F. & A.M., and is very prominent in these organizations.

The following family has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hedrick: John Wilfred, Mary Ethel, James Clifford, Leroy, Clarence (deceased), Ida Laverne, Electa Irene, Charles Carson, Agnes Vita, all of whom are at home, and are very bright and promising young people. Mr. Hedrick is a man highly esteemed in the neighborhood; he has made a success of his work, and is justly recognized as one of the leading representatives of the best interests of the County of Essex.

ALBERT MARKHAM, one of the prominent farmers and successful stock raisers in the township of Tilbury North, whose fine property is situated on Concession 3, Lot 7, was born Dec. 25, 1847, at Belle River, Maidstone township, County of Essex, son of Horace and Olive (De Marshe) (Robarge) Markham.

Horace Markham was born and educated in the great metropolis of London, England, and when a child came to Canada with his mother and six other children. They secured 200 acres of land along the shores of Lake St. Clair, which Mr. Markham cleared and cultivated, passing the whole of his life on this farm, where he died in 1851. At Belle River he married Mrs. Olive (De Marshe) Robarge, who was born near Montreal, Quebec, and came with her father and a family by the name of Gerrard to the County of Essex, locating in Sandwich. Later she removed to Belle River after the death of her husband, Emory Robarge, which occurred in Sandwich. They had three children, Emory, Mary and Marcelle, the last named marrying James Trendon. Children as follows were born to Horace Markham and his wife: Henry, of Belle River; Israel, of Detroit; Miss Eliza, of Bridgeport, Connecticut; Susan, who died unmarried in 1901; Lucina, wife of John Weed, of Sarnia; Miss Sarah Ann, of Sarnia; Victoria, wife of Frank Larmer, of Fall River, Massachusetts; and Albert, mentioned below. The mother died at Belle River.

Albert Markham grew to young manhood on the homestead and had good educational

training, becoming equally proficient in French and English. When he started out for himself it was on a tract of fifty acres, which he operated until 1885, when he sold and came to Tilbury North, settling on his present farm of 100 acres, then owned by his father-in-law, Israel Desjardins. Here Mr. Markham has lived ever since, and has made many improvements in addition to putting the farm under a fine state of cultivation. He has built a new house and erected all kinds of suitable buildings, and has excellent accommodation for his large amount of stock. As he is a very good judge of cattle and horses, he is looked upon in this neighborhood as something of an authority.

Mr. Markham was married, Feb. 26, 1878, at Stony Point, to Miss Elizabeth Desjardins, daughter of the late Israel Desjardins, and twelve children have been born to this union, of whom six died in infancy, the names of the others being: Abel Stephens, Josephine, Leo, Mary, Emily and Herman. Although Mrs. Markham has been so often bereaved she is a woman of cheerful disposition, and her refined tastes and engaging manners make her well liked.

Mr. Markham, like other members of his family, is a strong Conservative, and is active in the local affairs of his party. He is one of the school trustees of District No. 2, a section which is noted for the excellence of its schools. Both he and his estimable wife are members of the Catholic Church.

ISRAEL DESJARDINS. The death of Israel Desjardins, on Jan. 10, 1902, removed from the County of Essex one of her most prominent citizens, and a member of one of the distinguished old French families. This family was established in the County of Essex by Pierre Desjardins, who was born at Montreal, Canada, and came to Essex in young manhood. He settled on the shore of Lake St. Clair at what is now known as Stony Point, taking up thirty-five acres of land on the broken front, where he built a log house and did some clearing. Later he acquired large bodies of land, amounting to 200 acres. His life was spent on his farm here, where he died Jan. 10, 1876, at the age of sixty-four years and nine months. His remains were laid in the Catholic cemetery at Stony Point, and he was one of the first to be buried there. His life was one filled with kindness and goodness, and he was admired, respected and beloved. He married Leonora Parent, daughter of James

Parent, a farmer in Windsor, and they had six children, namely: Marcille, who married Alfred Vincelette; Israel; Mary, who married Daniel Drain (both are deceased); Joseph, living retired at Stony Point; Ellen, who married Dennis Parent, now deceased; and Henry, residing at Stony Point, where he is postmaster.

The boyhood and youth of the late Israel Desjardins was similar to that of other lads of that vicinity, and was passed in going to school and assisting on the farm. Later he also assisted his father in his store. Some time after this he started into business for himself, engaging in the hardware line, at Stony Point, and continued thus until his death. In 1895 he built a magnificent home. He owned land on the broken front and in Fresno county, California. At this home his life closed, Jan. 10, 1902, after an illness of but a few weeks, resulting from a cold which he contracted just as he and his wife were on the point of making a pleasure trip to California.

Mr. Desjardins had always been an uncompromising Conservative, both in provincial and federal politics, and no Conservative gathering in the county was considered complete without his presence. At different times he filled the leading local offices, was deputy reeve, reeve and warden of the county. Several times he was prominently mentioned as a parliamentary candidate, but he always declined the honor. For a number of years he was captain of the local militia, and he was president of the Stony Point branch of the St. John Baptist Society.

On Nov. 24, 1857, Mr. Desjardins married, at Belle River, Ont., Miss Victoria Parent, who was born at Windsor, and who is a daughter of James Parent, of Tilbury North. Five children were born to this marriage, Amy dying at the age of seven years. The widow still survives, as do the following children: Emily, who is the wife of Charles Potts, of Windsor; Elizabeth, wife of Albert Markham; Rosalie, wife of James Hamlin, of Detroit; and Josephine, who married Frank McCray, of Detroit. Mrs. Desjardins still resides in her beautiful home at Stony Point, and attends to all her business affairs herself, showing remarkable judgment in her management and wisdom in her investments. She is a devout member of the Catholic Church, and is much beloved on account of her generous charities.

EDWARD ROBINSON, one of the prominent and representative residents of Pelee Island, was born in Rochester township, that county,

Sept. 16, 1851, son of Edward W. and Ann (Pinkham) Robinson, and grandson of Christopher Robinson, who was killed at the age of fifty-three by a falling tree.

Edward W. Robinson, the father, was a native of Troy, New York, to which place his parents came from England. In his boyhood they moved to the County of Essex, settling on the Middle Road in Rochester township, where they were among the first settlers. In his young manhood Edward W. Robinson went to Kelleys Island, and resided there until he removed, in 1869, to Pelee Island, and made that his home until 1901, when he once more made a change and is now living retired at Ludington, Michigan. He was a soldier of the Civil war in the States, and now draws a pension from the United States Government. By his wife, Ann Pinkham, he had six children: Elizabeth, who married Walter Harmon, of Seattle, Washington; Edward; William, who was drowned in 1875, at the age of twenty-two; George, on Pelee Island; Joseph, who died in infancy; and Joseph (2), of Los Angeles, California.

Edward Robinson, the subject proper of this sketch, was reared on the home farm, and acquired a fair common school education in the vicinity. As he was only thirteen years of age when his father entered the service of the United States Government, the support of the family fell upon those young shoulders, and with two big teams of oxen he plowed and received seven dollars a day for his services. Until he was seventeen he assisted at home, and then began fishing, and for several years his life was a varied one, when, in 1874, he went to the Pacific coast, and spent two and one-half years. He then returned to Kelleys Island, and remained until 1882, when he purchased his present fine farm of fifty acres on Pelee Island, and one year later he brought his bride to the new home.

On Dec. 8, 1883, Mr. Robinson married Miss Anna Harvey, of Kelleys Island, daughter of James and Janet (Berry) Harvey, natives of Scotland. James Harvey was a farmer on Kelleys Island, where he died Feb. 3, 1890, aged seventy-four. For the past twelve years Mrs. Harvey has lived at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Robinson. The happy home of Edward Robinson and wife has been blessed with the following children: Raymond; Irene, who married Ferdinand Ray, of Pelee Island, and has one son, Frederick; Nettie; Russell; and Frank, all of whom are at home except Mrs. Ray. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson are well and favorably known

throughout their neighborhood, where they have many warm personal friends.

RALPH B. PINKERTON, one of the well-known farmers of Colchester North, County Essex, located on Lot 16, Concession 14, was born Nov. 7, 1872, at Lloydtown, County York, Ont., a son of David and Hannah (Burns) Pinkerton, and comes of an old and honorable family of that county.

David Pinkerton was born in June, 1841, in County York, a son of Mathew and Margaret (Brown) Pinkerton, both of whom were born in Scotland. Mathew Pinkerton was a son of James Pinkerton, who came to Canada at a very early day, settling as a farmer in County York, where he lived and died, leaving a family of five sons and three daughters, namely: Mathew, David, Henry, Samuel, James, Mrs. Joseph Walker, Mrs. Alexander Stewart, and Mrs. Agnes Galloway. All passed away years ago.

Mathew Pinkerton, grandfather of Ralph B., located as a farmer in King township, County York, when the country there was a dense wilderness. He improved a farm and lived upon it many years, his death taking place there when he was ninety-eight years old. The family has always been Scotch-Presbyterian in religious belief. Mathew Pinkerton was a Conservative. He was married twice, first to Jane Lloyd, of Pennsylvania, and the one son of this union, Jesse Pinkerton, resides in County York. Seven children were born to his second marriage, with Margaret Brown, namely: Mary J. married John Walker, of York County, and died leaving four children, Sidman, Alfred, Adeline and Martha. James, born in County York, resides in Manitoba, unmarried. David is the father of our subject. William, born in August, 1843, in County York, married Maggie Graham of that county and is now a retired farmer there; his children are Graham and Florence. John, born Aug. 22, 1845, at one time owned the old homestead, retaining it some years, until he became superintendent for Newton Bros. at Newton, where his wife died in May, 1885; she was formerly Margaret Brydon, born in 1845 in County York, and left four children—Olive, born in 1870, died aged nine years; Bertram, born in 1872, moved to Dawson City, on the Yukon, holding a government position in the mineral department there (he married Gertrude Playter, of County York); Thomas W. also holds a position in the same city; Earl is a high school stu-

dent in County York. Agnes, the next of the children of Mathew Pinkerton, married R. F. Seymour, a farmer of Maidstone, and their living children are Jennie, Victor, Milton, Olive, Calvin and Newton. Lev Pinkerton, born in 1853, is still unmarried and resides with his brothers.

David Pinkerton was educated in the schools of County York. His early years were given to artistic work, for which he displayed much talent, but he later embarked in a mercantile business in his native county. In 1870 he married Miss Hannah Burns, who was reared in County York, a daughter of Andrew and Jane Burns, who came from Scotland. Mr. Burns was a man of education and had been a teacher in Edinburgh. For a number of years he taught school in County York, but he gave his later years to agricultural pursuits. Mrs. Pinkerton was the youngest of seven children, the two survivors of the family being Robert Burns, of Winnipeg, and Miss Agnes, of County York. Mrs. Pinkerton died in County York, June 19, 1884, leaving five children, namely: Ralph B. is mentioned below; Ella F., born in 1874, in County York, and educated in the local schools, has been the manager of the household since the death of her beloved mother; Maggie M., born in May, 1877, died of typhoid fever, Oct. 17, 1899; Dr. David H., born in 1880, is a veterinary surgeon in County York; and Hannah, born in 1883, resides in York, where she was adopted in infancy by friends, after losing her mother. The father of this family has educated his children well and has reared them in the Presbyterian faith.

Ralph B. Pinkerton has been engaged in agricultural pursuits all his life. He lived in his native county until coming to Essex, where his father located in 1889, and in association with John Pinkerton they purchased 200 acres of land under the name of Pinkerton & Son. As the land was entirely undeveloped, and still covered with heavy timber, every improvement had to be made, and in all that had to be done the young man bore his part. He has been a very successful dealer in horses and cattle, and is well known in this locality for his honest and upright methods of doing business. Still unmarried, his home continues under the paternal roof, a close bond of affection connecting all the members of this family. The whole family, which is a large and prosperous one in this neighborhood, is held in high esteem, and none more so than David Pinkerton and his son Ralph B. Pinkerton.

JOHN GEORGE GEISEL. The best interests of the township of Rochester, County of Essex, are ably represented in the person of John George Geisel, born on the farm upon which he now resides, March 12, 1843, he being a son of John George and Elizabeth (Kneisler) Geisel. He was one in a family of ten children born to his parents, four of whom survive: Mary married George Gorndon, of Rochester township; Catherine married John Klie and lives at Caro, Michigan; Elizabeth married August Klie, and lives in Colchester; John George.

Both father and mother were born in Germany, and they came to Ontario in 1824, upon the same vessel. The mother was a daughter of Adam Kneisler, while the father was a son of John George Geisel, the name John George being an old family one. From the time he was fourteen years of age, the father of our subject worked upon a farm in Germany until he was thirty-two, saving during that time two hundred dollars. With this little capital, he came to the New World, and settled in the County of Essex, taking up a 100-acre farm of Col. Talbot, in Lot 9, Middle Road, where he built a log house 14 x 16, and began the life of a pioneer. Soon after securing his home, he was married, and there lived until his death, which occurred in 1884, when he was eighty-two years of age. In time he added 100 acres adjoining his original farm on the south, and was a man of wealth and influence. In politics he was independent, voting for the man he deemed best fitted for the office, regardless of party lines. For two years he was an able and fearless member of the township council, but refused further preferment. While brought up a member of the German Reformed Church, after locating in the County of Essex, he worshipped in the Methodist Church, there being no church of his denomination in his locality. His wife survived him five years, dying Nov. 16, 1889.

John George Geisel, our subject, was reared upon the farm, and nobly bore his part in clearing the land. His educational advantages were few, but he made the most of them, and added to his knowledge by close observation. When he was twenty-five years of age, he took charge of the homestead, and continued to farm the property until the death of his father. Prior to his father's death, Mr. Geisel received the homestead by deed, and the adjoining one hundred acres was left him as his portion of the estate, the other heirs receiving their share in money.

In 1870 Mr. Geisel married Miss Rachael

Klei, a native of Hanover, Germany, daughter of Gottfried and Mariam E. C. (Stolta) Klei, who came to Ontario in 1855, settling in Colchester, County of Essex, where they passed the remainder of their lives. Mr. and Mrs. Geisel have had nine children, four of whom survive: George, Adam, Emily, and Grace, all of whom are at home. Mr. Geisel has been very successful in his farming operations, and has made a specialty of raising stock, breeding short horn cattle, as did his father before him. In politics he is an independent, and for several terms he has given his time and attention as trustee of the school board. He and his family are members of the Methodist Church, but were formerly Presbyterians. Fraternally he is a member of the Canadian Order of A.O.U.W., in which he is deservedly popular. Mr. Geisel has always attended to his duties conscientiously and ably, and the success which is his has been honorably gained. He is very popular among his fellow townsmen, and is an excellent exponent of the representative agriculturist of Western Ontario.

SIMON FRASER, now living retired in Amherstburg, County Essex, is of Scotch extraction, and the first of the family of whom there is any definite record is Simon Fraser, his grandfather. This Simon Fraser was born in Scotland, and there died before the birth of his namesake, our subject. By occupation he was a farmer and lumberman in his native land. Of his children, John lived and died in Scotland; Simon became the father of our subject; Elsie and Jane both married and died in Scotland.

Simon Fraser, the father, was born in Scotland in 1785, and married Miss Margaret McKinzie, a native of Scotland. Like his father he followed farming and lumbering for many years, and he died in Scotland in 1860. In religious faith he and his family were Presbyterians. The children born to himself and wife were as follows: James lived in Edinburgh most of his life, and was at the head of the police department for many years; William, who emigrated to Australia in search of gold, died in 1890; John was on the police force of London, England, and later in Montreal, and still later went to Calcutta, where he died about 1859; Alexander went to Australia, prospecting for gold, and is now a successful farmer of that land; Margaret married Duncan Monroe, and was residing in Australia at the time of her death; Peter located at Kimberly, in Africa; Simon is mentioned below; Christine married

Alexander Gossop, of Windsor; Donald is a resident of Windsor; Elsie (deceased) was the wife of Daniel McDonald, of Windsor.

Simon Fraser was born in Scotland Feb. 11, 1835, and in 1856 married Isabella McCook, who was born in Scotland in 1832, daughter of Louis McCook. In 1857 Mr. and Mrs. Fraser came to Ontario, locating in Chatham, County Kent, where he engaged in railroading for many years, being in charge of the construction department of the Great Western Railroad. Later he went into business at Belle River, County Essex, but after five years he came to Amherstburg in 1872, and embarked in a timber, lumber, grain and coal business, continuing same until 1890. He then retired from this line in favor of his son, and turned his attention to agriculture, owning several fine farms in the county. On one, near Amherstburg, he has twenty-seven acres in peach trees and six acres in grapes, and he also raises large quantities of tobacco. In 1901, when his peach orchard was only four years old, it produced \$2,000 worth of fruit. He set out this orchard, tilled his land and erected three large tobacco barns. His grapes are made into wine at Amherstburg, Mr. Fraser being a director in the E. Gerondat Wine Co., of Sandwich, and was its first president. In politics he is independent; he has served in the city council and in 1895 he acted as mayor of the place.

To Mr. and Mrs. Fraser were born the following children: John, a lumber merchant of Amherstburg, married Sarah Kemp, and has one son, Kenneth; Margaret married Rev. S. G. Livingston, of Alverton; Isabella married W. A. Hadley, of Chatham, and their children are Fraser and Charles. Mr. and Mrs. Fraser are consistent members of the Presbyterian Church. The fraternal relations of Mr. Fraser are with the A.O.U.W., and he is very popular in the organization, as he is also through the entire community where he is so well and favorably known.

GEORGE J. COLNUTT, whose fine farm on Lot 27, South Malden Road, Colchester North, was carved from the wilderness by his own energy, was born in the Isle of Wight, April 22, 1848, son of Henry and Charlotte (Blake) Colnutt, both of whom were born there, he in 1813, and his wife, a daughter of Joseph Blake, in July, 1811.

Henry Colnutt came to Canada in 1854, dying at Scarborough when our subject was but a boy, leaving his wife and seven children. The

widow moved to the County of Durham, and brought up her family, which was as follows: William, unmarried, is a resident of the North-West Territory; Elizabeth married Henry Smith, who located at Chicago, where she died leaving a family; Mary married Robert Massop, now deceased, of Windsor, and had no children; Charles, born in 1845, married and is now a resident of the North-West Territory, and has five children; George J. is our subject; Sarah married Samuel Flatt, deceased, of the North-West Territory, and had seven children; Julia married Hugh Lucker, of Detroit, and has no family. The good mother, who struggled to rear her little family, lived to a happy old age, and died in 1887 at Windsor in the home of a daughter. She did not marry again, but devoted herself to her children, who in turn gave her loving care in her old age.

George J. Colnutt grew up upon the farm, receiving a common school education in the County of Durham. When a young man, he moved to Summit county, Ohio, and there worked six years as a farmer. In the fall of 1871 he and his mother came to the County of Essex, and purchased his present home, when it was all wild land. This he cleared up, and made his property into one of the finest farms in the county, and he has been very successful in his work.

In November, 1883, Mr. Colnutt married Mrs. Emma Griffin, born in Cornwall, England, a daughter of William and Grace Robbins, old time settlers of Darlington, Ont. After their marriage the young couple settled upon their farm, and they and their children have lived happy useful lives. Their family is as follows: Alma, born in 1884; Minnie, born in 1886; Ida, born in 1888; George, born in 1890; Walter, born in 1892; and Clarence, born in 1894. They are all bright, intelligent young people, the pride of their parents' hearts.

Politically Mr. Colnutt has always been identified with the Reform party, and was elected a member of the Colchester council in 1897; re-elected in 1901, and is now serving in that important office. He has also filled the office of secretary and treasurer of Colchester for six years. Religiously both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Church, in which they take an active part.

JAMES DONALD DUSTY is well known as a successful fruit grower of Point Pelee, where he owns a fine peach farm. He is the pioneer

peach grower of Point Pelee, where he started his orchard in 1898, and he takes a great interest in everything pertaining to fruit culture. He is a man of varied ability, having been for many years a successful teacher before coming to Point Pelee.

The Dusty family is of French descent, and Samuel, father of James Donald, was born near St. Catharines, Ont., in the Niagara district. While still a youth he came to the County of Perth with his parents, who were pioneers in that section of the country. He had but a limited school education, but made up this early lack by much reading and keen observation in later life. He learned the trade of shoemaker, and after working at it some time as a journeyman, set up in business for himself, employing a number of men, and becoming a prominent and successful shoe manufacturer. He retired from business with a competency, and is now living in retirement at St. Mary's, where he is one of the leading men of the town. He is a member of the Methodist Church, and takes an active interest in all church work. Politically he was always a staunch supporter of Sir John A. Macdonald, but never cared for public office.

Samuel Dusty married in Fullerton, Ont., Jeannette McIntyre, who was born in Lanark, County of Perth, and died in 1901, at St. Mary's, where she is buried. She also was a member of the Methodist Church. Her children were as follows: George, who was drowned at the age of fourteen; Edward, who lives in Tilbury, Ont.; James Donald, who is mentioned below; Alexander; Thomas, who is employed in Toronto; William, who is a gold prospector, and lives in British Columbia; Arthur, who lives in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and Jessie, who married Dr. Eccles, a well-known surgeon of London, Ontario.

James Donald Dusty was born at St. Mary's, County of Perth, April 5, 1857, attended the schools of his native place, and later the Normal School in Toronto, from which he graduated in 1876, with a secondary certificate. The next year he taught in the public school at St. Mary's and then entered Trinity Medical School, having an ambition to become a physician. After a year's medical study he changed his mind, and went out to South Dakota, where for three years he carried on a cattle ranch, owning 400 acres in Clark County, near the James River valley, where he engaged in stock raising. In 1885 a disastrous fire caused him a loss of \$4,000, and he returned home and went to teaching school again. For thirteen years he was a successful teacher in vari-

ous places in Ontario, and was located for two years at Sault Ste. Marie. He came to Leamington in 1895 to accept the position of agent of the Federal Life Insurance Company of Hamilton, the territory including all of Kent and Essex counties, and remained in that place three years. A desire for an open-air life, however, led him to purchase a tract of land at Point Pelee, on which he settled in 1898, and planted 2,500 trees. The great frost of that year destroyed nearly all of the fruit trees around Leamington, but Mr. Dusty was so fortunate as to escape without the loss of one tree. He has made a great success of his fruit, raising many varieties, but making a specialty of peaches. He takes a keen interest in everything relating to fruit culture, and is an active member of the Fruit Growers' Association. In politics he is a member of the Conservative party, and served four years as secretary and treasurer of the Point Pelee school board.

Mr. Dusty married, at St. Mary's, in 1882, Mary, daughter of Robert and Christina (Mason) White, of that place. No children have been born to this union. Mr. and Mrs. Dusty are members of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Dusty is a man of good education, domestic tastes, and of a liberal, good-hearted disposition. He is fond of social recreation, has hosts of friends, and is popular with all classes.

CLEMENT BOUTET, a well-known agriculturist and fisherman on the shore of Lake St. Clair, in the township of Tilbury North, County of Essex, was born in the parish of St. Onesime, in the electoral district of Kamouraska, Quebec, Aug. 25, 1847.

Narcisse Boutet, father of Clement, was a native of the same parish, where he was engaged in farming all his life. His marriage occurred in his native place to Lucy Soucis, who became the mother of twelve children, of whom Narcisse, who went to the United States, became a soldier in the Civil War in Virginia, and died there; Restitude died in 1902; John Baptist lives in Quebec; Caroline is deceased; Adele is residing in Montreal; Joseph died in the Province of Quebec; Lucy married Edward Grandin, a farmer of Stony Point; Mary married Christian Ferguson, of Detroit; Clement is mentioned below; two died in infancy. The mother died in 1852, the father in 1865, and both are buried in St. Onesime. They were members of the Catholic Church. Politically Mr. Boutet was

originally a Conservative, though he later became a Reformer.

Clement Boutet had but little opportunity to obtain an education, as from an early age he was obliged to work, sometimes helping his father on the farm, sometimes in a sawmill. His mother had died when he was only five years old, and he lost his father when he was eighteen, so that when he determined at the age of nineteen to start out in the world for himself, there was no one to deter him. He made his way from Quebec to Ontario and located in Amherstburg. By that time his little capital had dwindled to fifty cents, and he was only too glad of a chance to get work as a farm hand in Anderdon township, in the County of Essex Ont. At that time he did not know a word of English. For three years the young man worked there, employed at both farming and teaming, but after all his hard labor he was unable to get any of the \$700 due him for his work. Undismayed by this ill luck, he began renting and farming for himself in various parts of the township. He first took a sixty-acre tract, where he remained three years, then fifty acres which he operated five years, and finally a thirty-acre place, where he worked for the last four years before he bought fifty acres in Colchester township. This he cleared, made improvements, and then sold, after which he moved to Tilbury township. In Tilbury Mr. Boutet settled on the "broken front" of Lake St. Clair, where he bought a tract of thirty-nine and a half acres, part of the present homestead. Since then he has purchased at different times additional tracts of seventy-three, fifteen and three-fourths, and 100 acres, so that he now owns 200 acres of well-improved land, where he is engaged in farming, stock raising and fishing. In 1882 he went to the State of Montana, where he spent a year and a half in cutting timber in a sawmill.

Mr. Boutet has been twice married. His first wife was Miss Mary Ann Reaume, of Amherstburg, daughter of the late Oliver Reaume, and sister of Dr. J. O. Reaume, of Windsor. Three children were born to them: (1) Albert J. received his early training in the public schools of Anderdon township, then attended the Amherstburg grammar school, the high school of Windsor, and the Detroit and Toronto Medical Colleges. He had prepared himself for the drug business, but after nine years in that line in Windsor he grew eager for a more active life, and so studied mining engineering. He studied in Europe, visiting all the leading schools there,

and prepared himself so thoroughly for his work that he is now employed by the Dominion Government in the Klondyke region. (2) Annie, the eldest daughter of Clement Boutet, married Alfred Hamilton, and resides in Detroit. (3) Joseph Arthur was educated in the public schools of Stony Point, where he learned both French and English, and in St. Viator's College in Chicago, where he took the classical course. He is now living on the family homestead. The mother of these children died on the family homestead in Anderdon township, in 1874, and was buried there. She was a member of the Catholic Church.

Mr. Boutet married for his second wife Josephine Dumas, daughter of Philip Dumas. They are the parents of children as follows: Alexander, who resides at home; Arzene, who is engaged in fishing at Stony Point; Alfred, who is living at home; Adolphus, who died young; Delphus, at home; a daughter, who died in infancy.

Mr. Boutet has been remarkably successful in life, and has shown great courage and perseverance as well as ability, for he began with nothing and has lost about \$1,200 through debts and the dishonesty of those he trusted. Yet he is now a large landowner, and has given his children good educational advantages. In public life he is a staunch Liberal and a good citizen. With his wife and family he belongs to the Catholic Church at Stony Point. Their home is a most hospitable one, and ever open to the many friends whom their estimable characters attract and retain.

STEPHEN L. WAGNOR, one of the most highly respected citizens and farmers of Mersea township, County of Essex, Ont., was born near Kingston, Ont., in June, 1842.

The Wagnor family is of German origin, but for several generations its representatives have made their home in the New World. George Wagnor, the first of that name in America, was a native of Germany, born on the Rhine, where he grew to manhood. Desiring to seek a larger field for his talents, he came to the United States, when about twenty years of age, settling in what is now Albany, New York, some time previous to the American Revolution. When this great struggle broke out, the young German became a member of General Washington's army, and fought bravely and nobly for his adopted country. When the war was over, he settled down to peaceful pursuits. In time, he grew tired of the United States, and brought his family to Canada, locating at Kingston, Ont., where

he began farming on 100 acres of land, in what was then a wilderness. Energetic and capable, he soon made many improvements upon his land, and developed it into a good farm. Upon it he spent the remainder of his life, dying at an advanced age, and his remains were interred in the Waterloo Cemetery. After coming to Canada he staunchly supported the Government, and was a good British subject. He married a Miss Kelley, whose relatives were the first settlers on Kelleys Island, Lake Erie. This worthy and Christian couple became the parents of the following children: Lucas; John; Jane married David Connor, and died at Oakville, Ont.; Lucinda married David Hogan, and both died in Ontario.

John Wagner, son of George Wagner, was born in New York State, near Albany, and came to Canada with the other members of his family. With them he located near Kingston, Ont., and took up farming as an occupation. So successful did he become that the remainder of his life was spent here. During the War of 1812 he was a gallant soldier, and fought under the flag of his adopted country, participating at the battle of Lundy's Lane. Being a hard-working, thrifty man, he became a very prosperous one, rearing his children well, and firmly establishing himself in the confidence of the community. In politics he was a staunch Conservative, and in religious matters a Methodist. His death occurred when he was in the prime of life, aged forty years, and he was buried in the cemetery at Waterloo. In 1810 he married Bridget Connor, who was born in Canada, although her father was a native of County Limerick, Ireland. She died and lies by the side of her husband. The children born to them were as follows: David and George both died in Kentucky; John resides in Essex Centre, Ont.; Emanuel; Hester is deceased; Lucretia married George McCraney, now deceased, and lives at Toronto; and a daughter died in infancy.

Emanuel Wagner, son of John, was born near Kingston, upon the farm where he grew to manhood, being given but scant opportunity for acquiring an education, as the country was undeveloped, and there were very few school houses, and they were located far apart. When he reached manhood's estate, he began farming for himself, starting out on a bush farm of fifty acres, which he improved and operated for several years. He then removed to Trafalgar, near Lake Ontario, where he secured a tract of fifty acres, also improving that. Still later, he moved

to Haldimand County, locating in Walpole township, on another tract of fifty acres. This, too, was unbroken land, and with his characteristic industry, he immediately began to place it under the plow, and continued improving it until 1855, when he sold his property, and came to the County of Essex, locating with his family on Lot 5, 3rd Concession, upon a farm of 100 acres, where once more he began the life of a pioneer farmer. This land was covered with timber and bush, and in the midst of the great denseness he hewed a place for his little home, and then started to conquer the forces of nature. Upon this property, which he developed into a very fine farm, he spent the last forty-four years of his useful life, and died at the advanced age of eighty-six years, on Feb. 5, 1899, and was tenderly interred in the cemetery at Ruthven. In politics he was a Reformer, and always supported the principles of the Liberal party. Domestic in his tastes, he loved his home, and was a good citizen. In religious matters he was a Methodist. In 1836 he married in Kingston, Ont., Jane Johnston, born in Ireland, a daughter of James and Ann (Crawford) Johnston. Mrs. Wagner is still living, aged eighty-seven years and makes her home with her son, Stephen L., who tenderly cares for her. She is still quite active, possessing all her faculties, and has been a member of the Methodist Church for over sixty years. Mrs. Wagner is a most excellent Christian woman, reads her Bible every day, and guides her life according to the teachings of Holy Writ. She saw much of pioneer life, and suffered many privations, although as she talks about these days she appears to remember more of the advantages than the disadvantages, and always feels that she and hers were guided in their actions by the Divine Hand.

The children born to Emanuel Wagner and wife were: Duncan, born Jan. 1, 1841, was drowned in Lake Erie; Stephen L. was born in June, 1842; Adaline, born Aug. 19, 1845, died young; Sarah Elizabeth, born Sept. 26, 1847, married Theodore Quick, and resides in Michigan; Mary J., born March 16, 1860, married Robert Wride, of Leamington, Ontario. During the disturbed times of 1837-38, Emanuel Wagner was a volunteer soldier, and he was also a member of the Loyal Orange Association, which he joined at Walpole, County of Haldimand.

Stephen Lucas Wagner, the subject proper of this sketch, was thirteen years of age when he came to Mersea township with his parents. As his services were required upon the farm, he

received but little education. He worked from early dawn to dark, from the time he was a mere child, continuing thus until his father was obliged to retire, and he then took charge of the farm, which he has operated very successfully ever since. Since assuming charge he has built his present home, and made many other extensive improvements. He also raises tobacco, and has always made a success in whatever he has undertaken. He is as well known for his probity, uprightness and kindness of heart, as he is for his mundane successes, and few men have more friends in the township than he. During his father's latter years when the old man was sick and feeble, this devoted son was his faithful attendant, and he is equally devoted to his dear old mother. For over forty years he has been a member of the Methodist Church, and attends the church of that denomination at Leamington. Thoroughly believing the faith of his church, he orders his life accordingly, and is a good, Christian man.

Coming of a military family, Mr. Wagner took arms for his country, and was a volunteer in the Essex Fusiliers, under Major Fox, during the Fenian Raid of 1866, and has a handsome medal given him for his services. While a staunch Liberal in politics, he will not accept office. In his manner of living he is sober and temperate, and sets an excellent example to those coming after him. Like his father, he is a member of the Loyal Orange Association of Leamington, and takes a deep interest in the workings of the society, and has served as a delegate to the sister lodges as well as to the County Lodge.

In 1865, in Michigan, Mr. Wagner was married to Lucretia Kinyon, born in Michigan, daughter of James Kinyon, and the following children have been born to them: Martha Jane, married Robert McClutchy, of Leamington. Margaret Ann married Richard Connor, and they had four children, Arnold J. and Lena, Eva and Ira, deceased. James Johnston died at the age of twenty-one years. Elizabeth married Calvin Davis of Mersea township. Mary Ellen married William McDonald, of Mersea. Olive married Scott Miller, and has two children, Ethel and Grant. Phoebe married Emerson Lambier, and has one son, Norman. Adaline married Elias Lambier, of Mersea township, and has three children, Eva, Albert E. and Wilfred. Blanche died at the age of nine years. Stephen L. and Alvin Albert are at home.

Mrs. Wagner is a very pleasant lady, an excellent housekeeper and a most devoted mother,

whose kind, firm care of her children is reflected in them. The Wagner family is one of the most highly respected in all the County of Essex. Down through the various generations, the men have been hard-working and capable, and the women good wives and mothers, while all have been God-fearing and kind-hearted. The men have been hard-working and capable, and the the call of their country, and while in service fought with the faithfulness which is one of their characteristics. In the church they have accepted the creed of their faith and then without question, lived up to it. As citizens, their lives have been without reproach. The country, perhaps, owes them more for their services as pioneers than anything else, for they have ever been first to press out into the wilderness. Their brawn has been given to fell trees, to break the land, and to establish civilization; to build churches and schools where once the wild animals and still wilder Indians roamed, and to rear families to their honor and to the pride of their land.

MRS. CHARLOTTE MONTREUIL, of Windsor, widow of the late John Montreuil, is a descendant of one of the old French families of Western Ontario which was established by Joseph La Jeunesse, the grandfather of this most highly-esteemed lady, in Essex County, Ont. His native city was Quebec, and in its locality he engaged in farming, also following the same occupation in the County of Essex. Grandfather La Jeunesse was twice married, Joseph (the father of Mrs. Montreuil) and a daughter being the children of his first union.

Joseph La Jeunesse was born in 1800 in the County of Essex, and became a prosperous farmer in his locality. His wife, Josephine (Bezairre), was born in 1805 in County Essex, and died at the age of ninety-five in 1901, and they had the following children born to them: Adeline, who married Thomas Beneteau, died at the age of sixty-seven; Calixte, who married A. Monforton, has four sons and two daughters; Jacques married (first) Josephine Bondy, by whom he had one son, Adelphise, and married thrice afterward, but had no other children; Domitile, who married Fred Dourcher, still lives with her one son and two daughters; Helen, who married Neil Gignac, had five sons and two daughters; Emily is still single; Charlotte married John Montreuil.

Mrs. Montreuil was born in 1841, in the County of Essex, and was carefully and religi-

ously educated. In 1865 she was united in marriage with John Montreuil, who was one of the most prominent citizens of the locality. He died in 1871. Four children were born to their union, namely: Rose, who died at the age of ten years; Josephine, who died at the age of two months; Maria Louise, who married Dr. McKeough, of Detroit, and has a family of eight children, Marie Hortense, Marie Irene, Marie Louise, Marie Frances, Edward Dewey, Marie Ruth, Mary Catheline and George Sartu; the youngest child of Mrs. Montreuil is Rev. Joseph Anthony, a priest of the Roman Catholic Church, who is pursuing his work in Rome, Italy. Mrs. Montreuil is a most devout member of this Church, as was her husband, and a lady of estimable Christian character and womanly virtues. Her pleasant home is located at No. 85 Ouellette Avenue, within a short distance of that of her daughter, in Detroit, Michigan. The family is one which has been most highly regarded in Essex County.

JAMES DRUMMOND, reeve of the township of Mersea, County of Essex, Ont., and general farmer, was born in the township of Seneca, County of Haldimand, Ont., May 15, 1845.

Duncan Drummond, the grandfather, was a native of Scotland, where he grew to manhood, but later came to America, locating in New York State. He served in the War of 1812, and when that conflict was over, he removed to Canada, settling at Glengarry, where he followed farming, and spent the remainder of his life. In politics he was a Conservative, while in religious matters he was a Presbyterian. He was one of a family of nine children, seven of whom were sons.

Duncan Drummond (2), son of Duncan, and father of James, was born at Glengarry, Ont., where he attained to manhood's estate, working on the farm with his father. When he started out in life for himself, he located in Seneca township, County of Haldimand, upon a farm of 100 acres, which land he cleared and lived upon, engaged in farming and timbering until 1855. That year he sold out and settled on Lot 21, Concession 8, County of Essex, purchasing 100 acres. Upon this property he erected a log house, cleared up the land, and there spent the rest of his life. He died in February, 1884, aged seventy-nine, and was buried in Erie Cemetery, Romney township, County of Kent. His political convictions made him a Conservative. In religion he was a Presbyterian.

In the County of Haldimand, Mr. Drummond married Margaret Fisher, a native of Scotland, and daughter of Robert Fisher, a successful farmer of Seneca. Four children were born of this marriage: James; Robert died in 1899; Mary married Charles Long; John, a railroad man, resides in Wheatley. The mother of these children is still living, aged eighty-four, making her home at Wheatley. She is a consistent member of the Methodist Church, and although advanced in years is very active.

James Drummond was ten years of age when brought to Mersea township, and he attended the county schools until he was eighteen, when he became interested in lumbering, and was thus engaged for four years, after which he settled on the homestead, of fifty acres, where he has been residing ever since, engaged in farming and stock raising. He also operated the other fifty acres which comprise the homestead. Upon his portion of the property he erected a fine, commodious home in 1902, and has made other improvements. Mr. Drummond has always been a Conservative, and has been a member of the council for eleven years, having been elected in 1891. In 1903 he was elected reeve, and still holds that office. Fraternally he is a member of the A. F. & A. M., and also is a member of the Chapter at Leamington. In addition, he is a member of the Loyal Orange Association, No. 1140, in which he has filled the office of secretary and treasurer. During the Fenian troubles Mr. Drummond served in the army for five years, three months and fifteen days. He and his family are consistent members of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Drummond is a man of sunny disposition, genial and courteous in manner, and he is noted for his stainless record as a public official, and his uprightness as a private citizen.

On Oct. 15, 1872, Mr. Drummond married, in Mersea township, Jane Imeson, born in Mersea Feb. 24, 1853, daughter of Joseph and Frances (Mosey) Imeson, both of whom are still living and making their home in Mersea township. Eight children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Drummond: Mary, unmarried, is at home; Robert, a farmer in Mersea, married Amanda Getty, and has two children, Harold R. and Nina G.; James also engaged in farming in the township of Mersea, married Orvilla Tuffen; Frances married James Reed, of Mersea township, and has two children, Effie I. and Benson R.; John, also engaged in farming in the township of Mersea, married Maude Reed, and has one son, Guy A.; Archie, Jenny and Burnes are all at home.

MRS. MARGARET (THOMSON) BRAY, a highly-respected resident of Amherstburg, is descended from one of the early pioneer families of County Essex.

The Thomson family originated in Scotland, but at an early day they all emigrated to the North of Ireland, where Mrs. Bray's grandfather was born and where he spent his life. His family was as follows: Robert, the first of the family to come to Ontario, located in County Essex, where for many years he was a teacher; Charles L. was the father of Mrs. Bray; Thomas also came to County Essex, where he followed farming in the township of Maidstone, where he died.

CHARLES LENNOX THOMSON was born in Ireland, Feb. 5, 1809, and came to Ontario with relatives when but a boy. On attaining his majority he taught school for many years, and also conducted a fine farm in Colchester South. He married Margaret Lockhart, a daughter of James Lockhart, who was of Scottish extraction, and their married life was spent in Colchester South, where he died Dec. 12, 1884; his wife passed away June 12, 1890. They were both consistent members of the Church of England in Colchester South, in which Mr. Thomson was lay reader and church warden for many years. He was a justice of the peace and commissioner in the H.C.J., and served as clerk and treasurer of his township for many years. In politics Mr. Thomson was a Conservative. To himself and wife were born the following children: Sarah Jane married George Fox, of Gosfield township; Amanda married Adam Fox; Margaret is Mrs. Bray; Lucinda Julia married Wheeler Mickle, of the North-West; Charles Lennox, of Colchester South, married Laura Bray; Louisa Sophia was married July 15, 1873, to James Brown, of Colchester South; Arthur Henry died at the age of two years; Eustace James is deceased; Alfred Ernest, of Colchester South, married Melinda Agla, daughter of Martin Agla.

Mrs. Margaret (Thomson) Bray was born in Colchester South, in 1838, and married George Hughson. They had no family. Mr. Hughson was born in 1834, and died in 1868, while they were living in Colchester South. In 1876 Mrs. Hughson married William Bray, who was born in England in 1836, and after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Bray settled at Caledonia, Haldimand County, where Mr. Bray became a manufacturer of wooden goods. To this union came one son, Lennox Thomson, born in 1877, who is well educated, and is now a civil engineer and

land surveyor in Berlin, County of Waterloo. Mr. Bray died in 1877, after which Mrs. Bray returned to her native county, and is now passing her declining years at Amherstburg, surrounded by a host of acquaintances and friends, by whom she is greatly beloved for her many excellent traits of character.

ALLOIS MASTER. Among the men who have been identified with the official duties of the County of Essex for many years Mr. Alois Master occupies a prominent place. He came of thrifty German stock, and the traits of that strong race have been apparent in his life and in his fidelity to the duties of his present official position.

Mr. Master is himself a native of Germany, as were also his parents and grandparents on both sides of the family. His paternal grandfather, Alois Master, died at his birthplace in Germany, his death occurring about 1849. Among his children was a son, Alois, the father of our subject, also born in Germany, where he followed farming and died in the prime of life about 1850. He had married Miss Elizabeth Creler, and to their union were born the following children: Alois, Peter and Fanny. After the death of her husband Mrs. Master married John Obelaner. In 1855 the family moved to the United States, locating first in Bay City, where they remained for eighteen months. At the expiration of that time they moved to Detroit and later to Sandwich, where they settled in 1857.

In this locality Alois Master, our subject, who was born in Germany in 1844, began the battle of life for himself, working for the late Judge Chewet, with whom he remained five years, receiving six dollars per month and his board. Later he engaged with John Tumey, a farmer at Maidstone Cross, for six dollars per month, and remained with him for eight months. His next employer was William G. Hall, of Windsor, who paid him six dollars per month, and he worked for him fourteen months. At the expiration of this time Mr. Master engaged as fireman of the tug "McQueller," and continued this work for one season. By this time he realized the advisability of acquiring a knowledge of some trade, and he learned the leather varnishing business with George H. Parker, of Detroit, with whom he remained for a number of years. While engaged with Mr. Parker, in 1864, Mr. Master married Jane Spears, a daughter of John Spears, of Sandwich. On leaving the De-

troit firm Mr. Master entered the establishment of John Curry, of Sandwich, a leather merchant, and remained there until 1882, when he was appointed by the Provincial Government bailiff of the first division court of the County of Essex, which position he has ably filled for twenty years. Since 1874 Mr. Master has been county constable and for many years has been the general constable of Sandwich. Politically he is a Reformer, and religiously both he and his wife are members of the Church of England.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Master are Allois, John and Jean. Allois Master married Annie McKee, and he has three children, Maud, Wellington and Jean. John Master is attending Detroit Business University, and Jean is in high school.

DAVID REID, JR., the oldest living representative of the Reid family that came from County Donegal, Ireland, in the early part of the nineteenth century, and located, first in the County of Huntingdon, Quebec, later in Ontario, is now one of the highly-respected agriculturists in Mersea township, residing on a well-cultivated farm on the 8th Concession.

The Reid family is of Scotch origin, but for several generations its representatives have been farmers in the North of Ireland, whither so many of their countrymen had fled because of religious or political troubles. David Reid, the grandfather of our subject, was born in County Donegal, and there followed farming. He married Isabelle Jarvis, also of Scotch descent, and to their marriage the following children were born: Catherine, who married James Bell, and moved to the Province of Quebec, later to the County of Essex, Province of Ontario, and died there; George, who died in Michigan; Jane, who married James Reid; Ann, who married William McMullen, and died in Mersea township; Susanna, who married David Kennedy, and died in Mersea township; John, mentioned below; Elizabeth, who married John Oliver (both died in the State of Ohio); James, who died in Mersea township; David, who also died in Mersea township; and one that died in infancy. David Reid brought his wife and family to the Province of Quebec, joining his son John, who had come out some two years before. He passed the remainder of his days in his new home, and died there in 1849. He was a Methodist in his religious belief, while politically he belonged to the Reform party. The widowed mother and her children moved to the County of Essex, Ontario,

and there her remaining days were spent, tenderly cared for in her old age by her grandson, David, Jr., dying at his home in 1865, at the advanced age of ninety-three. She was a noble Christian woman, and reared her children to useful manhood and womanhood. She, too, belonged to the Methodist Church.

John Reid, son of David, and father of David, Jr., was born in County Donegal, and there was reared to manhood, receiving but a limited education. Wishing to better his condition, in 1832, accompanied by his wife and youngest child, he embarked in a sailing vessel at Londonderry, Ireland, and after a voyage lasting nine weeks, landed in Quebec. He located in what was known as New Ireland, in the County of Huntingdon, where later he was joined by his parents and other members of the family. Settling down to farming on a 100-acre tract, he spent twenty-two years in its cultivation, selling out in 1854 to come to Ontario, with eleven other families. They made the journey by boat to Hamilton, Ont., thence by railroad to the County of Essex. This was the first year the Canadian Western Railway was in operation. John Reid located in Lot 14, Concession 8, where he bought 200 acres of land, selling fifty of it later; he erected a small log cabin, whither he brought his wife and children. There were no road in those days, the entire 8th Concession being a wilderness, through which wolves, bears, deer, wild turkey, etc., roamed at will. Mr. Reid bent his energies to the task of clearing his land, and making a comfortable home for his loved ones. In time his fields were cleared and cultivated, the little cabin replaced by a larger house built of hewed logs, and necessary outbuildings erected. The potash made from the timber cut off the land, was hauled to Windsor, and there exchanged for groceries and other necessities, the trip to Windsor consuming three days of valuable time. Mr. Reid lived to see all this changed. As one of the pioneers he blazed the trail for the onward marching civilization, and roads were made, schools and churches built, towns appeared, and on his own land he saw a comfortable brick dwelling erected in place of the one of logs, hewed by his own hand. He died in 1880, at the age of seventy-five, and was buried in the Albuna Cemetery, Mersea township. He was a faithful member of the Methodist Church, and gave the land on which was erected the first church of that denomination in the 8th Concession; previous to that the services were held in

his home. In Ireland, he married Jane Robinson, daughter of Christopher Robinson, also of Scotch descent. Three children were born to them prior to the emigration to America: David, Jr.; Ann, who married John Hooker, and resides in Leamington; and Isabelle, who died young. Seven other children were born in Canada: Mary, who married Robert Stevenson, and lives in Mersea township; William, who makes his home in the State of Arkansas; Susanna, who became the wife of Frank Hooker, of Leamington; Catherine, now Mrs. Christopher Ogle, of Mersea township; Ruth, wife of George Hooker, of Romney township; James, of Leamington; and Christopher, who died young. The wife and mother died in 1878, aged seventy-five, and sleeps her last sleep in the Albuna Cemetery. Like her husband, she was a faithful and consistent member of the Methodist Church. John Reid belonged to the Reform party and to the Loyal Orange Association.

David Reid, Jr., was born in County Donegal, Ireland, Feb. 11, 1828, and was six years old when brought to the New World by his grandparents, making the voyage in a sailing vessel, and spending eleven weeks on the water. He attended school in New Ireland, in the Province of Quebec, but as his services were early needed at home, his educational opportunities were limited. He engaged in farming, and when the eleven families moved from Quebec to Ontario his was one of them. He settled on 100 acres of bush land in Mersea township, east of his father's tract, and erected a log house 16 x 22 feet. The lumber he cut off his land was converted into potash, and sold in Windsor for the necessities of life. His hours of toil were long, as the labor of clearing the land was great, and it was work that must be done. Naturally industrious, and inured to hardships from childhood, he succeeded, and in a comparatively short time had the larger part of his farm under cultivation. He was among the first to grow tobacco, and his success in that line induced him to continue its culture to the present time. As a general farmer and stock raiser he has no superior. He is a lover of good horses, and will go any distance to see a fine one. His stables contain some of the best breeding animals in the county, and these have taken a number of prizes at stock shows. In 1876 he built his present home, a fine brick dwelling, costing upward of \$2,000, and his fine barns and outbuildings are a credit to his thrift and care.

Mr. Reid has voted the Liberal ticket all his

life, but has never cared for public office for himself. For a number of years he has been mail carrier for the Goldsmith post office from Blytheswood, making three trips weekly. He is an active member of Trinity Methodist Church in Romney township, which he served for a time as trustee, and for the past thirty years has been steward. Fraternally he is a Mason, being affiliated with the lodge at Leamington; and he is a charter member of Goldsmith Lodge, No. 1225, Loyal Orange Association, which he has served as master, and for two years was treasurer of the county lodge. He is very patriotic, and has a deep and abiding faith in the Government of his country. He is a staunch advocate of the public school, and has been found in favor of any movement tending toward the progress of his town and county. He was one of the pioneers, and his own personal history has been the history of his township. His life has been filled with hard work, work that has been rewarded by final success, and Mr. Reid can look back over his long life serene in the consciousness that while he has been allotted more than the Psalmist's three-score years and ten, his years have been well spent.

In 1853, in New Ireland, County of Huntingdon, Quebec, David Reid, Jr., was united in marriage with Susanna Bell, daughter of James Bell, a native of Fermanagh, Ireland. She died in 1856, leaving two children, Robinson, of Leamington, who married Mary A. Nibbit, and has six children; and Ellen, wife of John Dick, of Mersea township, who has three children. On May 31, 1857, in Mersea township, Mr. Reid was married (second), by Rev. Henry Scratch, to Ann Jane Reid, who was born in Dnegal, Ireland, June 30, 1836, daughter of James and Jane (Reid) Reid. Mrs. Reid was for many years an active worker in the Methodist Church, being a teacher in the Sunday School, and otherwise laboring for the spread of her belief. Children as follows were born to this worthy couple: Miriam Sarah married John Reid, of Mersea township, and they have three children. Jane, wife of Francis Armstrong, of Mersea township, has three children. Alvina (deceased) married Joseph Jenkins, and was the mother of one son, David Clarence, who has been reared by his grandfather, David Reid, Jr. Mary, wife of Edward Mitchell, of Detroit, has three children. The family are all respected in the various communities in which they reside, and are fine examples of the type of manhood and womanhood that emanates from a good, Christian home.

They were all taught the dignity of honest labor, and when ready to make homes for themselves, were not found wanting.

JAMES REID, who passed away in February, 1875, at the home of his son-in-law, David Reid, Jr., in Mersea township, County of Essex, is still remembered in that locality by the older residents.

Mr. Reid was a native of County Donegal, Ireland, and was one of the family of nine children born to David and Elizabeth (Virtue) Reid, namely: James; Elizabeth; Catherine; Bessie; John, who died in Illinois; William, who died while crossing the Atlantic; David, who lived in Jo Daviess county, Illinois; Margaret; and Jane. The father of this family was also a native of County Donegal, and was a farmer by occupation. He was a member of the Methodist Church.

James Reid, the eldest of the family, was reared in his native land, and received his education in the public schools. He was trained to farming from early boyhood. In his native land he married Jane Reid, who was born in County Donegal, daughter of David Reid (and aunt of David, Jr.), and nine children, all born in County Donegal, Ireland, blessed this union: Eliza married John Gildgrist, and died in the town of Milverton, County of Perth, Ont. John died in Ireland. David died in Mersea township, County of Essex. George resides on the homestead in Mersea township. Isabelle died young. Catherine (deceased) was the wife of James McMullen. Ann Jane is the wife of David Reid, Jr., of Mersea township. Sarah died young. Sarah (2) married George Knox, a farmer of Mersea township. Three of this family died in Ireland, and in 1849, with his wife and surviving children, Mr. Reid left his native land for Canada, sailing from Donegal on the two-masted brig "Tursha," from Sunderland, and landing in Quebec after a voyage of eleven weeks. The first home of the family in this country was at what is known as New Ireland, in the County of Huntingdon, Quebec, where they settled on a tract of fifty acres, remaining there until 1854. They then sold out and came to Ontario, locating in Mersea township, County of Essex, on Lot 16, Concession 8, taking up a tract of fifty acres of "bush" land, on which they erected a log house. Here Mr. Reid followed farming for several years, after which he moved to the County of Perth, where he made a new location, at Stratford, at which place he

continued for several years also. He then returned to Mersea township, where he and his wife passed the remainder of their days with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. David Reid, Jr., Mr. Reid passing away in February, 1875, at the advanced age of eighty-six years, and Mrs. Reid in 1882, when eighty-five years, six months old. They are buried in the cemetery at Albuna, Mersea township. They were excellent people, highly respected wherever they were known, and lived useful, industrious lives, rearing their children well. Mrs. Reid was a member of the Methodist Church for over sixty years, and was a woman of many sterling qualities and high Christian character.

MRS. HENRY C. NEICE, who for the past decade has been the actual manager and operator of the fine family farm located on Lot 10, Concession 12, Colchester North, is probably one of the most universally esteemed residents of that township. Not only is she admired for the business ability which she has shown since affliction threw unusual burdens upon her shoulders, but also for the Christian cheerfulness with which she has faced troubles and the wifely and maternal devotion she has invariably displayed.

Mrs. Neice was born July 11, 1857, in Louth township, County of Lincoln, Ont., and comes of a very old Canadian family, of English extraction. Her great-grandparents were James and Annie (Brander) Tinlin, the former of whom was born in England, Aug. 28, 1766, and the latter in May, 1771. He was a son of a wealthy banker who sailed for America in 1800 and was wrecked on the ocean but finally reached Virginia. In old age he removed to St. Catharines, Ontario. Mrs. Annie (Brander) Tinlin was a first cousin to William Kaye, baronet, of Eastshire, in the County of Surrey, England, who came into the title upon the death of his great-uncle, Sir Brooke Watson.

Brooke Watson, Esq., had in early life adopted the naval profession, but was obliged to abandon it in consequence of the accidental loss of his right leg by the bite of a shark, while bathing at Havana in 1749. He settled in London as a merchant in 1759. Having previously served as a commissary abroad, he was appointed commissary-general to the army in North America in 1782, and upon his return, in 1784, was elected one of the representatives of the city of London, chosen alderman, nominated sheriff in 1785 (which office he served) and placed in the civic chair in 1796. The latter year he received

a commission as commissary-general of England, and was created a Baron Dec. 5, 1803, with remainder in default of male issue, to his grand-nephews successively, William Kaye, the sons of his niece, Anne Webber (daughter of Richard Webber, Esq., and Elizabeth Watson, Sir Brooke's sister), by her husband, William Kaye, Esq., of Montreal. Sir Brooke died Oct. 2, 1807, when the title devolved, according to the limitation in the patent, upon William Kaye, Esq.

John Tinlin, the grandfather of Mrs. Neice, was born in Virginia in 1800, married Sarah Hainer, who was born in County Lincoln in 1801, and had children as follows: James, the father of Mrs. Neice; Hannah C., Mrs. (Rev.) Ellis; Cornelia, Mrs. Eli Gregory; William H., who was a merchant at St. Catharines; Margaret A., who married Capt. James Kelley, of County Lincoln; Sarah J., Mrs. Crosby, of County Lincoln; Matilda, who married John Wood, of County Lincoln; and Mary L., who married George Mathews, of County Lincoln.

James Tinlin, father of our subject, was born Aug. 10, 1823, and married May 20, 1849, Martha Gregory, born April 20, 1823, both natives of County Lincoln. They settled at St. Catharines, where he was a ship carpenter and a lumber contractor during the building of the Welland Canal. He was quite prominent as a shipbuilder and contractor in that locality for years. In 1879 he sold his business there and removed with his family to County Essex, settling in Colchester North, Concession 12, Lot 8, where he cleared up a farm from its wild state, and here he died Nov. 20, 1893, his widow surviving until Jan. 8, 1897.

Mrs. Tinlin organized the first Sunday School in Colchester North, and was superintendent of same for several years, and she was one of the intellectual as well as spiritual women of the neighborhood, where her influence was long felt. She was identified with the Methodist Church. In politics Mr. Tinlin ardently supported the Reform party, but was never willing to accept public office.

Mr. and Mrs. Tinlin had a family of eight children, of whom Mrs. Neice was the fifth in the order of birth, the others being: Margaret Sarah, born in 1850, is the wife of Richard Allen, of Colchester North. Hamilton A., born Dec. 23, 1851, married Roxie Acklam, of County York, and has two children, Hattie and Robert J.; they settled at Galveston, Texas, where they lost all their property in the late disaster, and they now reside at Houston, where he is a contractor,

interested in building the wharf at Galveston, and a captain of a dredging outfit. Eli Kay, born Nov. 25, 1853, is unmarried, and is engaged in business at Sault Ste. Marie. Philip E., born in November, 1855, a chemical engineer, resides at Bay City, Michigan; he married Jennie Wiloughby, of Canada, and they have two children, James and Alleen. Cornelia C., born in 1859, is the wife of Robert Hurst, of Leamington, where she is the matron of the County Home, and they have three children, Irene, Eli and Jeanette. Annie, born in 1861, is the wife of A. G. Butler, of Colchester South, and they have five children, Edith, Cornelia, Roy, Orrin and Burdett. William, born March 28, 1863, died in 1881, in promising young manhood.

Mrs. Neice was reared in County Lincoln and was educated at the schools of St. Catharines. In October, 1877, she was united in marriage with Henry C. Neice, who was born in County Haldimand, where they settled for some years as farmers. They sold out their interests there in 1892 and purchased the John Edgar property, locally known as the Edgar Mills property, and here they have resided ever since. A short time before settling in County Essex Mr. Neice suffered from a sunstroke, a calamity from which he has never recovered. With the courage of a noble nature, Mrs. Neice assumed unusual responsibilities, and has not only successfully managed the large farm, but has reared her children to be respected members of society.

A family of five children was born to Mr. and Mrs. Neice, as follows: Martha H., born Feb. 6, 1879, in County Haldimand, is the wife of F. W. Beaton, station agent at Edgar's Mills, and they have one daughter, Fay I.; Raymond C., born March 28, 1882, is at home; Harold T., born July 25, 1885, is also at home; Fay B., born July 11, 1888, is unmarried and at home, as is also Hilliard C., born Nov. 22, 1891.

In religious preference the family has long been prominent in the Baptist Church, of which Mr. Neice was a deacon for fourteen years in County Haldimand. During his years of political activity he was an active supporter of the Government.

J. C. ROSS, a well-known fruit grower of Leamington, and a member of the city council, was born Aug. 2, 1853, at Paris, County of Brant, Ont., son of George and Isabelle (Rodgers) Ross.

George Ross, father of Elder J. C. Ross, was born in Ross-shire, in the Highlands of Scotland,

son of Christopher Ross, a blacksmith and iron worker there. With his father George Ross learned his trade, and remained at home at work until he became of age, when he went to the city of Glasgow, and secured work there long enough to provide himself with the means for crossing the sea. From the city of Glasgow he sailed in one of the small vessels of that day, safely reaching Quebec, from which city he went to Toronto. In that city he remained some years, operating a shop on Yonge Street, but later removed to the County of Brant, and finding a good opening at the town of Paris, located there. For some years Mr. Ross prospered at his trade at Paris, but finally decided to turn his attention to farming, and with that in view, bought a tract of land in Zorra, County of Oxford. Upon that farm the remainder of his life was spent, and there he died at the age of sixty-three years, and was interred in the Harrington Cemetery. He was a staunch Liberal in his political belief. For many years he was a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church. At Paris, Ont., he married Isabelle Rodgers, born in Scotland, who died on the farm in Zorra township. She was a most worthy member of the Presbyterian Church, and a woman who was admirable in all the relations of life. She became the mother of ten children, five of whom died young, the others being J. C.; Alexander, of the County of Perth; Isabelle, who resides with our subject; Rosalie; and Ralph, a resident of Pembroke, Ontario.

J. C. Ross, a leading member of the Leamington Presbyterian Church, in which he is an elder, removed with his parents to Zorra township, County of Oxford, and was there reared and educated. He remained in that county until 1895, when he came to Mersea township, County of Essex, locating in the town of Leamington. Purchasing a fifteen-acre tract of land from Peter Conover, he erected thereupon a commodious residence, one of the most complete and attractive in the place, at a cost of \$2,500. This land Mr. Ross decided to devote to the culture of fruit, and began by setting out a fine peach orchard. The untimely frosts of 1898 were very disastrous to him, destroying 2,000 peach trees which were netting him a fine income. He considers that his loss was \$3,000. Replanting his orchard, he now has the satisfaction of raising some of the finest peaches ever placed on the market in this locality. He raises small fruits in abundance and early vegetables. He owns a tract of 100 additional acres of marsh land, which he devotes to general farming purposes.

His success has been the result of careful attention to his industry, and his only loss has been something which no provision of his could have prevented.

In politics Mr. Ross has always been a staunch Liberal, and was elected a member of the council of Leamington in 1903, and is proving a careful and conservative city official. Since 1879 Mr. Ross has been an elder in the Presbyterian Church, he being then but twenty-six years of age and residing at Harrington, Ont. This fact alone should be sufficient eulogy on one who is so esteemed and respected. When he left his place of residence in 1895, he was presented with an address by the ministers and the congregation, testifying to their regret at parting with one whose sterling traits of character had made him so worthy to fill the high churchly office.

In Zorra township, Mr. Ross married Catherine Manson, born in that township, daughter of Donald and Christina (McLachlan) Manson, both of whom were born in Scotland. They came to the County of Oxford, and both died there. The one son of this marriage died in infancy, but two adopted daughters, Alice and Lillie, have filled the home with childish glee and girlhood charm. Both Mrs. Ross and her daughters are also members and active workers in the Presbyterian Church.

JOHN GOATBE is a member of the firm of Buchanan & Goatbe, manufacturers of and dealers in builders' supplies, coal, fence posts, etc., at Comber, County of Essex, Ontario.

JAMES McLEOD was for many years a leading business man of Windsor and Essex Centre. He was born in August, 1828, near Paris, Ont., son of Samuel and Letitia (Ennis) McLeod. Robert McLeod, the grandfather, was born in the Highlands of Scotland, and spent his whole life in his native land.

Samuel McLeod, son of Robert and father of the late James McLeod, was also born in Scotland, and was the founder of the family in Ontario, locating near Paris, where he owned a fine farm, later in life moving to Straffordville, Ont., where he died. His wife, Letitia Ennis, was born near St. John, New Brunswick, and also died at Straffordville. The two children born to them were: Eliza, who died at the age of twenty-one years; and James, whose death occurred in 1885.

The late James McLeod grew to manhood in his birthplace, and his earliest business ventures

were connected with agricultural pursuits, and also with contracting for railroad ties. In 1860 Mr. McLeod was married to Miss Sarah Eva Price, who was born March 15, 1843, and who still survives him. After marriage they resided for a time at Straffordville, removing thence to Springfield, Ont., and later to Windsor. Here Mr. McLeod became the proprietor of the "Great Western Hotel," and he built also the "American Hotel," at Essex Center, conducting the same until his death in 1885. Few men of his locality more entirely enjoyed the confidence and respect of the community. During his long experience in hotelkeeping he was known to have strictly observed the law, and no charge could ever be brought against him of selling liquor after the regulated hours, or on the Sabbath. His attitude on all public matters was that of an intelligent and just man, and his hotels were models of comfort and convenience, and at the same time resorts only of law-abiding and respected citizens. In political conviction he was a Conservative, and his fraternal connection was with the Masonic order. In religion, Mr. McLeod belonged to the Presbyterian Church and was a most liberal contributor to its benevolences.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. McLeod were: Pascal Byron, who married Lillie, daughter of Capt. Fraser, and had children, Mabel, Bessie R., Ethel and Robert F.; and Samuel Melvin, deceased. Robert F., the grandson of Mrs. McLeod, was the first male child to be christened in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church of Windsor. Since the death of her husband, Mrs. McLeod has resided in Windsor, where she owns valuable property. She is a lady well known, and is very highly regarded as a member of the church, and as a most estimable resident, kind neighbor and thoughtful and sincere friend.

JOSEPH GIRARDIN is a successful stock raiser and general farmer of Mersea township, living on his own farm in Concession C, Range B. He is of French descent in both paternal and maternal lines, but was born in Canada, and is recognized as one of the progressive French Canadians of the county.

The ancestors of Joseph Girardin came from Quebec to Essex county, and settled in Amherstburg, where Francis, father of Joseph, was born. When a young man he moved to Point Pelee, took up land by squatter's right, and engaged in farming and fishing. He passed the remainder of his life in that place, dying at the age of seventy-six, in August, 1899, and being

buried in Point Pelee Cemetery. He was a member of the Catholic Church, and in politics a Conservative. He married Susan DeLaurier, who lived at Point Pelee, daughter of Charles DeLaurier. She is also a member of the Catholic Church, and is still living at the age of seventy-two. Their children were as follows: Joseph, who is mentioned below; Francis, who lives at Point Pelee; Theresa, who married Adam Oper; Mary (deceased), who married Enos Loop; Victoria, who married Scott Ribble; Albert, who lives at Point Pelee; and Maxim, who also lives at Point Pelee.

Joseph Girardin was born at Point Pelee, Nov. 25, 1852, and as a child attended the district schools of that place during the winter months. He grew up on the home farm, where he remained for some time after reaching manhood. He became very successful as a farmer and fruit grower, and owned and operated ninety-three acres of land. In 1892 he sold out, and bought his present farm of fifty-three acres, in Concession C, Range B, where he is engaged in stock raising and general farming, and is one of the prosperous and progressive farmers of the region. In politics he is a Conservative, and was a school trustee in Point Pelee for nine years. He is a man of domestic habits, and very fond of his home and family. All of the family are devout members of the Catholic Church. Mr. Girardin married, in 1879, Elizabeth Oper, sister of Adam Oper, who was born on Middle Bass Island. The children born to this union are as follows: Anne, who lives in Detroit; Lena, who married Louis Livingston; Muriel, Frank, Olive and Willard, who are at home; Agnes and Margaret, twins, who are at home; and George, who is also at home. All the members of the family are cordially liked and highly respected by all who know them.

DE LAURIER. The De Laurier family, of which Mrs. Susan (De Laurier) Girardin, mother of Joseph, is a member, is one of the old settled French families of Canada, the first of the name in America being Guilbert De Laurier. Charles De Laurier, grandfather of Joseph Girardin, was born in Detroit, and there grew up and learned the trade of cooper. He came to Canada as a young man, and settled at Point Pelee, Mersea township, obtaining a forty-acre tract of land by squatter's right, as one of the first settlers in that section of country. The remainder of his life was spent in that place, where he died at the age of seventy-two, and was buried in the family burying-ground, on the farm. He married Flor-

ence Le Prince, a native of Amherstburg, who is also buried in the family cemetery. Both were members of the Catholic Church. Their children were as follows: Nellie, who married Peter Girardin; Oliver (deceased); Sophia, who married Charles Albert, and lives in Trenton, Michigan; Louis, who lives in London; John (deceased); Susan, who married Francis Girardin, father of Joseph; Philip, who lives in Leamington; Theresa, who married Joseph Robson; Victoria, who married John Toots, and lives on Middle Bass Island; Leonora, who married a Mr. Washington, and lives in Ohio; and Julia, who married John Whipple, of Mersea township, and lives in Ohio.

JOSEPH MORAND, a farmer of Sandwich East, on the Tecumseh Road, belongs to a family held in universal esteem by the people of the County of Essex. From generation to generation the Morands have been leading citizens, and always active in everything pertaining to the good of the community.

The family is descended from Charles Morand, great-grandfather of Joseph, who was born in France and came to Montreal as a soldier. From Montreal he journeyed to Detroit in a canoe with a Mr. Campeau, these two men being the first white men to settle in Detroit. Charles Morand married Miss Belperche, of France, and left a family of four daughters, all married into the Campeau family, and five sons, Charles, Joseph, Louis, Peter and Maurice.

These sons and daughters all married and settled in Detroit, except Joseph, who went across the river and settled on the Canadian side, in Sandwich East, on the river front, where he purchased a large body of land now owned by his nephew. He died in Sandwich, and is buried near the church which he helped to found there. He married Archan Moross, of Detroit, and they had three sons and one daughter. The daughter, Antalice, married Antoine Cecile, and died in Sandwich, where they settled. Louis Morand died single. Joseph married Margaret Dophan, of Chatham; they settled and died in Sandwich, having a family.

Antoine Morand, the third son and our subject's father, settled for some years on the old homestead on the river front, but on account of the floods he moved later to the Tecumseh Road, where he built on the same lands. He built the first sawmill on what is known as Little River, in Sandwich East, where for many years he sawed lumber for his neighbors. He passed a life of

quiet usefulness at this old home, and died there in 1888, at the age of eighty-two years. His wife was Mary A. Janniss, who was born in Sandwich East in 1819, the daughter of Hyppolite Janniss, a native of Sandwich. She died in 1895. They were both members of the Catholic Church, in which they took an active part. Antoine Morand left a family of seven children, as follows: (1) Joseph, our subject, is the eldest. (2) Henry, the second son, is married and is a prominent citizen of Sandwich village. (3) Frank married and lives on the old farm home, where he is bringing up his family. (4) Emily is the deceased wife of Patrick Renaud. (5) Eliza married Peter Forcier, who lives in Saginaw, Michigan. (6) Moses, born in Sandwich, married and settled in Sandwich South; he has a family of five children. (7) Paul is married and resides on a part of the old homestead with his family.

Joseph Morand is the eldest son of this prominent pioneer family, who are so widely known in Essex County. He was born at the farm on the Tecumseh Road, Sept. 11, 1844. He grew up at the old home, and received only a limited education. His youth was spent in helping to clear up the old home farm. When a young man he purchased his present home, which he cleared up, and on which he made all the improvements, till he now owns one of the finest farms in that section of the county. In 1876 he erected the fine house where he has lived up to the present time. He also owns one other farm in East Sandwich.

In 1878 Mr. Morand married Miss Mary L. Burnett, who was born in Detroit in 1853. He and his wife have a family of five children. (1) Columbus, born in October, 1879, was a student of the Windsor high school, and the Detroit Business College. His health has been poor for three years, and he has lived at home. He is not married. (2) Emily, born in February, 1883, is a graduate of the Sandwich schools, and is at home, unmarried. (3) Josephine, born in 1885, is a graduate of the Tecumseh separate school. (4) Annie, born in 1888, is a graduate of the Tecumseh separate school. (5) Ernest, born in 1891, is a student at the separate school.

Mrs. Morand is the daughter of Charles and Emily (Morass) Burnett, the former born in Montreal in 1817, and his wife in Detroit. Both come of prominent old French families. They settled in Detroit, where Mr. Burnett died. His wife still makes her home in that city. Seven of their children are still living, those besides

Mrs. Morand being: Josephine, the wife of Anthony Michaels, of Detroit; Columbus, a resident of Detroit; Melinda, the wife of Eugene Costigan, of Petoskey, Michigan; Eliza, the wife of Clement Janniss, of Sandwich East; Ella; Charlotte, the wife of Fred Ohlert, of Detroit. Adaline, deceased, was the wife of John Trombley, of Detroit. Mrs. Morand was educated in Detroit.

The Morand family are all members of the Catholic Church. In his political views, Mr. Morand has always been identified with the old Conservative party. He is a member of the C.M. B.A., and also of the John Baptist Society.

Joseph Morand is a man loved and esteemed by all who know him for his kindly disposition and genial nature, and his upright, conscientious life. His wife is a lady of culture and of many virtues, and their children are a source of solace and satisfaction to them in their declining years.

CHARLES H. HEATON, one of the prominent residents of Pelee Island, County of Essex, was born at Morpeth, Ont., Nov. 12, 1830, and is the only survivor in the family of ten children born to Joseph G. and Annie (Mosher) Heaton.

Joseph G. Heaton was born on the east side of the Green mountains. He was a soldier in the War of 1812, and participated in the battle of Plattsburg. After the close of hostilities, he settled in New York State, and there married Annie Mosher, who was born on the Mohawk Flats, near Schenectady, New York. Her family came from the same stock as the wealthy Mosher family of England. Her great-grandfather, Hugh Mosher, came from England in 1660, with two brothers, one of whom died of cholera, and one was killed by the Indians. The sum of £32,000,000 sterling was held in the Bank of England for the Mosher heirs for a number of years, and there was much litigation over this fortune. The American branch of the family failed to secure its legal share.

Joseph G. Heaton was a skilled mechanic, being by trade a carpenter and wagon maker. Some time in the twenties he removed to Morpeth, Ont., where he resided until the Mackenzie Rebellion in 1837-38, at which time, upon his refusal to take the oath of allegiance, he was requested to move, and he returned to New York State, settling in Oswego County. There he resided until 1859, when he took up his home with his children, and lived until his death in 1866. He

was a very worthy man, highly respected by all who knew him, and one who remained true to his principles no matter what the cost might be.

Charles H. Heaton, the subject proper of this sketch, was reared at home, and received a fair education in the common schools. When twenty-three years of age, he began his apprenticeship to the trade of millwright, and served three years. At this time he was a resident of Fulton, New York, and at the expiration of his apprenticeship he engaged in boat-building, thus continuing for two years, when he went to Columbia City, Indiana, and was occupied in various ways. In 1859 he married Miss Hannah Artin, and the following May moved to Fremont, Ohio, where he resided until 1862. He then enlisted in a pioneer troop at Cleveland, composed of boat and bridge builders, and upon his enlistment he weighed 172 pounds. Eight months later, when he returned, he weighed just 92 pounds. In 1864 he purchased a four-acre farm in Put-in-Bay, paying for it two hundred dollars per acre. At one corner of this he built himself a small house. Later he sold two acres for twelve hundred dollars, and still later the other two acres for two thousand dollars, he never having made a payment upon the land.

In the spring of 1870 Mr. Heaton came to Pelee Island and bought twenty-five acres of his present farm, building his home in the woods, and in it he has since resided. After clearing his farm Mr. Heaton set it out in grapes, and he has become very prominent among those who devote their time and attention to the culture of grapes. His wine has attained a popularity which makes it a favorite among those who appreciate high quality, and Mr. Heaton ships it to all parts of Canada and the States, reaping large profits from his sales.

Six children, four of whom survive, were born to Mr. and Mrs. Heaton: Charles H., Jr., a seafaring man; Anna, wife of Milladore Thoman, of Marion, Ohio; Edith, wife of A. J. Richards, of Bucyrus, Ohio; and Frank L. In 1891 Mrs. Heaton died, and in 1896 Mr. Heaton married Mrs. Ellen Nichols, formerly Miss Prior, a most charming lady who joins her husband in offering friends a gracious hospitality which makes the Heaton home celebrated as a delightful gathering place. In politics Mr. Heaton is a Liberal, but has never desired public preferment, devoting himself to his private affairs, and the conduct of his farm and vineyard.

JOHN GUNN, one of the substantial farmers and much-esteemed citizens of the County of Essex, resides on a fine property located in Lots 3 and 4, Huron Lane Road, Sandwich West. Mr. Gunn was born Feb. 12, 1835, in Jackson County, Michigan, son of John and Annie (Shillingford) Gunn, both of whom were born in Buckingham, England, where they were reared and married.

In 1828 the parents of Mr. Gunn emigrated to America and settled for two years at Ann Arbor, Michigan, and then located on a farm three miles from Jackson. At the time of their settlement the land was still wild prairie, and although many discouragements faced them, and they were often homesick for the green lanes and soft airs of their native land, they sensibly decided to persevere and make a good home in their new location. They were much bothered by lack of transportation, by drouths and floods, and by the still savage Indians, but they endured all, and peacefully passed away in this pioneer home. The mother died in 1844, but the father survived until 1859, leaving a good farm and the provident savings of a careful, industrious life. In leaving their own country they brought with them their religious belief, and until death were consistent members of the Church of England, setting at all times a devout example to their children. A family of seven children was born to John and Annie Gunn, as follows: (1) Mary, born in England, married John Jessop, settling in Sandwich South, where both died, leaving children, Frank, William and Stella, the latter Mrs. Collins, of Sandwich West. (2) William, born in England, married Harriet Freeman, of Jackson, Michigan, where he died in 1898, leaving two daughters, Bell and Cora, of Jackson. (3) Joseph, born in England, was reared in Michigan, where he married Belle Gidley, of Jackson, and they settled near Battle Creek, where he is now one of the prosperous farmers of that well-known locality; they have two sons, Stanley and Milo. (4) Annie, born in England, is the widow of William Johnston, who settled in Livingston County, Michigan, and there died. She now resides with her only daughter, Lillie, Mrs. Henry Jessop, of Sandwich. Her two sons are, Jay and Frank, of Michigan. (5) Charles, born in England, learned the shoemaking trade in Jackson, Michigan, where he now lives retired; he married Estella Evans, of Jackson. (6) George, born in 1832 in Michigan, in 1850, with his brother Charles, went to the California gold fields, and still lives in that State, a pros-

perous ranchman, with a family. (7) John, the subject of this sketch, is the youngest member of the family.

John Gunn attended school a few years in Michigan, and was twelve years old when he came to Sandwich, and went to live with his sister, Mrs. Jessop, with whom he remained until he started in life as a laborer and farmer for himself, earning by day's work the means with which to purchase ninety acres of land. To this first purchase he added until he now owns a fine farm of 130 acres, all in one body. In 1862 he erected on his land a little log house, and in that he and his estimable young wife started their married life together.

On Jan. 23, 1862, Mr. Gunn married Mary A. Vollans, born in Sandwich East in 1839, daughter of George and Miriam Vollans, one of the old and prominent families of the township; she died in July, 1896. Mrs. Gunn was educated in Sandwich, and grew to womanhood at the old homestead. She was a consistent member of the Church of England, and a woman of many virtues. To Mr. and Mrs. Gunn were born eight children, as follows: (1) Charles, born in November, 1862, grew up at home, was given good educational advantages, and in May, 1892, he married Minnie Lansborough, born in Toronto, in 1865, daughter of Edward and Ann Lansborough, who came to Toronto from England, the former still surviving and making his home at Sandwich. Charles Gunn and wife have two children, Gertrude and Wesley. (2) Jessie, born in 1864, is the wife of John Lansborough, who lives on a farm in Sandwich West; they have one son, Henry. (3) Miss Ida, born in 1866, resides on the homestead. (4) Miriam, born in 1868, married John Robes, of Port Huron, Michigan, and they have two sons, Merle and Russel. (5) Annie, born in 1870, makes her home with Judge McHugh, of Windsor. (6) Jasper, born in 1873, married Esther McKee, daughter of Elisha McKee, of Sandwich, and they live on a farm in Sandwich, which was generously presented them by our subject; they have two children, Percy and Jessie. (7) John, born in 1875, married Hattie Thresher, of Sandwich, and they reside on a part of the homestead; they have one son, Clarence. (8) George, born in 1878, died in young manhood.

Politically Mr. Gunn has generally voted with the Conservative party. Religiously he has from youth been connected with the Church of England. He was one of the founders and builders of the beautiful Church of St. Stephen's, a

fine edifice erected in Sandwich. He is much respected in this locality, and is known for his honesty and integrity. In many ways he is a leading citizen, has reared a most creditable family, and is a worthy representative of an old and honorable name in the County of Essex.

EDMUND L. HOLT, a prosperous farmer of Mersea township, County of Essex, residing on the township line between Mersea and Gosfield, was born in England, near Liverpool, Nov. 30, 1841, son of Henry Holt, merchant and ship owner of Liverpool, who died there at the age of seventy-eight.

The education of Edmund H. Holt was secured in his native land, he attending college. After completing his various courses, he became bookkeeper in a mercantile office, but preferring an outdoor life, he engaged in farming at North Wales, where he continued until 1880. In that year, desiring a broader field for his operations, the ambitious young man came to Canada, and locating in the County of Essex, he bought 100 acres on the township line of Mersea and Gosfield, 10th Concession, and began to clear his land. In 1882 he erected a handsome brick residence, one of the largest in the township, at a cost of \$2,500, and at various times has put up appropriate barns and out-buildings. At present he is extensively engaged in farming and stock raising, and being a progressive man, has effected a number of improvements. He is a man of action rather than words, but takes a deep interest in township affairs. At home he is a genial, courteous gentleman, and hospitable host.

In 1861 Mr. Holt married Sarah Jones, and the following children have been born to them: Miss Mary; Joseph Henry, a farmer of Gosfield township, married Katie Maud Tuckwell, and they have three children, Kathleen L., Josephine and Alice Adelaide; Edmund L., Jr., a farmer of Gosfield township, married Mary Congdon, and has one child, Freda Muriel; Sarah Elizabeth died at the age of thirty years; Katharine married Joseph Loop, of Mersea, son of Benjamin F. Loop, and has one child, Edmund Franklin; William is at home; Robert Morris, a farmer of Gosfield township, married Amy E. Sedgwick; Margaret Louise married Howard Dresser, and has one child, Myrtle Beatrice; George Ernest is at home; Charles Herbert is a farmer of Mersea township; Georgina is at home. The first nine children were born in England, and the remaining two in Canada. Mr. and Mrs. Holt are members of the Church of England, but as there

is no church of that denomination in their neighborhood, they attend the Methodist Church. Mrs. Holt is a most delightful lady, of a gentle disposition, and she has many friends in the home of her adoption.

RALPH HARRIS, one of the enterprising young business men of Pelee Island, engaged in farming and also dealing in agricultural implements and buggies, was born May 20, 1874, on the Island, a son of James and Hannah (Lidwell) Harris.

James Harris was born July 1, 1836, in Malden township, County Essex, a son of William Harris, who was born in the State of New York, and in young manhood came to County Essex. He located in Malden township on a small tract of land, but later removed to the State of Michigan, where his last years were spent. He was a consistent member of the Church of England. He married first Ruth Lockhart, and they had two children, one that died in infancy, and James, who became the father of our subject. By his second marriage William Harris was the father of five children.

James Harris was but a child when he lost his mother, and at the age of eleven years, with almost no education, he was obliged to go to work to take care of himself. He continued to work for farmers through Colchester township until his majority, and then drifted to Michigan, where his father had removed, and worked there at different things until the outbreak of the Civil war in the States, when he returned to Canada. He continued to work on farms in South Colchester township until 1871, when he came to Pelee Island. Here he rented a farm of the McCormicks, and worked it for fifteen years and then purchased a small tract of thirty-eight acres, which he cleared, improved and later added to, until he now owns and operates fifty-two acres. He has lived a life of industry, and, although he has had much to contend with, has accumulated a competency, and has won the esteem of all who know him for his upright character. During late years he has been somewhat afflicted and is obliged to be under surgical care, but it is the hope of his friends that his trouble may not be of a permanent nature. In politics he has always been a staunch Liberal and he served very usefully in the council during one term. For many years he has been a member of the Church of England.

In 1862 James Harris married, at Amherstburg, Hannah Lidwell, a daughter of Thomas

Lidwell. She is a most estimable woman, of Christian character, a devoted wife and mother. The children of this marriage are: Robert, a marine engineer; Frank W.; Agnes Asyn-da, who died young; John; Ralph; Miles, of Tacoma, State of Washington; Aradella, wife of Julius McCormick; Ada, wife of Norman McCormick; and James; on the homestead.

Ralph Harris was educated in the district schools of Pelee Island, and grew up on the home place, assisting his father until the age of twenty-six years, when he started out for himself, beginning with a purchase of sixty acres of land. Here he erected a comfortable home and has engaged in farming and gill-net fishing. Mr. Harris is also agent for the Noxon Implement Co., and for the past few years has been agent for William Gray & Son, of Chatham. By his honorable and upright methods he has won the confidence of the public and enjoys a large amount of patronage. A man of temperate habits and honest industry, he is justly regarded as a good citizen, and his enterprise makes him a leader in business circles.

In 1900 Mr. Harris married Lillian Scott, who was born at Toronto, a daughter of David Scott, of Pelee Island. He is a strong supporter of the Liberal party, but has never sought political preferment. While not a member of any religious body he follows the teachings of the Golden Rule, and casts his influence at all times in the direction of all moral, educational and religious movements.

CAPT. FRANK W. HARRIS, a brother of Ralph Harris, was born Feb. 20, 1868, and became a resident of Pelee Island when his father located here. He was educated like his brother in the district schools in this section of County Essex, and assisted the family with his industry until he reached his majority. He then bought a farm of twenty-two acres near Scudder's Dock, where he built a home and engaged in farming and fishing. In 1902 he bought the tug "Thistle," of which he is master and owner, using it for fishing and chartering purposes. Like his brother, he is what is called "good stock," noted for his integrity and for his upright business dealings. Fraternally he is connected with the K.O. T.M. Politically he is a Liberal, and he has served four terms as a member of the town council, his advice and sensible suggestions making him a most useful member of this honorable body.

In 1891, on Pelee Island, he married Salena Graham, daughter of George Graham, and four

children have been born to this union, namely: Elva, Howard, Byrdie and Myrtle. Both Capt. and Mrs. Harris are members of the Methodist Church. The family is held in universal esteem in Pelee Island, all its members being men of industry and possessing the sterling traits of character which make them good citizens, honorable business men, desirable neighbors, and lovers of home and family.

S. WARD KENNEDY, a prominent fruit grower and nurseryman of Mersea township, is a young man of intelligence and enterprise, whose progressive ideas have made him very successful in his line of work. Mr. Kennedy was born Aug. 30, 1880, near Glasgow, Scotland, son of the late George Penrose and Kate Butler (Watt) Kennedy, the former a well-known architect who died some years ago in England.

S. Ward Kennedy was educated in London, England, and at his home, graduating at the West Kent grammar school at the age of fifteen years. In 1896 he came to America, and to qualify himself still further for the profession of horticulturist, he took two special winter courses at Cornell University, New York. During his vacation days his time was spent with the fruit growers of Mersea township. Later he took a business course at Tunnel City Business College, at Sarnia. In 1900 Mr. Kennedy decided to make his permanent home in the County of Essex, and with this end in view he formed a partnership with E. J. Edelsten, and settled down to farming and the growing of fruit. They continued together for but one year, Mr. Kennedy purchasing his partner's interest.

Attended with prosperity, Mr. Kennedy has continued until the present time in the nursery business, owning fifty acres of fine land in Concession 2. This he has devoted mainly to first-class nursery stock. His farm is known over a wide extent as the "Leamington Nursery," of which he is the sole proprietor. Included in the lines he carries, all of which he has found suited to the climate, are many of the finest shrubs, evergreens, trees and choice varieties of peaches, plums, apples and cherries. This stock has been found so reliable that Mr. Kennedy has found each year a wide expansion of business.

On Jan. 17, 1901, in Leamington, Mr. Kennedy married Nellie G. Van Zant, daughter of M. A. Van Zant, and one son, Reginald Watt, has been born to them. In politics Mr. Kennedy is an independent voter, supporting those measures and candidates his own judgment leads him

to think best for the community. In religious views he adheres to the Church of England. He is an industrious and thoroughly capable business man, and one who commands the respect of all who know him.

JOHN LICKMAN, a councillor and one of the young farmers of Maidstone, has lived since 1894 on his fine farm, Lot No. 25, 6th Concession, County of Essex. He is a native of that county, and there has spent all his life.

Charles Lickman, his grandfather, came to Toronto from England, and settled on a farm in County Wentworth, where he died after some years, leaving a large family. His children were as follows: (1) Betsey, born in England, married James Packham (deceased), and lived in County Wentworth; they had a family, and one of the sons, James, is now acting as principal of high schools in that County. (2) Jane, born in England, married John Wright, of County Wentworth; they have no family. (3) William, born in England, married Laura Hillman, of Tilbury West; he was a millwright, and died at his home in Leamington, leaving four children. (4) Charles, born in Southampton, England, March 17, 1823, became the father of John Lickman. (5) Frank, born in Canada, married and lives in British Columbia, where he is engaged in the fruit business; he has no family. (6) Daniel, born in Canada, who married a Miss Elliot, and settled in Comber, where he died, leaving one daughter, Isabella, now Mrs. L. Williams. (7) Dorothy, born in Canada, who married William Smith; they live in County Wentworth, and have no children. (8) George, born in Canada, who married Emma Ford, of Tilbury West, and has a family; they live in Essex, where he is occupied as a mechanic. (9) Robert, born in Canada, who married Sarah Grant, of County Wentworth, where they reside.

Charles Lickman, father of John, married, in 1859, Diana Lindsay, who was born in Southampton, England, in 1831, daughter of John Lindsay, who came from England to Toronto when that city was a mere village. The Lindsay family is one of the old families of Canada. Charles and Diana (Lindsay) Lickman settled first on a farm in County Wentworth, where they remained a few years. They then came to Tilbury West, and bought a tract of bush land, which they cleared and cultivated as a general farm. For some time after coming to Tilbury Mr. Lickman engaged in the lumber and sawmill

business, but in 1871 he retired to his farm, where he remained until his death, in May, 1902. He and his wife were members of the Church of England. His plucky wife, who had shared his early pioneer hardships, died in 1875, leaving the following family of children: (1) Matilda, born in 1860, married Stephen Seburn, a farmer of Tilbury West, and has three daughters, Clara, Ethel and Alice. (2) Mary, born in 1862, married Charles Howson, a business man of Leamington, and has the following children, Evelyn, Laura, Charles, Nellie, Gertrude and Oliver. (3) Sarah, born in 1864, married (first) Edward Fielding (deceased), and (second) Johnson Hornick, of Tilbury village; by the first union she was the mother of Charles, Rose, Matilda, Anne and Arthur Fielding; and by the second marriage has one son. (4) Frank, born in 1868, married Lottie Francis, of Toronto; they settled on the home farm in Tilbury, where his wife died in October, 1903, leaving four children, Melvin, Grace, Mabel and Gladys. (5) Dinah, born in 1870, married Amos Pyatt, a farmer of Wentworth, where they live with their five children. (6) John, born April 23, 1871, is mentioned below. (7) Rosie, born in 1873, married Robert Ford, and they, with their six sons, live in Tilbury East. (8) Charles, born in 1875, lives in Essex, and married Ethel Kennedy, of Bothwell, Ont.

John Lickman was born in Tilbury West, County Essex, and grew up on the farm, receiving a district school education. In 1889, a mere youth, he went into British Columbia, and was engaged for three years in the lumber woods, his earnings going to the purchase of his present fine farm. He bought this farm in 1894, since when he has erected a new house, and commodious barns and out-buildings, and his property is considered among the best in Maidstone. Mr. Lickman started in life with nothing but his own energy, pluck and ability as capital, and he earned by hard days' labor the means to purchase his farm. Although yet a young man he is one of the most successful farmers of Maidstone, and is prominent in township affairs. His school education was very limited, but he has supplemented that by much reading and study by himself, acquiring a wide knowledge of current literature and of all topics of general interest. He has also much natural mechanical ability, and, while without technical training, is his own architect, his home and farm buildings bearing witness to his good taste and skill in that direction.

In October, 1893, Mr. Lickman married Laura Colenutt, who was born Dec. 17, 1872, in Huron County, daughter of Walter and Elizabeth (Sergeant) Colenutt, both natives of England. Mrs. Lickman grew up in Essex, and was educated in the schools of that place. The children born to this union are as follows: Arley B., born Sept. 14, 1894; Lorne E., born in 1896; Florence V., born in 1898; and Grace L., born in 1900. In politics Mr. Lickman is identified with the Conservative party, and in 1901 was elected a member of the township council of Maidstone, a position he still fills. He has also served as one of the school trustees in Maidstone. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Church. Mrs. Lickman is a woman of cultivated mind, and much charm and strength of character, who has been a real helpmeet and wise adviser in the building up of their home. Both are prominent, and are widely known and highly esteemed among the young people of the county.

NELSON J. EVANS. The Evans family is one of the oldest and most highly honored among those who have made the County of Essex what it is to-day, and a leading representative of it is Nelson J. Evans, of Leamington. He was born on the old homestead farm, April 22, 1876, son of Joseph and Catherine (Hamersley) Evans.

Nelson J. Evans was educated in the common schools, and has spent his life in farming. When Enoch, the youngest son of his father's family, came of age, the farm was divided, and Nelson J. received as his portion the fifty-two and one-half acres upon which he now resides. This property is very fine farming land, and upon it he carries on very successfully general farming.

In December, 1900, in Leamington, Mr. Evans was married to Myrtle Wilkinson, daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Warner) Wilkinson. The fraternal connections of Mr. Evans are with Camp Erie, No. 47, I.O.F., and he is very popular with his fellow-lodgemen. Both Mr. and Mrs. Evans belong to the Methodist Church. Although still numbered among the young farmers of Leamington, he has proved his ability, and has so won the confidence of his neighbors that he is regarded as a representative resident and successful farmer.

LEWIS J. ORTON. One of the prominent pioneer families of Gosfield is that of the Ortons, descended from Zenas Orton, who settled in Canada in the very beginning of the last century. All

who have borne the name have been upright and able men and public-spirited citizens of the best type. Lewis J. Orton, one of the younger members, bids fair to continue their good work, and to become one of the leading men of the locality. He was born on his father's farm on the Talbot Road, in Gosfield, Aug. 2, 1872, and is the son of Alvin and Margaret (McQueen) Orton, both natives of the County of Essex.

Alvin Orton was a son of Zenas, and was born in 1844. His wife was four years younger. After his marriage he lived on his father's homestead at Olinda for some years, and then later purchased the farm on the Talbot Road, which he cleared and made his permanent home. He was very prominent in political life and so held the confidence of his fellow-townsmen that he was elected to many responsible offices, always on the ticket of the Reform party. For many years he was the reeve of Gosfield, and also filled the office of councillor for a long time, while his interest in educational matters led to his being chosen a trustee of the schools. In fraternal circles he was known as a prominent worker in the Masonic lodge at Kingsville, Ont. He was remarkably popular, both from the complete confidence all felt in his integrity and from his noble character, at once manly and sympathetic. His death in June, 1898, was deeply lamented by all. His wife is still living and makes her home with her daughters in Detroit.

Alvin and Margaret Orton raised a family of eight children: (1) Dr. Ellsworth, born in 1865, married Miss Minnie Christie, of St. Catharines, and has one child, Clark E. Dr. Orton is located as a practicing physician at Waterford, Michigan. (2) Zadia, born in 1867, is the wife of George Abercrombie, a ranchman in Montana, and has one son, Charles E. (3) Minnie, born in 1869, is unmarried and is engaged in Detroit as a milliner. (4) Lewis J. (5) Hamilton, born in 1875, married Miss Lillie Speacely, of Gosfield, has two daughters, Frances M. and Oina L., and lives on his father's homestead on Talbot Street. (6) Aylmer, born in 1878, unmarried, lives in Essex. (7) Jennie, born in 1880, lives in Detroit, unmarried. (8) Mabel, born in 1882, also lives in Detroit.

Lewis J. Orton grew up on his father's farm and was given a fairly good education. In January, 1898, he married Miss Annie Ash, daughter of William R. Ash, of Gosfield, and then settled down in his present abode on the Talbot Road South, Lot 266, where he had previously put up good substantial buildings. As early as 1891 he

had erected a large bank barn, and altogether he has one of the best developed and improved farms in his locality. By his marriage with Miss Ash he has become the father of two sons, Willie S., born in May, 1899, and Alvin, in 1901.

Mr. Orton in his political views is a Reformer like his father. His religious creed is that of the Church of England, of which he and his wife are members. He is also connected with the I.O. F., of Cottam. An enterprising and prosperous young farmer, he already commands the respect and esteem of his neighbors.

S. McGEE, dealer in groceries and crockery, and agent for the Canada Life, Amherstburg, County of Essex, Ontario.

ALBEMI COTE, an enterprising young farmer of Anderdon, comes from a family of prominent French descent, inhabitants of Canada from the earliest days and residents of the County of Essex for four generations. The great-grandfather of Albemi Cote, by name Antoine, removed thither from Quebec at the close of the War of 1812, when many grants of land were made to encourage settlers to locate in the more westerly Provinces. Antoine Cote cleared a farm in Sandwich West, and there died, leaving children who grew to maturity and died in the County of Essex.

Isadore Cote, son of Antoine, was born after the father settled in the County of Essex, and his whole life was spent on the farm. He married Miss Frances Meloche, also a native of that county. Pioneer life in that time and place meant enduring many hardships, while the frequent Indian raids added to the dangers. Isadore Cote took a prominent place among the settlers, and served as both member of the council and as reeve of Anderdon. Six children were born to Isadore and Frances Cote, as follows: Joseph, born in November, 1838, a resident of Windsor, who is married and has children; Amelia, born in 1839, who married James Meloche, of Anderdon, and who died leaving a family; Eli, born in May, 1842, who resides on the 6th Concession in Anderdon with his family; Isadore, father of Albemi, born in 1848; James, born Dec. 21, 1849, who married and is settled with his family on the 2d Concession in Anderdon; Rev. Alfred, born in 1855, who was educated in the Sandwich schools and Montreal College, and is the priest of St. Ann's Church, Detroit.

Isadore Cote (2) was born Feb. 6, 1848, and grew up at the old home, where he always remained, being manager of the farm after the death of his father. He was united in marriage to Elizabeth Meloche, born in Anderdon in November, 1847, daughter of James and Julia Meloche. The Meloche family is of French descent, and has long been identified with the County of Essex, where many of that name still reside. After his marriage Isadore Cote continued to live at the old homestead, but he erected good buildings and improved the farm in many respects. His affairs prospered and he continued his active management of his estate till the very close of his life. His death occurred in March, 1900. Isadore Cote, like his father, was an influential man in his community, and took an active part in all political affairs. He was a Conservative, and was many times placed by his party on their ticket for places of responsibility. He served as a member of the council, and as a school trustee for a long time, and for several years was deputy reeve. In religious belief he was a devout Catholic, and was a member of the order C.M.B.A. of St. Joseph's Church. He left a name unsullied by any suspicion of dishonesty in his dealings, or unkindness in his nature, and he is remembered by all his neighbors with the greatest affection and respect. His wife and six children survived him. The oldest children of Isadore Cote (2), Albert and Archangel, died young. Albemi is our subject. Ernest, born in March, 1881, grew up at the old home, and was sent to a school of music in Detroit, where he graduated, a performer on both the violin and piano. He is unmarried and a resident of Windsor. Almira, born in April, 1883, married Arthur O. Gorman, of Sandwich West, where they reside on a farm. They have one daughter, Vida. Eva A., born in February, 1886, grew up at the old homestead, where she received a fair education. She is at home, unmarried. Corinne, born in March, 1891, is a student in the schools, as is also Edith, born in July, 1893.

Albemi Cote, the eldest son, was born in April, 1878, and grew up at home, where he received a fair education. He became manager of his father's farm when quite young, and is still thus engaged.

Mr. Cote married Miss Julia Mahan, the daughter of Michael and Elizabeth D. Mahan. Her parents came from Ireland and settled first in Ridgeway, County of Kent, but later moved to Anderdon, where they now reside. Mrs. Cote

was born in Ridgetown in March, 1880, and was educated in Anderdon. Mr. and Mrs. Cote have one daughter, May E., born in May, 1902. Mr. Cote is a young man of scholarly attainments, and is highly esteemed by all who know him for his genial and kindly nature. He and his wife are members of the Catholic Church.

EPHRAIM HENSMAN, one of the prominent farmers of Maidstone, County Essex, whose farm is located on Lot 285, Talbot Street, was born June 20, 1870, in Gosfield North, son of David and Maria (Dewhurst) Hensman, a wealthy and prominent pioneer family of the county.

David Hensman was born in July, 1830, in England, and his wife in May of the same year, in the State of Ohio, a daughter of George and Alice Dewhurst, who came to Maidstone, County Essex, at a very early day. Mr. Dewhurst was a man of fine education, and had been a medical student in England, where he was born. He resided in Ohio several years prior to settling in Canada, later locating in Maidstone, where Mrs. Hensman grew up. She was educated at Detroit, but married in Maidstone in 1858. Mr. and Mrs. Hensman settled on a farm he purchased in Gosfield North, in what was known as the Brooker settlement, where he cleared up a farm from bush land, erecting the first log house in that locality, and in it they lived until 1873, coming then to the present farm, which he purchased from the Dr. George Dewhurst estate. Here Mr. Hensman continued to live until his death. It was during his life that the present fine brick residence and admirable barns and buildings were placed here, and he also improved the Gosfield property in the same way. He died here June 22, 1902, survived by his widow until Oct. 30, 1903. Religiously they were members of the English Church, which they had been instrumental in establishing in this locality. In politics Mr. Hensman was a Reformer, but never was willing to assume the responsibilities of office. He came to America and Canada by means of a sailing craft, passing many weary weeks on the stormy ocean, in company with his brother-in-law, William Speechley, who settled in Gosfield North, where he died, leaving no family. His widow became the wife of Thomas Powell, of Town Junction. He was the father of six children, namely: Anna, the eldest, died aged two and a half years. William, born in 1862, married Ida Phillips, daughter of William and Jane Phillips, of Maidstone, and they now reside on the

town line in Gosfield North, engaged in farming; they have one daughter, Yula. Alice, born in 1865, married Thomas Pollard, and they now reside at Renwick, where he is a stationary engineer. Miss Amy, born in 1867, was accidentally injured in 1880, and since then has been an invalid, a talented, educated, charming lady, cheerful in spite of her misfortune. Ephraim is mentioned below. Lottie, born in 1874, was educated in the collegiate institute of Essex, and married Albert Williams, of Essex. They have two children, Clarence, born in 1900, and Florence, born in 1903.

Our subject was reared on the home farm, and was educated in the local schools. His whole life has been devoted to the practical pursuit of agriculture. He has remained in charge of the home farm, and its excellent condition reflects much credit upon his methods. In March, 1895, he married Miss Mary Wilson, born in Maidstone, a daughter of William and Barbara Wilson, old residents of Colchester. The four children born to this marriage are: Herbert, born in 1896; Harold, born in 1898; Byron, born in 1900; and Viola, born in 1902. Mr. Hensman is one of the popular and progressive young men of this section, a first-class citizen and a model farmer. He belongs to the fraternal order of Maccabees of Essex, and stands high in its esteem.

WALTER H. NOBLE, a young farmer of Gosfield North, has already made a prominent place for himself in the community, and by his success, in the varied lines of farming, business and official life, has demonstrated the possibilities for one of natural power, enlarged by careful training. His career there seems but the promise of greater things to follow.

Mr. Noble was born in Bowmanville, near Toronto, March 16, 1871. His father, John Noble, an only child, died there the same year his son was born, and the mother, Anna Noble, lived till the boy was only seven years old, so that he was brought up by his grandparents from almost the beginning. This couple, Luke and Esther Noble, were both born in the County of Norfolk, England, but came to Canada in an early day and resided at Bowmanville until 1871. In that year, accompanied by their widowed daughter and her child, they moved to Cottam, where Luke Noble was engaged for the rest of his life in the lumbering business, in partnership with Walter James. The firm was one of the leading concerns of Cottam, and Mr. Noble had a place

among the successful business men there until his death, in 1882. His wife survived him seven years. Both were members of the Church of England. In politics Mr. Noble was a Conservative.

Walter H. Noble grew up in his grandfather's home and was sent during his earlier years to the Gosfield schools. Later he studied at Dufferin College, London, was graduated in 1884, and the following year entered the drug store of John Thorn, in Essex, where he studied pharmacy for three years. He decided in the end that some other work would prove more congenial and probably offer him greater opportunities, and, after studying telegraphy, in 1889 he was engaged as an operator for the Milwaukee, Lake Shore & Western Railway Co., and then for the Chicago & North Western. The death of Mrs. Esther (Noble) Queen necessitated the return of her grandson to the County of Essex, and he went back there in 1890, to attend to his grandparent's affairs. The following year he resumed his work as an operator, and for three years was employed by the Lake Erie & Detroit Railroad Co., being stationed at Leamington, Ont. There his health began to fail, and it seemed wisest for him to resign his position and instead pursue the out-of-door life of a farmer. His grandparents had left him the old homestead, a small place on the Talbot Road South, Lot 271, which has been his home since 1894. He has added forty acres to the original thirty, put up good barns, and converted the whole place into one of the model farms of the county, while in 1896 he erected the fine modern brick house which has added so much to the general appearance of the property.

In March, 1892, Mr. Noble was married to Miss Susie Hill, who was born in Kingsville, in 1875, daughter of Jason and Ada (Dexter) Hill, originally one of the prominent families in the County of Essex, but now residents of Ludington, Michigan. Mrs. Noble is the only one in the family who is in Canada, the three other children, Hulda, Edward J. and Walter Garfield, all living in Michigan. Her maternal grandfather, James Dexter, was born in the United States, served in the Civil war, and is still living in Ludington. Mr. and Mrs. Noble have had two sons: Harry, born in November, 1894; and Eddie, in July, 1897. Mr. Noble and his wife are members of the Church of England.

Mr. Noble has for some years taken an active part in political life, and in his principles is a Conservative. In 1889 he was elected township

auditor and served three years, while for the same length of time he has acted as a trustee of the schools. In 1903 he was made a member of the council, and is filling the office most efficiently. In fraternal life, also, he is prominent, being a member of the Central Lodge of Masons, of Essex, of the Odd Fellows, Essex Lodge, No. 218, and of the Cottam Lodge of Foresters, No. 3435. In every phase of life's activities Mr. Noble has proved himself fully equal to the demands upon his powers, and is one of the rising young men of Gosfield.

LEMUEL WINDLE SLOANE, one of Mersea township's progressive young men, successfully engaged in the growing of fruit, was born March 23, 1874, on Lot 3, Concession 5, Mersea township, son of James Thornton and Isabella (Fox) Sloane.

James Thornton Sloane was born in County of Halton, Ont., son of Robert and Eliza (Thornton) Sloane, the former of whom was born in Ireland, and came to Canada in young manhood. He located in the County of Halton, where he married Eliza Thornton, and they became prominent farming people in that locality. Both were members of the Presbyterian Church, and at death they were buried in the Halton cemetery. In politics Robert Sloane was a Liberal. His children were: William, who resides on the County Halton homestead; Robert, of County York; Matilda, deceased wife of Joseph Leslie; Mary Ann, wife of James McMenimie, of County Halton; and Margaret, wife of John Ritchie, now of Essex Center.

James Thornton Sloane was given good educational opportunities, and became a very intelligent, well-posted man. He was twenty-two years old when he came to Mersea township, County of Essex, where he bought a tract of 100 acres, a part of which he cleared up and considerably improved, later selling to advantage and buying a tract of land on Lot 3, Concession 5, consisting of eighty-five acres. This tract he also cleared, improved it with buildings, and at a later date bought another tract of 100 acres, located on Concession 6. This he also cleared and placed in condition for operation, making valuable improvements upon it. This is now under the management of his son Pridaux. Mr. Sloane devoted his whole life to farming, his death taking place in 1889, at the age of fifty years. In politics he was always a staunch Liberal, but would not consent to accept office. A consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, he was

highly considered by all who knew him. He held fraternal relations with the A.O.U.W. and the Red Cross Society. In his marriage with Isabella Fox he gained the companionship of a fine woman, who through life was an example of all Christian virtues. She was born in Gosfield township, daughter of John C. Fox, and was a woman whose devotion to her family and to the Methodist Church did not close her sympathies to those who needed her help and encouragement wherever found. Tender recollections still cluster around her name in the neighborhood where her kindness and charity were so long administered. She died on the homestead, June 24, 1903, at the age of sixty-five years, and her burial took place in the Olinda Cemetery in Gosfield township, on one corner of her girlhood home, beside her husband. She was the mother of thirteen children, as follows: Wendell Fenwick who died in infancy; William, who died at the age of twenty-one years; John Byron, a physician, and president of the Dos Cabazos Gold Mining Company, located at Detroit, Michigan; Robert, located at Toledo, Ohio; Eliza Thornton, wife of Thomas Henry, of Winnipeg; James Thornton, of Oakville, County York, Ont.; Lemuel Windle; Leonard, a physician and resident of Alaska; Pridaux, a farmer of Mersea township; Mary Belle, wife of Seth Bunn, of Mersea township; Garfield, a resident of Alberta, North-West Territory; Joseph, a student of the Leamington High School; and Horace, who died in infancy.

Lemuel Windle Sloane has always resided on the homestead farm. He was but fifteen years of age when his father died, and he remained with his mother, assuming the operation of the home farm, which consists of eighty-five acres, as soon as he became of age. Mr. Sloane decided to make a specialty of fruit culture and has devoted eight acres to peaches alone, cultivating also all the varieties of apple which have been found to be profitably raised in the climate. He has been much encouraged by his past success and has given the subject such close and careful attention that there can be no doubt about his future prosperity in this line.

On March 26, 1901, Mr. Sloane was married at Chatham, Ont., to Amy Simpson, born at St. Catharines, daughter of Gordon Simpson. One little daughter, Bessie Agatha, claims their care and affection. Both Mr. Sloane and wife are members and liberal supporters of the Presbyterian Church.

In 1900 Mr. Sloane erected a handsome resi-

dence at a cost of \$2,200, and fitted the same with all modern improvements. Being a man of taste all the surroundings are of a most attractive character, and give a comfortable and thrifty appearance to this pleasant home. In politics Mr. Sloane is a Liberal. He belongs to the I.O.O.F. at Leamington. Thoroughly up-to-date in his ideas, enterprising and progressive, Mr. Sloane is a leader among the younger agriculturists of this section.

JAMES A. SMYTH, well-known in the County of Essex, was born in Ireland, son of John J. and Mary (Hay) Smyth, natives of Ireland, where they still reside, the former being engaged in farming. They became the parents of seven children: William; James A.; Thomas; Bella, who married David Houston, of Ireland; Lizzie C.; John C.; and Mary.

James A. Smyth acquired his preliminary education in the schools of Ireland, and in May, 1891, he came to Canada via Quebec, to visit his uncle, William Smyth, of Essex. After remaining at his uncle's home for eighteen months, he became a student in the Woodslee schools. In 1894 he returned to Ireland, via Philadelphia. In October, 1895, he again came to Essex and entered school; he has also taken a full course in a commercial college. Upon leaving school he became an assistant teacher in Essex, so remaining until he was made principal, a position he still holds.

Mr. Smyth is a Presbyterian in religious belief. Fraternally he belongs to the Masonic Lodge of Essex, No. 402.

In 1901 Mr. Smyth again went to Ireland, where he visited the schools of Dublin, Belfast, and other cities, returning to Canada the same year, and resuming his duties in the schools of Essex. Mr. Smyth is a young man of more than average ability, whose success in his chosen profession is all the more remarkable when it is remembered that it is the result of his own efforts, properly directed along legitimate channels.

STEPHEN WILKINSON is a grocer and sheep raiser at Essex, County of Essex, Ontario.

ROBERT CHARLES KEITH, manager of the press department of the *Leamington News*, is one of the well known and valued men of his profession in the locality. He was born April 11, 1880, in Tilbury township, County of Essex.

The Keith family is of Scotch extraction. Robert Keith, grandfather of our subject, was born in Argyllshire, Scotland, a son of Robert Keith, who passed his whole life in Argyllshire. Robert Keith, Jr., was a farmer by occupation. He married Mary Watson, also of Argyllshire, and in 1849 they came to Montreal, Canada, in a sailing vessel. From Montreal they came to County Hastings, Ont., where Mr. Keith bought a farm of 150 acres, situated in Rawdon township. He was a pioneer there, cleared up a fine property and made many improvements, remaining there until 1870. His wife died on this farm, aged thirty-eight years, and was laid to rest in the cemetery at Stirling. In her death her family lost a devoted wife and mother and the Presbyterian Church a constant attendant. In 1870 Mr. Keith sold this farm and, with his children, came to County Essex, locating on Gracey Side Road, Tilbury West township, which is now known as Tilbury North. Here he bought a tract of 100 acres and again began the clearing of the native soil. He was assisted by his sons, and a finely cultivated and well-improved farm was the result of their years of labor. Here he died in April, 1898, aged eighty years, and was buried in McDowell's Cemetery in West Tilbury township. For half a century he was an elder in the Presbyterian Church, connected with the congregation of Knox Church, Middle Road. In politics he was a Liberal.

The children of Robert and Mary (Watson) Keith were: Margaret, wife of John Benoit, of Tilbury West township; Robert, a farmer of Tilbury West township, who married Ellen Wear; Gilbert; William, a grain buyer, who married Agnes Holland, daughter of Hugh Holland; Alexander B., an engineer and moulder, who married Lizzie Sanders and resides at Walkerville; Andrew, a moulder and machinist, married to Isabella Lemon and living at Walkerville; and James, who married Annie Rodgers and lives at Walkerville.

Gilbert Keith, son of Robert, was born in 1853, in Rawdon, County of Hastings, and was educated in the public schools. Subsequently he worked at farm labor for several years prior to accompanying the other members of the family to County Essex. After farming for a long time in Tilbury West township he engaged in stock dealing, and for the past sixteen years has been settled at Tilbury Center, where he has been carrying on his business successfully. In politics he is a staunch Liberal. Mr. Keith does

not give one the impression of being gifted with poetic fancy, but this is the case, and many of the published gems of verse which have attracted attention in the local journals have issued from his pen.

In Tilbury Mr. Keith married Mary Jane Jackson, who was born at St. Remie, Quebec, daughter of the late Thomas and Elisa Jackson, who now resides in Tilbury. Mrs. Keith has for the past thirty years been a resident of Tilbury, where she is admired and esteemed for her many amiable qualities. Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Keith have had children as follows: Albert, born April 11, 1878, married Edith Baker, and they reside at Wyandotte, Michigan; Robert Charles was born April 11, 1880; Gilbert, Feb. 13, 1882; Elmer Thomas, Nov. 11, 1884; Leslie Kenneth, June 11, 1887; Mary, May 6, 1890; Sarah Myrtle, July 27, 1892; Annie May, Jan. 11, 1894; Clarence, 1896; and Ethel Mildred, born Jan. 11, 1898. As will be seen, the eleventh day of the month has been a particularly fortunate one, marking the births of at least six members of a very interesting and devoted family.

R. Charles Keith, subject proper of this sketch, was educated in the public schools of Tilbury, and subsequently attended the Leamington Business College. He then turned his attention to printing, learning the trade as an apprentice in the office of the *Tilbury News*. His first position after becoming an adept in the "art that perpetuates" was in the office of the *Leamington Post*, where he spent one year. In 1899 he became the foreman of the printing department of the paper which is known all over County Essex, the *Leamington News*. This responsible position he has held for the past five years, his accuracy, care and good judgment making him an invaluable employee. He is popular also in the city, gathering around him friends who esteem him for his sterling traits of character. He is a member of the K.O.T.M. at Leamington. Mr. Keith is a fair sample of the best class of responsible, self-respecting and competent young Canadians, a class which comes to the front no matter whether their lot in life be within the Dominion or in the farthest islands of the sea. He has the great advantage of having been born of Scotch ancestry, with Canadian rearing.

Mr. Keith was married Oct. 26, 1904, to Miss Ethel Beatrice Getty, who was born May 13, 1885, daughter of the late Eli Getty, who was a successful farmer for many years in the township of Gosfield and died Sept. 11, 1896. Since

that time his widow, Mrs. Libby Getty and her family have lived in Leamington. Mrs. Keith was educated in the public school in Leamington, and was engaged as a clerk in the general stores for four years prior to her marriage, and has been highly esteemed by all who know her. She is one of a family of four children, the others being: Lulu, deceased, born March 23, 1881; Milburn, March 22, 1883; and Glenn, April 30, 1893.

CHARLES LONSBERRY, an enterprising farmer of Gosfield North, and one of a large and prominent family in the County of Essex, is the son of James and Frances (Drew) Lonsberry, and was born in 1859, on his father's old homestead on the Talbot Road.

James Lonsberry began his life on bush land, living in a little log cabin. He gradually cleared up the present large farm, and in 1881 erected a commodious brick house, where he resided till the time of his death, in 1884. His wife, who was born in Sandwich, County of Essex, survived him five years. They were active members of the Methodist Church, and among the founders of church work in their locality. His children were: (1) Alfred, the eldest son, married a Miss Denby, and has two children, William and Della. They live in Gosfield North. (2) George is married and lives on Talbot Street, in Gosfield North. (3) John is married. (4) Charles is the subject of this sketch. (5) Arthur married Miss Laura Duart, and has one son, Russell. (6) Sarah, deceased, was the wife of Albert Wigle, of Cottam, where she died leaving one daughter, Gertrude. (7) A daughter, who is married, resides near Findlay, Ohio, and has four children, James, Aff, Doll and Dora. (8) Millie is the wife of Stephen Brooker. (9) Rachel, born in Gosfield North, is the wife of Josiah Bruner, of Manitoba, to whom she has borne two children. (10) Eliza is the deceased wife of Walter Billing; she had children, Maud, Flora, Harry, Frederick and Joseph. (11) Annie is the wife of Harry Abbs, who resides in Toledo, Ohio.

Charles Lonsberry grew up on his father's farm and acquired a practical acquaintance with all the details of farming life. His education was gained in the Gosfield schools, where fairly good training could then be secured. Mr. Lonsberry married Miss Sarah J. Copley, and for a year after his marriage remained on the old homestead, which had been left to him. At the expiration of that time he removed to the farm

owned by his father-in-law, William Copley, of which he has since been manager, while also retaining control of his own property. William Copley was one of the well-known pioneers of the locality.

Mr. Lonsberry, as well as his wife, is a member of the Church of England. He is interested also in the aims and principles of fraternal orders, and belongs both to the I.O.O.F., Essex Lodge, No. 218, and to the local organization of Foresters. He is a descendant of a highly-respected pioneer family, who were prominent in the county's development, and is himself one of the leading farmers of the region, standing high in the community for his excellent character.

ROBERT HENRY MCGREGOR, one of the enterprising young farmers of Anderdon township, and very popular among all who know him, was born in Amherstburg, Oct. 2, 1876, son of Alexander J. and Helen (Borrowman) McGregor, both of Scotch origin.

Alexander J. McGregor was born in 1846 in Glasgow, Scotland, where he remained until he was twenty-seven years old, receiving a good education and learning the trade of a tailor. In 1873 he came to Canada, and settled at Amherstburg, where he worked at his trade until about 1891. In that year he moved to Front Royal, Virginia, but, after residing there three years, he returned to Canada, and lived in Montreal for several years, but is now a resident of Ottawa. In 1875, in Amherstburg, Mr. McGregor met and married Miss Helen Borrowman, daughter of James Borrowman. Mrs. McGregor died in 1899, leaving three children, as follows: Jeanette A., who died in Virginia, unmarried; Edith L., unmarried and residing in Ottawa; Robert Henry.

James Borrowman, the father of Mrs. Helen McGregor, came from Scotland, where he was born in 1798, to Sandwich at an early day, and lived there until after the Rebellion of 1837-38, in which he took part. After the close of that conflict, he moved to Amherstburg, where he lived until 1874, the date of his death. By his wife, Margaret, who survived him six years, he had nine children: James, the eldest son, born in Scotland, settled at Chatham, County Kent, and there died in 1902. Robert married and worked at his trade of tinner in Amherstburg for some years, but later moved to Detroit, and there died, leaving four children. William is a lumber dealer in Amherstburg. Dr. Andrew was a physician and surgeon of Detroit and Amherstburg, and died in Amherstburg, unmarried.

Peter died in manhood. Margaret is the deceased wife of Henry Botsford, of Malden township. Annie was the wife of Daniel Botsford, of Amherstburg. Miss Elizabeth died Nov. 30, 1903. Helen married Alexander McGregor.

James Borrowman had one brother, Alexander, who came to Sandwich in 1830, where he first worked at his trade of hatter. He was also a school teacher for many years, for he, like his brother James, was a well-educated man. He, too, was a soldier in the War of the Rebellion in Canada. He settled later in Amherstburg, where he worked at his trade of hatter for some years, and then bought a farm on the 3d Concession in Anderdon. There his wife died in 1845, leaving three children. He later bought the present farm, in the 2d Concession, where he died in 1898. His children were: Anna, the eldest daughter, died in 1882, unmarried; Alexander, born in the County of Essex, settled and died on the 3d Concession; William, born in 1840, lives on the River Front in Anderdon.

William Borrowman, son of Alexander, grew up on the home farm, and when old enough to go into business for himself, began dealing in grain, and as he was successful, continued in that line all his life. He was prominent in county politics, and served as both councilman and deputy reeve, several years each, always consulting the best interests of the public. His kindly disposition and upright conduct in all his dealings, made him highly esteemed by all who knew him. In religious belief he was a Methodist.

William Borrowman was twice married, first to a Miss Squires, of Canada, by whom he had two daughters, Minnie and Naomi, and after her death, to Miss Jane E. Knight, to whom he was united in 1875. Mrs. Borrowman was born in 1859, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Taylor) Knight, pioneer settlers of Rochester township. Thomas Knight came there from England, and made his home in that township until his death in 1873. Mr. Borrowman and his wife resided on the paternal farm, which was still their home at the time of his death, in September, 1899. He left four daughters, the eldest of whom, Maud, is the wife of Robert Henry McGregor, subject proper of this sketch. Charlotte, born in 1880, lives at home, unmarried. Annie, born in 1884, and Jennie, born in 1886, are also at the home.

Robert Henry McGregor was an only son. His boyhood was passed in Amherstburg, where he received his education, and when his father moved to Virginia, he went to William Borrowman's farm. In 1898, when he married Miss

Maud Borrowman, daughter of William Borrowman, he became manager of his mother-in-law's farm, Mrs. Borrowman and her daughters still residing there with the young couple. To Mr. and Mrs. McGregor have come two children, Gladys and Bruce.

Mr. McGregor is one of the enterprising young farmers of the county, and is spoken of in the highest terms by his neighbors and friends, who know well of his manly qualities and genial, kindly disposition.

C. SCOTT THORNTON, a successful farmer of County Essex, located on Lot 279, Talbot Road, Gosfield North, was born Aug. 1, 1874, on that farm, a son of Harrison and Mary (Jones) Thornton, and comes of a very old pioneer family of the county.

Richard Thornton, his grandfather, came from England and settled in the State of Pennsylvania. He married a Miss Harrison, and afterwards moved to and settled in the township of Mersea, County of Essex, Ont., where the town of Leamington now stands. In the year 1828 he bought what is now known as the Talbot Road from the government, and moved with his family on the present homestead, ten miles from the nearest neighbor, being one of the first English settlers there. He afterwards sold the road to Alexander Cameron. Grandmother Thornton died in 1867, and grandfather Thornton passed away in 1873, leaving a family of ten children, of whom all have since died, except George, of Essex.

Harrison Thornton was born in 1823, near Leamington, Canada, and his wife was born in June, 1824, in England. Her parents came from England when she was small and settled in Essex at an early date, dying there. Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Thornton were married Oct. 29, 1844, at the home of the bride's parents, what is now known as the Nesbitt farm, one mile west of Essex, Rev. Solomon Waldron performing the ceremony; he came from Kingsville on horseback. The young couple settled on the present farm, in a log cabin which he built himself. In this house, snug and warm, though small, the family lived until 1882, when he built the present handsome brick residence, which he occupied until his death, in February, 1895. Here Mr. Thornton owned 100 acres of as fertile land as can be found anywhere, and which he had brought to a high state of cultivation, improving it to his mind, and to-day it would bring an immense price if placed in the market. Mr. Thornton

was a careful and practical farmer, and a man of the highest integrity, a member of the Methodist Church, and for many years a local preacher. He and his wife were converted two years before their marriage, at special meetings held in Mr. Windle Wigle's barn, near Kingsville. It is remembered that Mr. Thornton preached the first sermon in what is now the town of Essex in a wagon shop, to an audience of about thirty or forty, and he was afterwards requested to repeat the sermon. He was class-leader for thirty-six years, and steward of the church for forty years. He used to walk to Woodslee, Rochester and Comber to preach the Gospel. In politics he was a Reformer, and he was one of the active workers for his party, because he believed the principles he upheld. Had he been willing, almost any office in his community would have been at his command, but he only consented to serve as councilman and magistrate, receiving his appointment to the latter office in 1860. In 1862 he received the appointment of ensign in the first volunteer company organized in Sandwich, and was out on duty at the time of the Fenian Raid, under Col. Rankin, at Windsor. He was held in the highest esteem by all who knew him. It was given him to enjoy the celebration of his Golden Wedding, at the beautiful home he had made, in 1894, and although he passed away several years ago, his happiness on that occasion is recalled with pleasure by his kindred. Mrs. Thornton still survives, the center of the care and affection of numerous children and grandchildren.

Harrison Thornton and his wife had children as follows: Lavina, born in November, 1847, married Solomon Coatsworth, and they reside on his farm in Gosfield South; they have two children, Harry and Andrew. Mary J., born Jan. 29, 1850, is the widow of Moses Wigle, who died in June, 1875; she has two children, Delbert and May. Isaac H., born Dec. 30, 1851, resides in Essex, unmarried. George M., born July 11, 1854, married Lillie Taylor, settled in Gosfield near Essex, and died in January, 1897, leaving a widow and four children, Lola, Delmar, Myrtle and Sylvia. Cassimer, born Oct. 19, 1856, married Sarah McVeigh, of Kingsville, and moved to Detroit; they have one daughter, Bee Marie. Miss Rachel A., born in May, 1861, resides in Essex. Oattie, born in July, 1863, married Jason Woodiwiss, who resides at Windsor, Ont., and has two daughters, Josephine and Grace. Adaline, born in June, 1866, resides at Windsor. Emma A., born in December, 1868, is

the wife of Robert Gregory, of Windsor, and they have three children, Raymond, Mabel and Gifford. C. Scott is mentioned below. Mrs. Thornton has one great-grandson, Vere Wigle.

C. Scott Thornton was educated in the local schools, and, after the death of his father, became the owner and operator of the home farm. On Sept. 16, 1896, he married Miss Maud M. Feetham, who was born in 1878, at Goderich, County of Huron, daughter of William and Mary Feetham, who were born in England and are now residents of Blenheim, County of Kent. Mrs. Thornton has enjoyed many social and educational advantages and is an accomplished musician. Three children have come into this happy home, namely: Kenneth, born in June, 1897; Aretta Maud, born in December, 1898; and Joseph S., born Aug. 1, 1903, all bright and beautiful children. Fraternally Mr. Thornton is connected with the order of Foresters.

Mr. Thornton is a most worthy representative of a very notable family of this section. No record of the Methodist Church of the locality could be made complete without extended notice of his father, and it has been said that the death of no old resident was so universally and sincerely mourned as was that of Harrison Thornton. One may be justly proud of descent from such a progenitor, and our subject seems to inherit in good measure all the leading characteristics which made his father so respected and beloved. He, too, is a manly man, upright and honorable, reliable and just, generous and helpful, and ready to promote, to the limit of his ability, all the movements which promise to advance this section of old County Essex, commercially, morally and intellectually. In these desires he is seconded by his most estimable wife. Their home is one of great hospitality.

GEORGE GOTT resides at Amherstburg, County of Essex, Ontario.

MILTON C. FOX, a prominent citizen of the County of Essex, and the owner of one of the finest properties in the township of Gosfield, is a descendant of one of the pioneer families. His line of descent is traced to Philip Fox, born in Baden, Germany, who was the first of the family to settle in Gosfield, locating on Lot 10, Eastern Division. In his native land he married Catherine Lauer, who accompanied him to this country.

Michael Fox, son of Philip, was born before the family came to Gosfield, and he settled on

Lot 250, Talbot Road, removing later to Lot 7, Eastern Division, and then to Amherstburg, where he died. He married Elizabeth Wigle, and they had ten children, as follows: Julianna, born in 1806, married Peter Hetherington, Sr.; George, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Gosfield, Sept. 7, 1807; Elizabeth married (first) Daniel McKenzie, and (second) John Magaw; Mary married Thomas Govereau; Michael, who died Jan. 28, 1850, married Catherine Ruthven, born in Scotland in 1816; Jonas married Ellen Graveline; Catherine died young; Sarah Ann married James Ruthven; Lucinda married Thomas Brush; and Charles married Mary Mickle.

George Fox was born Sept. 7, 1807, in Gosfield, at the time of his marriage removing to Romney township, County of Kent, and for thirteen years he farmed on the Talbot Road, on the land now owned by Joseph and Jonas Robinson, a tract of 200 acres. In 1842 he returned to Gosfield and settled on the east half of Lot 7, the old homestead, where he did much clearing, having completed it prior to his death, which occurred at the age of seventy-six. He was a successful farmer and an upright man. In politics he supported the Conservative party.

On Nov. 8, 1827, in Gosfield, Mr. Fox married Mary Hairsine, born Sept. 3, 1808, in Yorkshire, England, and they had these children: William G., born Oct. 3, 1828, died in 1899, was a man of prominence, and married Eliza Malott; Solomon G., born June 16, 1830, married Mary Malott; Mary Ann, born April 15, 1832, married (first) Thomas Girty, and (second) Charles Wigle, also deceased, and lives on Lot 6; Elizabeth, born Feb. 11, 1834, married Floram Mickle, of Colchester South, and died Sept. 28, 1859; Leonard G., born Sept. 22, 1835, married Rilla Stewart, and died in January, 1902; Lucinda, born Feb. 16, 1837, lives with our subject; Adelia, born Aug. 25, 1839, married (first) Joseph Hughes, and (second) John Barnett; Charles G. was born Aug. 31, 1841; Jane, born Feb. 23, 1843, married (first) George Lane, and (second) Benoni Healey, who died in 1900, and she lives in Kingsville; and Amelia, born July 24, 1845, died Aug. 23, 1845.

Charles G. Fox, for many years one of the leading citizens and capitalists of Gosfield South, was born Aug. 31, 1841, in Romney township, County of Kent, and was but one year old when the family came to Gosfield and settled on Lot 7, in 1842. At the age of sixteen years he began his own career, sailing on the lakes for a time

and engaging in farm work. He then entered the timber business, and for years was a representative of Gorton & Co., of Buffalo, following this line for some twenty years, in connection with farming. In the course of time he came into possession of seventy-five acres of Lot 7, and then bought the Horace Wigle seventy-five acres adjoining on the west, making him the owner of 150 acres in one block. This property he continued to liberally improve, and he carried on large farming operations here, accumulating a large estate.

In municipal affairs Mr. Fox was one of the leading men of this locality. For eighteen years he served as reeve, for twenty years was a county councillor, giving his services on various occasions as public interests demanded, as deputy reeve and assistant councillor. He was his party's candidate for a seat in Parliament in 1893, and in all movements looking to the betterment of public affairs Charles Fox was considered a leader by his fellow-citizens. His death on Jan. 28, 1901, removed from the township one of its most highly-regarded citizens, and from the Conservative party a loyal supporter.

Fraternally he was a Mason, belonging to the Blue Lodge of Kingsville, and the chapter at Windsor, and he was also associated with the Odd Fellows and Order of Workmen. In religious belief he was a Methodist, and was always liberal in his support of religious organizations. In him the poor and needy also found a friend, for his Christianity was of the practical kind.

In July, 1869, Mr. Fox married Lucinda Scratch, daughter of Leonard Scratch, who is now one of the most venerable citizens of the township. To this marriage were born: Arthur, who died in childhood; Milton C.; Maud Mary, at home; and Grace Mabel, a student at the Leamington Business College.

Milton C. Fox was born April 2, 1875, on the place on which he now resides. He was given excellent school advantages and was associated with his father in farm work. Since the death of this beloved parent, he has been at the head of affairs and has shown his excellent capacity. He operates 150 acres of land, carrying on general farming and stock raising according to the latest methods, making a specialty of the latter branch.

In April, 1901, Mr. Fox married Jennie Greaves, of Kingsville, and they now have two sons: Charles Glen, born Feb. 9, 1902; and Milton Ross, born May 5, 1904. In religious belief they are Methodists. Politically, Mr. Fox, like

his father, adheres to the Conservative party. Fraternally he is a Mason and an Odd Fellow, connected with the lodges at Kingsville. This family is one of the very old and prominent ones, and its full ancestral history will be found elsewhere.

H. P. JEFFERY, proprietor Silver Spring Farm, Blytheswood, County of Essex, Ontario.

WILLIAM ABNER COLBY, now retired from active life, is one of the oldest railroad men in Windsor, and has seen the hamlet grow into a thriving city, and, in his own way, has been one of the factors which have assisted in its growth and prosperity.

Abner Colby, the grandfather of William Abner, was a native of England, and spent his whole life in his own country, his three sons, Edward, William and Joseph, however, finding homes across the seas and becoming valued citizens of the Dominion.

Joseph Colby, the youngest son of Abner, was born in 1818, in England, and there married Margaret Grove. In 1841 they joined the great exodus to Canada, and located at Guelph, where he followed his trade of boat wrecker until his death in 1844. His widow later married Nicholas Nattie.

William Abner Colby was left fatherless at the age of three years. He was born, the only child of his parents, Sept. 14, 1842, on the ocean, and was four years of age when he was brought to Windsor, so that he may almost be said to have grown up with the city. His first efforts at making a living were put forth in the employ of the Great Western Railway Company, which was then in course of construction. The lad, then seven years old, earned ten cents a day as water and whiskey carrier to the laborers employed on the grading. That he was a faithful little worker even in this humble way may be assumed, as he later found no difficulty in obtaining farm work with a Mr. Hall, on the farm now owned by John Davis. During the fall of the year he added to his income by catching fish for Alexander Campeau, of Detroit, who paid him by the hundred. Mr. Colby appears to have sought employment and succeeded in various lines, as we find that while still a youth he was accepted as one of the workmen employed in building the Michigan Central elevator between Second and Third streets, Detroit. It was in 1864 that he secured permanent employment with the Great Western Railway Company, and

for over a year he was on the transfer "Union" as wheelman, and then went on the road as fireman. In 1865 Mr. Colby hauled the first train from the boat to the Canadian shore, an honor which the engineer would have liked to enjoy. As it happened, the latter was enjoying his dinner just at the time the boat arrived at the Windsor slip, and it was the capable and watchful fireman of the train who backed the engine down, and thus secured the distinction of transporting the first train over the Detroit river. Mr. Colby continued as fireman until 1872, when he was given an engine, and in the responsible position of engineer he continued until 1898, when he felt that the time of life had arrived for him to vacate the cab where he had served so long and faithfully, the jar of the engine disturbing his health. During his long period of service he was never fined, suspended or discharged.

On Jan. 11, 1869, Mr. Colby was married to Miss Celina Bincette, a member of one of the early settled families of Windsor. Her grandfather came to Windsor as early as 1800, and built a log house in the forest, not far from Mr. Colby's former residence on Trent street. Here his eight children were born, namely: Andre, Louis, Joseph, Leander, Charles, Ambrose, Therese and Archange. Louis, the second son, and father of Mrs. Colby, was born Sept. 7, 1816, followed an agricultural life, and died in 1881. He married Cesaire Papper, who was born in 1830, and still survives, and they reared the following children: Celina, Mrs. Colby; Rose, wife of Laforet Narcisse, of Cincinnati, Ohio; Annie, wife of Joseph Martin; Henry, of Cleveland, Ohio; Matilda, wife of Elias Curtis; August; Elizabeth, wife of John Martin; and Sarah, wife of William Brown.

A family of six children has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Colby, as follows: Louisa first married Albert Freeman, by whom she had one son, Loyd, and for her second husband married John McGrory; Mary married Thomas Brown, and has one daughter, Gertrude; Albert married Ethel Langlois, and has one son, Marvin; Rose married Ralph Hall; Marguerite and Grace are at home. The religious connection of the family is with the Roman Catholic Church.

Mr. Colby has in his possession a most interesting book, in which he has recorded many incidents of his railroad career, having kept track not only of his regular trips, but also of the extra and night runs which have come in the way of duty during his long career. He finds that on many occasions forty-seven days' work has been

crowded in a month's time, and that his thirty-three years of travel would have enabled him to circumnavigate the globe 122 times, he having driven his fleet steed swiftly and safely over 3,050,000 miles, and accepted responsibility for thousands of lives. Mr. Colby is well and widely known in Windsor and vicinity, and has a wide circle of friends who esteem him highly.

WILLIAM MORRIS GOATBE, now of Sault Ste. Marie, served as a member of the council of Tilbury West township, and is a farmer and stock raiser well known throughout that section. He is a man who has made a success of his own life, and he comes of worthy ancestors of English origin, the family being well known in Yorkshire, England. This branch has been resident in Canada for almost a century, Mr. Goatbe being of the third generation this side of the water.

Capt. Joseph Goatbe, grandfather of William M., was a native of Yorkshire, England. He entered the British army as a private, and by reason of meritorious service rose before long to the rank of captain. Under Wellington he served with distinction in the famous battle of Waterloo, and a few years later, in 1834, was assigned with other veterans to duty in Halifax, Nova Scotia, continuing in the regular service until 1837, when he was pensioned. His services, however, came again into demand almost immediately, during the troublesome times of 1837-38 in Ontario, when he was commissioned by the British government to drill volunteers for the service, Sir Francis Bondhead being sent out to take charge of them. Capt. Goatbe received £400 from the government for this service, which was greatly appreciated, for he proved himself to be distinctly the right man in the right place on this occasion, as he had in many other instances.

After quiet was restored, the captain settled down to a peaceful, agricultural life, having made a home on a tract of land in Wheatly township, County of York, Ont. In England he had married Ann Smith, who bore him a family of sixteen children, only two of whom were sons, and his wife and fifteen children joined him in Ontario, one daughter remaining in Liverpool, where she married a Mr. Robinson. The family was on the ocean nine weeks. The captain and his wife spent the remainder of their lives on the farm, dying there. She was a Christian woman, a devoted wife and mother, and, like her husband, a consistent member of the Church of

England. He was a staunch Conservative in political sentiment.

Thomas Goatbe, the youngest of the two sons of Capt. Goatbe, was born in 1823, in the parish of Howden, Yorkshire, England. In his native land he attended the school provided by the government for soldiers' children, and he was fourteen years of age when the family crossed the Atlantic. He grew to manhood on the farm in Wheatly township, amid pioneer surroundings, and became accustomed to hard work. But the experience only made him the hardier, as his long and active life well testifies, for he is still living, at the ripe age of over eighty, in excellent health, after a lifetime of continuous industry. He remained at home until twenty-four years of age, assisting faithfully in the farm work, and then, marrying, went west to the County of Huron, which was then in its primitive state. He settled in Turnberry township, where he owned two hundred acres of land, built a log house and engaged in farming, and there he remained until his wife died, when he sold his place and returned to the County of York. After a short stay he came back to Huron, settling on a tract of one hundred acres in Turnberry township, on which he put up a frame dwelling. He made his home on that farm until 1869, when he sold out and came with his family to the County of Essex, locating in Rochester township. As there was some dispute over the title of that tract, Mr. Goatbe gave it up, and for some time was engaged in railroading, taking a contract for the construction of the Canadian Southern road, which occupied him for several years. He then removed his family to Harwich township, in the County of Kent, and for five years operated a farm which he rented, at the end of that time removing to Gosfield township, County of Essex, where he bought fifty acres. There he still resides, and many improvements have been made in the place under his management. Mr. Goatbe is highly respected in the locality where he now lives, as he has been in every other community with which he has been identified, and he is enjoying the fruits of a life of honorable toil, conspicuous for integrity and straight-forward dealing.

Mr Goatbe first married a Miss Ockridge, by whom he had two children: One that died in infancy; and Joseph, who lives with his father in Gosfield township. His second wife was Jane Ann Morris, a native of Devonshire, England, daughter of William Morris, of the same county, who died in the County of Huron, Ont. Mrs.

Goatbe still survives. To this union have come ten children: William Morris is the gentleman whose name introduces these lines; Elizabeth married Peter Collard, and lives in Gosfield township; John is a manufacturer in Comber; Frederick was smothered to death in a bin of wheat, at his home; Thomas is engaged in farming in Howard township, County of Kent; Benjamin died in Colchester township in March, 1902; Emma married William Woods, and resides in Gosfield township; Alfred is a farmer in Colchester township; Olive married Leonard Nelson, of Gosfield township; George died in infancy. The father of this family is a member of the Church of England, the mother of the Methodist Church, and both have led exemplary Christian lives, devoted to the welfare of their family and the advancement of religious and charitable enterprises in the different sections where they have resided. In politics Mr. Goatbe is a stanch Conservative, and has all his life taken an active interest in party affairs. While in the County of Huron he served as township councillor and tax collector.

William Morris Goatbe was born March 28, 1859, in Turnberry township, County of Huron, and received his earliest schooling in that neighborhood. When ten years old he came with the family to the County of Essex, and there attended Dodson's schoolhouse. He remained with his parents up to the age of fourteen, when he commenced to work out among farmers, receiving six dollars per month. Continuing to work thus until 1886, he managed in the meantime, by strict economy, to save a little money, and he formed a partnership with Benjamin Brown in the hardware business, opening a store in Comber, under the firm name of Goatbe & Brown. This establishment they carried on successfully for a period of five years, at the end of which time the partnership was dissolved, the business being sold out to Thomas Beattie, who still runs it. After abandoning the hardware business, Mr. Goatbe took up farming on his own account, buying his present place of fifty acres in Lot 6, 10th Concession, Tilbury West township, where for twelve years he has been profitably engaged in general farming and stock

raising. He raises Durham and Short Horn cattle, making a specialty of the latter, and being a member of the Dominion Short Horn Association of Toronto. Mr. Goatbe takes great pride in his farm and stock, and their appearance betokens the care of the practical farmer, thrifty and progressive in all his methods. His common sense and enterprise have been shown in many ways. He was one of the organizers and stockholders, and a director of, the cheese factory at Tilbury West, and was its sales agent. The public affairs of the township have received his active attention, especially school matters, and he served several years as assessor, and is now township councillor, having been honored with election to the latter office in 1903. Like his father and grandfather before him, he is a stanch Conservative in politics. Mr. Goatbe has made his own success in life, by hard work and fidelity to every trust, and the position he now occupies among his fellow-men shows that his work has not been without its rewards. He pays devoted attention to his home and family, which has always been the chief center of his interest.

On May 5, 1885, Mr. Goatbe married, in Leamington, Ont., Miss Martha Jane Hazel, adopted daughter of Benjamin Hazel, of that place, and five children have blessed this union, viz.: Charles, who died in infancy; one that died in infancy, unnamed; Lillie; John Alexander McDonald; and Roy Seymour. They are all receiving excellent advantages and home training, as Mrs. Goatbe believes firmly in the influence of the domestic circle. She is a woman of fine character, and many sterling virtues, with a kindly disposition, and is devoted to her family and domestic duties, doing all in her power to make her home attractive. All belong to the Church of England, and attend the church at Comber, and Mr. Goatbe has served as a member of the vestry. He has been a lay delegate to the synodic meeting in London, Ont. Fraternally he unites with the Loyal Orange Association at Comber, of which he is deputy master; with the A.O.U.W.; and with the Masons, holding membership in Parviance Lodge, No. 395, A.F. & A.M., and Willington Chapter, R.A.M., of Windsor.